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2 Seas projects

The 2 Seas Programme currently counts 82 projects, all contributing to the innovative, sustainable and inclusive development of the 2 Seas area.

In this newsletter issue you can learn on how **SLIC** and **SOLARISE** contribute to the Interreg 2 Seas Specific Objective 2.1, which is to increase the adoption of low-carbon technologies in the 2 Seas area.

Click [here](#) to discover all 82 projects.



SLIC ([visit project website](#))

- aims to increase the uptake of sustainable public lighting concepts and carbon reduction by public authorities.
- brings together 9 organisations and is led by Avans University of Applied Sciences.
- started on 01/01/2018 and will end on 01/06/2021
- has a budget of € 3 522 857 of which 60% ERDF.

SOLARISE ([visit project website](#))

- facilitates the large-scale deployment of solar electricity/heat generation in the 2 Seas.
- brings together 12 organisations and is led by the University of Picardie Jules Verne.
- started on 01/10/2018 and will end on 30/06/2021
- has a budget of € 4 302 023 of which 60% ERDF.



The **SLIC** partners jointly develop methods, tools and concepts to help promote the use of low-carbon technologies for public lighting. SLIC foresees 7 pilot projects focusing on different low-carbon lighting techniques, including dimming, remote, sensors, dynamic optimisation and low voltage.

You can find a complete overview of the pilot projects in the [SLIC facts & figures sheet](#). One of the pilots is currently being delivered in the historic heart of Bruges, where a sustainable solution is found for the beautiful historic lanterns.

Click [here](#) to find a Dutch press article on this topic.

New projects approved

On Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January, the Interreg 2 Seas Monitoring Committee approved four new cross-border projects. These decisions bring the total of selected projects for the current programming period to 82.

ENCORE or Energizing Coastal Regions with Off-shore Renewable Energy is a Technological Innovation project that gathers 12 project partners and 26 observer partners. The project partners will jointly tap into the potential of the 2 Seas as a source of renewable energy.

The **MONUMENT** consortium consists of 12 partners and 24 observer partners. This Social Innovation project aims to strengthen the resilience and perseverance of informal carers of people living with dementia.



Also, two projects on Low-carbon Technologies have been selected. **MOBI-MIX** brings together cities, universities and companies to decarbonise road transport. The 11 partners will work together to facilitate the private sector to more effectively implement greener mobility solutions.

The final newcomer is **LECSEA**. The 10 partners of this project will work together on a successful take-off of Energy Communities in the 2 Seas region through 8 different demonstration pilots. In total, LECSEA should lead to a total of 3.750 tonnes of CO2 savings per year.

Tip: click on the project names to find more details about these projects.

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

All partners from the recently approved projects under the 8th call for proposals are invited to the seminar and can attend with a maximum of 2 people. The seminar is also open for new staff members from partner organisations in other Interreg 2 Seas projects, depending on availability. Please note priority will be given to partners from 8th call approved projects.

For more information and registration, use the below buttons.

Please note that today is the final day to register for the seminars in UK and The Netherlands!

[UK | 17/03](#) [NL | 17/03](#) [FR | 23/03](#) [BE | 25/03](#)

Facilitator position in France opened

The Region Hauts-de-France is looking for a facilitator to offer assistance to French partners of Interreg 2 Seas projects.

If you are interested, please follow [this link](#).

Apply before the 3rd of April!

Beneficiary survey results

The Programme launched a beneficiary survey at the end of last year and received 133 responses! It has demonstrated an overall good level of satisfaction. Three points to keep in mind:

- 83% of respondents felt that the 2 Seas events organised in 2019 provided them with good information.
- 71% consider the 2 Seas newsletter “good” or “excellent”, and the topic that respondents like to hear from is their fellow Interreg 2 Seas projects!
- 78% of respondents appreciate the content of the website. The sections they are interested in? the information on approved projects and the documents section.

Thank you to all respondents for the useful input and suggestions!



2 Seas website updated

All 2 Seas projects for the 2014-2020 period have now been approved and are going to full speed!

It is time for the Programme to highlight the achievements of the projects, and new sections have been added to the website to do just that!

What is new?

- The [home page banner](#) now highlights for each of our specific objectives, some projects and their achievements,
- The interactive map: check what is happening in your area! You can now access the projects implemented in a specific region through the 2 Seas map, available on the [home page](#).
- [Project pages](#) have also been upgraded: you can find additional photos, videos and each year information will be added on their progress & main achievements!

What's is coming next? Our project output library, that will present all outputs delivered by the 2 Seas projects!

IVY offers volunteers

Would you be interested in additional support to promote and report on your project achievements? If yes, then this article is definitely music to your ears.

Interreg Volunteer Youth (IVY) is an initiative to support Interreg Programmes and Projects. Promoted by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy and managed by the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR), IVY allows for the involvement of young people in European Territorial Cooperation projects.

Interreg Projects beneficiaries can host a volunteer to support, promote and report achievements of cooperation. An IVY volunteer will be part of your team, bring new ideas and help realise the project and advertise its results. Each experience is of a minimum of 2 to a maximum of 6 months.

Go the [Interreg Volunteer Youth website](#) and learn more about this exciting initiative!

[This video](#) shows the story of Manon, one of the very first IVY volunteers.



Project videos

More and more projects are producing videos to demonstrate their activities and results. This newsletter puts forward a selection of the newest videos out there.

The **SIREE** project that support refugees accessing education and to improve their economic independence through self-employment. The project released 3 vidoes of people who set up their own business in the food and catering industry! Meet [Maysam](#), [Raed](#) and [Emanuel](#) who share their stories and give tips for people who are interested in following their lead.

We have seen it recently, the occurrence of heavy rain events in Europe is increasing. Urban areas in Europe need to be made more permeable. **SPONGE2020** presents their [online toolbox](#) regrouping technical measures and stakeholder's engagement methods to implement climate adaptation projects in urban areas.

Horti-BlueC aims to improve the sustainability of strawberry and tomato culture in the 2 Seas area, particularly in looking into how we can replace virgin growing materials. Have a look at [their video](#) to understand what they are doing to develop a sustainable greenhouse model.

If you look at our [TV page](#), you will understand that there is much more out there to explore. So, please serve yourselves and enjoy the videos.

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.

Project events

12 March | [SLIC](#)

19 March | [SAIL](#)

20 March | [PECS](#)

24 March | [ISE](#)

2 April | [DERMA](#)

21 April | [ISE](#)

22 April | [BIOBOOST](#)

29 - 30 April | [SUMARIS](#)

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@inter-reg2seas.eu.

