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Call information

Call 3 - step 1 has been opened on 1 September and will close on 28 October 2016 (23:59 Brussels time). During this period, applicants can submit a Concept Note via the Electronic Exchange Platform.

Call 3 - step 2 (Application Form) will open early February and close on 2 May 2017.

Call 2: projects that have been **referred back** have the opportunity to resubmit a revised Application Form.

RBO (referred back for operational reasons) projects can do so by 10/10/2016 (23:59 Brussels time). RBS (referred back for strategic reasons) projects can resubmit by 20/12/2016 (23:59 Brussels time).



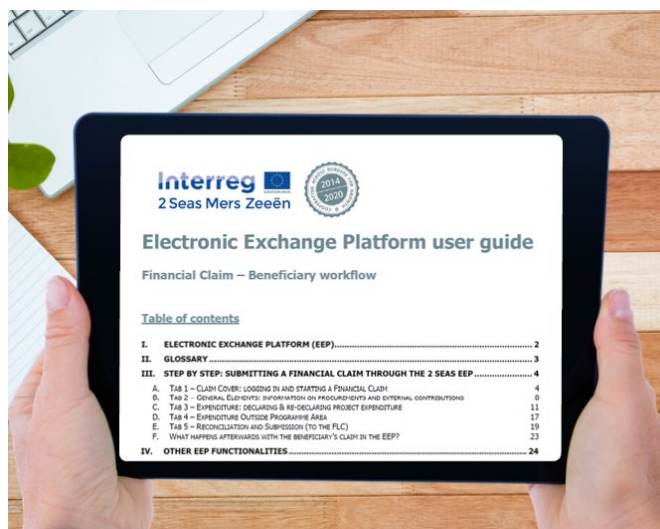
The Programme Monitoring Committee will take a decision on 25/11/2016 for RBO projects and by mid February 2017 for RBS projects.

Call information and related documents are available on the [Interreg 2 Seas website](#).

EEP User guides

In line with the “e-cohesion” initiative by the European Commission, the new generation of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) programme organise electronic exchange of information between beneficiaries and Programme bodies.

At the start of the new Programme, the Interreg 2 Seas Authorities decided not only to organise electronic exchange with approved projects, but also to require applicants to use the Interreg 2 Seas Electronic Exchange Platform to apply for funding.



Two EEP User guides have been developed by the Joint Secretariat. The first document helps applicants to understand, step by step, how to submit a Concept Note in the EEP (i.e. the first of two steps in the application process). It is available for download on this page (see documentation centre at the bottom of the page). The second guide explains how beneficiaries should use the EEP to submit financial claims. You can download this guide from this page.

Direct download links:

[EEP User guide - CN submission](#)

[EEP User guide - financial claims](#)

Approved projects

The Programme Monitoring Committee met on the 13th of July in Arras and approved 15 projects. So far, the Interreg 2 Seas Programme counts 21 projects, covering all Programme Specific Objectives:

1.1 - Framework conditions for Innovation: PROFIT, SEAS 2 Grow, SSEnt and ISE

1.2 - Technological Innovation: DERMA, EDUCAT, INCASE, 3D&FPP, DOC2C's and iMODE

1.3 - Social Innovation: DWELL, PACE

2.1 - Low-Carbon Technologies: CARBON2VALUE, MET-CERTIFIED, SHINE and BISEPS

3.1 - Adaptation to Climate Change: SCAPE, SPONGE2020 and TRIPLE-C

4.1 - Efficient use of resources and materials: USAR

4.2 - Circular Economy: BIOBOOST

Out of the € 241M ERDF, € 61M have already been committed. To find more about each of these projects, you can download [this document](#).

Meet the project: SPONGE2020



Specific Objective 3.1: Adaptation to Climate Change

The Interreg 2 Seas project SPONGE2020 will improve the flood resilience of cities and densely built areas. The project aims to engage local stakeholders in creating and implementing solutions to reduce the risks of urban flooding.

If you want to find out more on this project, please see the following documentation: [Dutch article on the project's approval](#) - [Prezi on the Essex pilot](#)

Are you interested in having your project promoted in the 2 Seas Newsletter? Don't hesitate and send your proposal to contact@interreg2seas.eu

September seminars

September was a busy month for Interreg 2 Seas. The Programme's Technical Assistance organised 8 seminars reaching about 320 participants.

Half of them took part in the applicant seminars. These were held in Breda, Lille, Antwerp and Cambridge. The participants were given detailed explanations on the Programme and the core elements that need to be taken into account during the development of a Concept Note. This is the first of two steps in the application process.



Not only potential beneficiaries, but also partners from newly approved projects have gathered to participate in an information session. The aim of these meetings was to support new partnerships during the launch period of their project. Again, about 160 people took part in the seminars.

New UK facilitators



The 2 Seas' crew is growing. We are happy to welcome two new members on board: the 2 facilitators responsible for the English territories: **Solveig Burfeind** and **Paula MacLachlan**.



You can find their contact details on this page. Do not hesitate to contact them should you need more information or require any help with your cross border project.
