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New Call for Proposals

You might have already heard the exciting news: we are launching a **new call in the second half of this year**. This will be a new opportunity for you to submit your project proposal and ask for up to 60% of ERDF cofinancing.

The Programme Monitoring Committee will come together on 11 and 12 July to approve the exact time schedule for Call 7, which will be available on the [Programme website](#).

How to get prepared?

In the meantime, we recommend you to contact the [facilitator in your region](#) to discuss your project idea. He or she will be able to answer your questions in your language and help you to further design your proposal and guide you through the application process.

Explore the 2 Seas [cooperation corner](#) or take a look at our [approved projects](#) to find inspiration or partners to develop your cross-border project proposal.

Don't forget to have a look at our [tips for applicants](#). Following this tangible advice will increase your chances of a successful application.

Call Results

On the 2nd of May, the Joint Secretariat received **15 new Application Forms**: 13 from Call 5 and 2 from Call 4 (coming back after being referred back for strategic shortcomings earlier). These Application Forms are now being assessed. A decision will be made during the next Monitoring Committee (11 and 12 July). Applicants will be informed about the decision shortly after this meeting.

2 May was also the deadline for the first step of Call 6. With **42 Concept Notes** submitted, this call shows that the 2 Seas Programme is at full speed! These Concept Notes are now being assessed and will be discussed by the Programme on 9 and 10 July. Applicants will receive feedback 2 weeks after this meeting.

Meet the project: USAR



USAR or Using Sediment As a Resource, is a project under Specific Objective 4.1 Efficient Use of Resources and Materials. USAR started in March 2016 and runs until April 2020.

Guido Verweij from the lead partner Hoogheemraadschap van Schieland en de Krimpenerwaard explains why the partners really wanted to start developing this project:

“Water management authorities are responsible for keeping waterways in the 2 Seas area free from accumulating sediments to reduce risks of flooding and to keep waterways accessible for water-based transport.

USAR introduces an alternative, resource-efficient approach based on the potential to use sediments as a resource for new materials. USAR will identify, demonstrate and test new methods. We also develop business models and tools that water managers need to apply this circular approach in practice.”

Find out more about the USAR partners, activities and expected result on the project webpage.

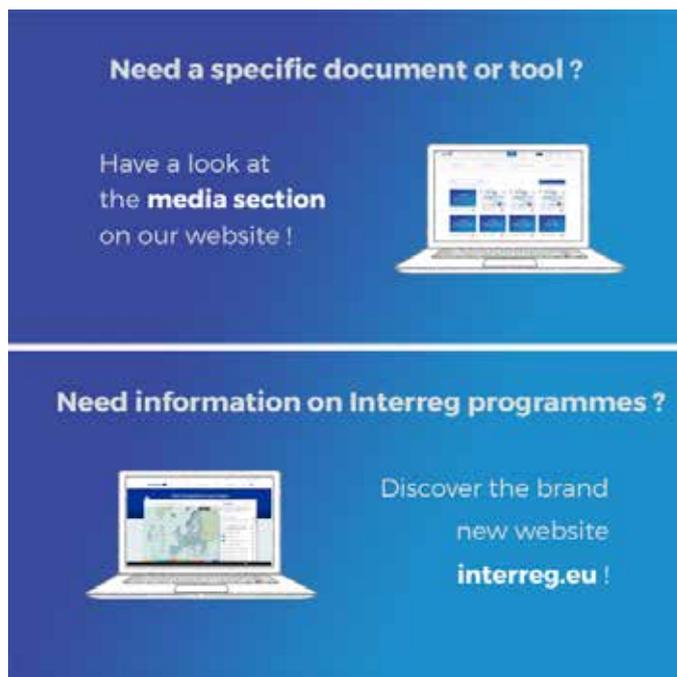
Did you know?

Did you know all documents and tools for applicants, project partners, first level controllers, etc. can be found in the media section of the Programme website?

In this media section, you will find the Cooperation Programme, Key info on the Programme, the Programme Manual, templates to design your mandatory communication measures, FLC checklists and many more.

Did you know interreg.eu is a brand new website gathering information from all Interreg programmes?

This website features not only basic data on all Interreg programmes but also more specific information on calls for project proposals. The website is an initiative from [Interact](#).



Need a specific document or tool ?

Have a look at the **media section** on our website !

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Visibility requirements

Being “visible” in their territories is an important requirement for beneficiaries of EU funding. As such, also 2 Seas project partners have a concrete mission to communicate in their regions. People living in the 2 Seas area should be made aware what is going on in the 2 Seas projects and what they can expect from these cross-border cooperation initiatives. Therefore, once a project is approved, the involved partners are required to share stories about the life of their project and demonstrate first achievements right from the start.

Recent months have shown that many projects from the first calls have accepted this task and have already implemented concrete measures to communicate on project activities. Videos have been produced, new websites have been launched, press articles have been written, public events have been organised, etc. ([Click here to watch the videos from 2 Seas projects.](#))

However, a lot projects did not yet respond to this requirement. Therefore, the Joint Secretariat would like to strongly encourage all project partners to demonstrate what they are working on. Especially, those who have not yet implemented concrete measures.

Tip: make sure your project websites, videos, social media and other online activities are visible through search engines (e.g. Google, Bing, Yahoo). The Joint Secretariat is looking forward to boost your communication efforts through its own channels, such as the 2 Seas website, newsletter, social media and the annual event, planned in spring 2019.

Do you have a question related to your project communication? Don't hesitate to contact the 2 Seas Communication officer (w.haemers@interreg2seas.eu). He will be happy to offer advice.

New JS staff

Marie Grardel is the new audit & control officer. Marie replaces **Marianne Denoeu**, who will now coordinate the Finance Unit. The former coordinator, **Davide Bergantin**, accepted a new professional mission at the UN World Food Programme.

Vincent Hagneré already joined the Finance Unit last year, but will now continue as a project officer. Vincent will be offering particular support to the following projects: USAR, PACE, DWELL, SAIL, NEREUS and CoBra.

The Joint Secretariat wishes to welcome the new colleagues and send all the best of luck to Davide in taking up his new challenge. You can find contact details of Marianne, Marie & Vincent as well as of the other JS staff members on the website's contact page.



Upcoming events

Programme events:

- Strategic Task Force | 9-10 July | Plymouth (UK)
- Monitoring Committee | 11-12 July | Plymouth (UK)
- Call 7 Applicant Seminars | September / October (details TBC)



Project events:

- ISE Major Innovation Event @ CEBIT | 12 June | Hannover (DE) | [link](#)
- TRIPLE-A workshop | 13 June | Ghent (BE) | [link](#)
- MET-CERTIFIED visit to Ifremer | 15 June | Boulogne-sur-Mer (FR) | [link](#)
- MET-CERTIFIED visits to test sites | 21 June | [link](#)
- BIOBOOST Seminar circular business | 21 June | Beitem (BE) | [link](#)
- IMODE workshop Cardiovascular Disease Genetics | 22 June | Egham (UK) | [link](#)
- Info-event for Flemish applicants | 26 June | Antwerp (BE) | [link](#)
- IMODE training school | 5-6 July | Lille (FR) | [link](#)
- DERMA @ Healthy Futures Showcase | 5 July | Brighton (UK) | [link](#)
- INCASE - Profinet training | 6 September | Ghent (BE) | [link](#)
- DERMA @ ESB conference | 9-13 September | Maastricht (NL) [link](#)
- INCASE - Profinet training | 16 October | Ghent (BE) | [link](#)
- BIOBOOST Seminar | 10 November | Cambridge (UK) | [link](#)

Additional events might be organised, so stay tuned on our website to find out the latest information on upcoming events.

Do you want to have your event listed in our next newsletter?

Let us know via contact@interreg2seas.eu.

Your personal data

The Interreg 2 Seas Programme has reviewed its data pool and the processing of personal data in order to ensure compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Your data is only used for purposes of the Interreg 2 Seas Programme and only to the extent it is necessary to fulfill those purposes. We hope you will continue to enjoy reading our Programme and project updates. However, if you do not want to receive any future updates click the button in the footer of this newsletter to unsubscribe. You can also read our updated policy on data protection in the [legal notice](#) on our website.

Don't hesitate to [leave a message](#) in case you have any questions.