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Public consultation on EU funds

What kind of Europe do you want? Where should the money go? Which areas should European funding concentrate on?

Fill out the European Commission's public consultation and help shaping the future EU budget.

Please note that this budget will also have a major impact on the funding opportunities for future cross-border cooperation within the 2 Seas area. It is therefore very important that also stakeholders within the 2 Seas area take part in this consultation.

Thank you for sharing your opinion and passing on the word.

[Link to the Public consultation on EU funds in the area of cohesion](#)

Calls for proposals

Call 6 was launched last month. Applicants have to submit a Concept Note for their project before 2 May 2018. In a second step, an Application Form must be submitted between 8 August and 6 November 2018. The Monitoring Committee decision is expected for February 2019.

Those who submitted a Concept Note for **Call 5** have recently received a notification letter containing recommendations and/or requirements to take into account before proceeding to the next step of the application process. Full Application Forms for Call 5 need to be submitted before 2 May 2018.

Call 4 is currently open only to referred back projects having already submitted a first application form. Applicants have until 2 May 2018 to submit a revised Application Form. All documentation you need to apply for funding is available for download on our website.

[Click here to access the dedicated webpage](#) and scroll down to find the application packs in the documentation centre.

Call for proposals | timeline

2 May 2018	Jul 2018	6 Nov 2018	Feb 2019
Call 4 - AF submission	Call 4 - Decision		
Call 5 - AF submission	Call 5 - Decision		
Call 6 - CN submission	Call 6 - CN Feedback	Call 6 - AF submission	Call 6 - Decision

Tips for applicants

What makes a good 2 Seas project?
What are the key elements to take into account when applying for Interreg 2 Seas funding?

Read our [7 Tips for applicants](#) and raise your chances of a successful application.



New projects approved

Last month the Monitoring Committee approved 4 new projects. This brings the total number of Interreg 2 Seas projects to 44.

The **E2C** project will invest in research in transformation of electricity surpluses into chemicals and fuels. By making use of renewable electricity, E2C aims at lowering the carbon footprint.

Solarise will boost the adoption of solar energy by historical/public buildings and households (with focus on low-income families). As such, Solarise supports the EU to meet its target of 20% energy consumption from renewables by 2020.

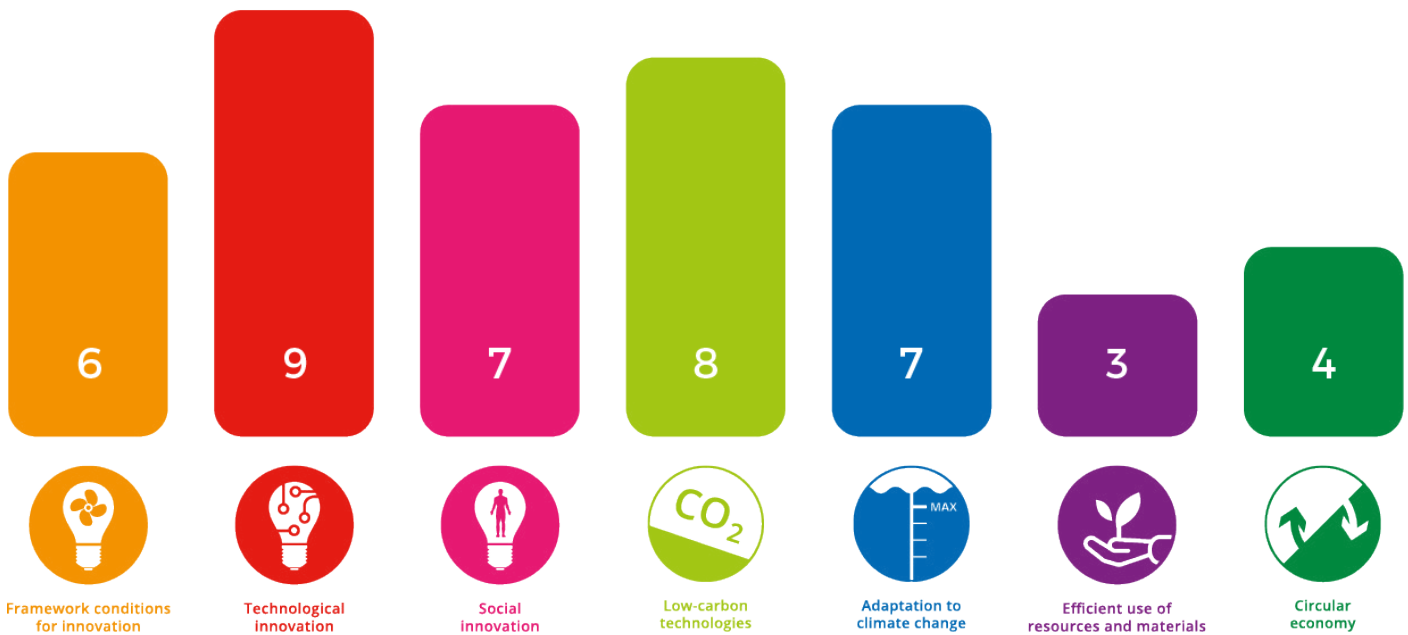
Grassification will apply a multi-dimensional approach to roadside grass clippings refining in order to optimize it into a viable value chain for the bio-based and circular economy.

Horti-blueC will increase the adoption of new circular economy solutions in the 2 Seas area by upcycling agro-, agrofood and fisheries residues in horticulture.

Have a look at [our website's dedicated section for approved projects](#) and find more information on all 2 Seas projects.

The Interreg 2 Seas Programme 2014-2020 has now committed € 126 m ERDF. There is still € 115 m of funding available.

Approved projects per Programme Specific Objective



Meet the project: CASCADE



CASCADE (or Community Areas of Sustainable Care and Dementia Excellent in Europe) is one of the seven social innovation projects. The project brings together ten partners from England, The Netherlands, France and Belgium.

Here's how Thomas Molloy and Anna Best from The Health and Europe Centre, the project's lead partner, describe CASCADE:



"Partners were aware of the challenges of a rapidly ageing population across the 2 Seas area, and hence the explosion in demand for elderly care, including dementia, services. We were aware of a fantastic model in the Netherlands that had not been trialled at scale, and believed it had the potential to fill the gap in terms of new financially sustainable approaches."

CASCADE will deliver a new, financially sustainable, holistic model of care for people living with dementia and the elderly in local communities. The project will also develop a centre of excellence to promote virtual consultation, learning, research and innovation. There will be 50 new beds for the elderly and people living with dementia, and a new learning package for all those having contact with them."

If you want to find out more about CASCADE, please consult the project's webpage on our website by clicking [here](#). (photos taken in Emmaus Elderly care, Ten Kerselaere)

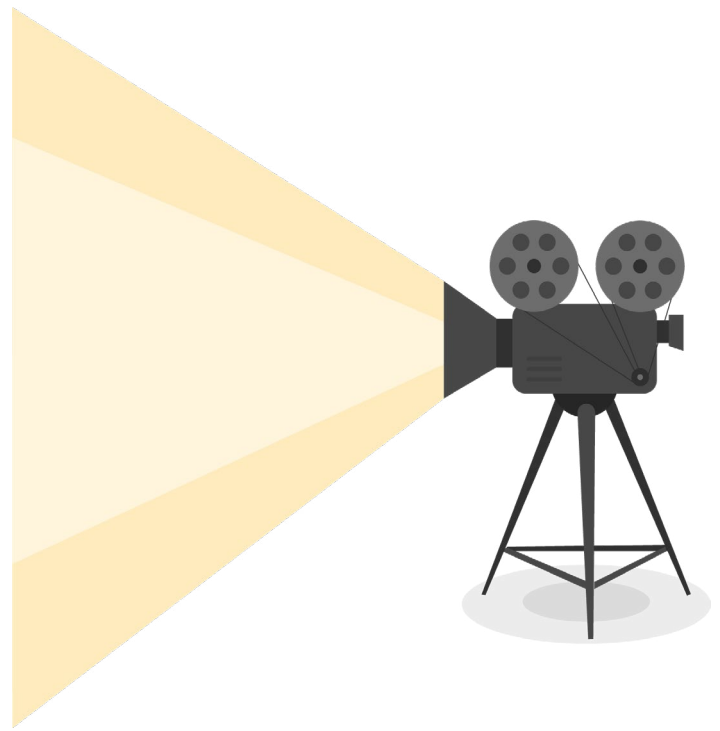
Project video contest

You are taking part in a 2 Seas project and you want to share your story? Here's some good news. Next summer, we will launch a project video contest.

Project partners will be challenged to make a short video.

Whether you are an experienced film maker or you have never handled a camera before, is not really important in this competition. There will be no specific requirements blocking you from participating.

More information (including the rules and procedures to participate) will be communicated with the launch of the contest.



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