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Season's greetings from the 2 Seas Team

We are looking forward to be at your service in 2019!



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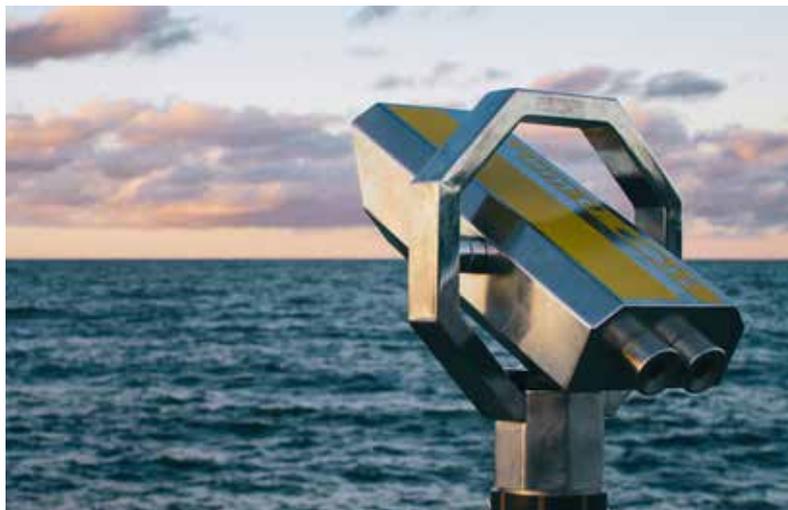
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## Save the date: Mid-Term Review

Halfway through the implementation of the Interreg 2 Seas Programme, it is time to take a step back and look at what the Programme and its projects have achieved so far.

The Mid-Term Review will involve an **exhibition** on project achievements showcasing the 55 approved projects, gathering over 500 organisations and representing a total budget of € 163 million ERDF.



Participants will be invited to take part in **thematic discussions** and to learn about best practices of experienced project partners. This will be a unique opportunity to exchange on successful project management and the concrete added-value of cross-border cooperation.

Finally, the **networking space** and support from the 2 Seas territorial facilitators will enable you to exchange with current and future partners.

More information on this event will be available in February on the Mid-Term Review event website.

**When?** 25 and 26 April 2019 **Where?** International Convention Center | Ghent



## 2 Seas Seminars

Every Call for Proposals, the Joint Secretariat organises training sessions for both applicants (before project submission) and beneficiaries (after project selection).

Partners of the five projects that have been recently approved (FLAVOUR, Hy4Dense, MOTION, PlastiCity and AGE'IN), are invited to participate at a seminar in Lille in January 2019.

Organisations that will have submitted a Concept Note by 21/12/2018 for Call 7 will have the chance to join for an Applicant Seminar Step 2 in May 2019. Concrete dates and locations will be available early spring 2019.

Keep an eye out on the Programme website for more information on our seminars.

## New projects approved

On 22 November, the Interreg 2 Seas Monitoring Committee approved 5 new projects. Congratulations to all of the partners involved!

Here are brief descriptions of the freshly approved projects:

- FLAVOUR will create socially innovative business models to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of services dealing with food surplus, whilst creating jobs and pathways to employment.
- PlastiCity aims at increasing recycling rates for 'lost plastics' from 20-30% to over 50%.
- The AGE'IN consortium will work out a strategy combining house adaptations with the development of a real local ecosystem for ageing population.
- Hy4Dense will test hydroponics on densely sown crops and work directly with manufacturers and growers to ensure the uptake of this technique.
- The 15 partners of M.O.T.I.O.N will work together to advance development and validation of bionic rehabilitation technology for children with neurological disorders.

Altogether, these projects will receive a total of €16.84 m of ERDF. This means there is still €78.45 m available.

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## Beneficiary survey

If you are currently preparing an application or you have applied for 2 Seas funding in the past, you are in a perfect position to evaluate the Programme information and communication measures such as our website, social media, events and trainings, publications,...

Your feedback is extremely important to us and allows us to improve our support and as such to boost the quality of your projects.



We therefore want to thank you for taking a couple of minutes to give us your opinion.

The survey will be open until 31/01/2019.

## New website developments

A series of new developments have been implemented to the Programme website, with the aim to improve the experience of its visitors.



- A new **documents section** (available from the top menu) gathers all of the documents and tools you might need. The improved search engine as well as the new filter system based on your profile will help you to get access to the information you need.
- Pages that contain a documentation block at the bottom have now received an **anchor** next to the page title to make you aware of the documents and/or links that are available at the bottom of the pages.
- Programme and project events are now listed on a new **event page** (available from the top menu). You can explore the list of past events or check out what is planned for the future.
- The pages that used to be available via the top menu such as the **2 Seas TV** and the **Cooperation Corner** are now available from a new dynamic banner on the homepage, next to the newsletter subscription button.
- A **social wall** has been added at the bottom of the home page to promote the 2 Seas social media feed. You will find Tweets, Facebook posts and YouTube videos.

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