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1st Project Approvals

The latest Monitoring Committee in Ghent has officially approved the first two Interreg 2 Seas 2014 - 2020 projects. The approved ERDF budget is 1,851,379.92 EUR for SSEnt and 2,513,877.36 EUR for DOC2C's. Both projects have been approved under Priority Axis 1 - Technological and Social innovation.

SSEnt (Specific Objective 1.1 Framework Conditions for Innovation) gathers partners from England, Belgium-Flanders and the Netherlands. The project's main aim is to improve the capacity of social enterprises to develop and deliver sustainable and high impact innovations.

DOC2C's (Specific Objective 1.2 Technological Innovation) aims to develop new environmental technologies for efficient, future-proof drinking water production in coastal areas, in response to the increasing concentration of Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) in surface waters in the 2 Seas area. The project involves partners from all 2 Seas Member States.

The Programme would like to congratulate these projects and wish them good luck with their implementation!



**Framework conditions
for innovation**



**Technological
innovation**

Moreover, 11 projects have been referred back for operational reasons. The Programme Authorities are convinced that these project proposals have the potential to evolve into successful projects, which is why these applicants have been given the opportunity to rework and resubmit their Application Form before 4 January 2016.

2nd Call

The 2nd Call for Proposals is now open and covers all Programme specific objectives. You can find the Application Pack as well as the Programme Manual on our website.

The first step (Concept Note) opened on 9 November 2015 and will close on 4 January 2016.

The second step (Application Form) will be opened on 14 March 2016 and will be closed on 5 May 2016.

Do not hesitate to contact us in case of any questions. The Joint Secretariat as well as the Territorial Facilitators are happy to help. (See our [website](#) for contact details.)



New JS staff and facilitators



Since summer, quite a lot has changed in terms of Technical Assistance staff. Gianluca Ferreri has been promoted Project Unit Coordinator and six new faces joined the Interreg 2 Seas team. Kathleen McCarron (Project Unit Assistant), Wannes Haemers (Communication officer), Pieter Louwers (Finance Unit Assistant), Wim Schreurs (Project officer), Matthias Verhegge (Territorial Facilitator Flanders) and Susan Aitken (Territorial Facilitator UK).

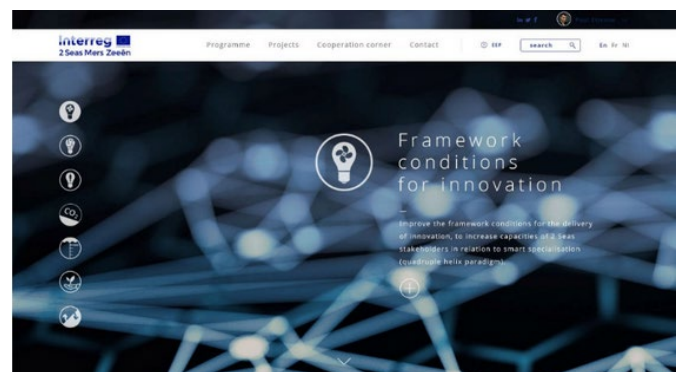
Many thanks to Muriel Dericquebourg, Tim Caulfield and Emmanuel Nadaud for having assisted in the successful implementation of the 2007 - 2013 period and the preparation for the new Programme.

Contact details from JS staff as well as facilitators can be found on the [Programme's website](#).

Website preview

In February 2016, a brand new Interreg 2 Seas website (www.interreg2seas.eu) will be launched. During the final stage of development, the website will be pre-tested by future users. The Programme wants to ensure this new tool to be both useful and user-friendly.

The website will not only be the Programme's most important source of information, it will also allow potential partners to share and discuss ideas and to jointly prepare projects.



Social media survey

The power of social media has also caught the attention of the 2 Seas Programme and we are now using Twitter and LinkedIn. Through these new communication channels the Programme can promote the funding opportunities and highlight the results of projects towards European citizens.

Through this Interreg 2 Seas Social media survey, we would like to know your opinion. Participating only takes 1 minute and will be greatly appreciated. The poll is open from 1 December 2015 until 1 January 2016.



Interreg video



As part of the 25 years Interreg celebrations, the weekly broadcast 'Le Dessous des Cartes' from ARTE analyses Interreg and how projects have made an impact beyond borders. Simply click [here](#) and enjoy the video.

EU Survey

25 years of Interreg cooperation...but some obstacles persist in border regions.

The EU-wide online public consultation "Overcoming Obstacles in Border Regions" invites you to share your ideas and experiences. The survey is open until 21 December 2015. Click [here](#) to participate.

