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## 2 Seas projects

The 2 Seas Programme currently counts 78 projects, all contributing to the innovative, sustainable and inclusive development of the 2 Seas area.

In this newsletter issue you can learn how **CO-ADAPT** and **ENDURE** contribute to the climate change adaptation of the 2 Seas area.

Click [here](#) to discover all 78 projects.



### **CO-ADAPT** ([visit project website](#))

- aims to develop, test and roll-out approaches to co-creation of nature based and natural process solutions to improve adaptive capacity of the 2 Seas region to the water-related effects of climate change.
- brings together 12 organisations and is led by Somerset County Council.
- started on 01/02/2019 and will end on 30/09/2022.
- has a budget of €7 347 117 of which 60% ERDF.

### **ENDURE** ([visit project website](#))

- aims to improve adaptation capacity to climate change by focusing on 2 Seas coastal sand dunes. ENDURE will increase the capacity of 2 Seas stakeholders to apply ecosystem-based management approaches, decreasing reliance on hard engineering interventions.
- brings together 6 organisations and is led by the Norfolk County Council.
- started on 13/07/2017 and will end on 31/12/2020.
- has a budget of €2 116 635 of which 60% ERDF.

## New projects approved

The Monitoring Committee gathered on 21 and 22 November in Turnhout, Belgium. With the approval of 9 new projects, the 2 Seas Programme now counts 78 cooperation projects bringing together private and public organisations from the coastal regions along the Southern North Sea and the Channel area.

Here is an overview of the new projects per Specific Objective:

1.2 – Technological Innovation | **SOCORRO 2** and **Site Drug**

1.3 – Social Innovation | **HAIRE, ENSURE, SPEED-You-UP** and **EMPOWERCARE 2**

3.1 – Adaptation to Climate Change | **Polder2C's**

4.2 – Circular Economy | **Upcycle Your Waste** and **FACET**

Good luck to all new project partners!



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## Seminars for approved projects

The seminar for approved project partners is a full day event that will clarify all you need to know as a recently approved project partner.

There will be detailed explanations about what needs to be done to successfully complete the Initiation stage, how to deliver your project and report upon the achievements, how to communicate on your project and the key principles to take into account regarding risk management and project evaluation.

The seminar is not project specific and the purpose is not to go into each of the projects in detail.

All partners from the following projects are invited to the seminar and can attend with a maximum of 2 people:

*SOCORRO 2, Site Drug, HAIRE, ENSURE, SPEED-You-UP, EMPOWERCARE 2, Polder2C's, Upcycle Your Waste, FACET*

The seminar is not mandatory but partners are strongly advised to attend.

For more information and registration, use the following links: [NL](#) | [FR](#) | [UK](#) | [BE](#).

## Territorial Facilitation Network

The Programme has now committed 100% of its budget. A few more projects, submitted in call 8, may join the already big Interreg 2 Seas family made of 78 approved projects. Then, the group will be complete and everybody will turn to the achievements! Therefore, it is now time to fully focus on project implementation!

During summer the Joint Secretariat did a general health check on the 42 most advanced approved projects. This analysis aimed at co-assessing the state of play of the implementation and detecting difficulties and possible solutions.

We found out that, in most projects, some partners are lagging behind without exactly knowing why as our main contact, as JS, remains the Lead partner of the project.

It is the reason why in 2020, as there will be no more project generation phase, we will ask our territorial facilitators to prioritise one-to-one meetings, to help partners who seem in difficulty with project implementation.

Already do not hesitate to contact our “flying doctors” if you face any difficulties in your territory, within your organisation, or with the rest of the partnership. Our facilitators live in your territories, speak your own language, share your culture and know the specificities of your territory. In case of difficulties, they can be the entry point for a targeted support from the Programme Technical Assistance!

Therefore, although you already receive support at “project level” from the JS, responsible of the Programme technical assistance, you can also receive a tailored support from the territorial facilitators at your own request or at JS request.

Make sure to use all the support you can have! Together, for a successful project implementation!





## Beneficiary survey

Did you participate in a 2 Seas event this year? Maybe you have been reading news articles on our website or in our newsletter? Or maybe our social media posts have struck your attention?

Interreg 2 Seas implements different information and communication measures in order to support applicants and beneficiaries of the Programme. With your feedback on these measures we can improve our efforts to support you.

The Joint Secretariat would be very grateful if you could take a brief moment to share your thoughts.

Click here to be redirected to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/beneficiarsurvey2019>

The deadline to share your feedback is 31/01/2020.

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## New website features

The Programme website has received a couple of new features aiming to give more visibility to the projects and their results.

The Programme map on the [homepage](#) does now show the number of projects in each NUTS 3 region. Click on your region and learn more about the projects that are active near you. Once redirected to the collection of [approved projects](#), you can use the territorial and thematic filters to try out different search actions.



For projects that have submitted at least one progress report to the Joint Secretariat, you will now find the main achievements on the individual project pages. See example of [ICAReS](#).

You will also find out that the project pages have been redesigned to put a focus on the activities implemented and results achieved.



## Project videos

A lot of Interreg 2 Seas projects have produced a video to demonstrate their activities and results. This newsletter puts forward a selection of the newest videos out there.

[INNO-VEG](#) addresses the challenge of sustainable intensification of field vegetable and potato production, two important agricultural sectors in the 2 Seas region.

How can we raise the profitability of the tourism entrepreneurs in the 2 Seas coastal economies by developing a strategy for innovation? That is what drove the [PROFIT](#) partners in their cooperation project.

What if we could use sediment as a resource and as such reduce flood risks? The [USAR](#) partners came up with an interesting set of technologies, methods and tools to help water managers.

Did you also produce a video about your 2 Seas project? [Let us know](#) and we will be more than happy to add it to our website.

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## Project events

Have a look at the [events section](#) of the 2 Seas website and discover a wide range of upcoming project events.

Do you want to have your event listed on the 2 Seas website? Let us know via [contact@interreg-2seas.eu](mailto:contact@interreg-2seas.eu).