



Interreg
Northern Periphery
and Arctic



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Looking ahead to the Interreg NPA 2021-2027



Status of the preparations

Cooperation Programme

- Draft ready since June
- Undergoing national approval
- Methodology intervention logic (indicators)
- Submission to European Commission planned by end of 2021

Programme start-up

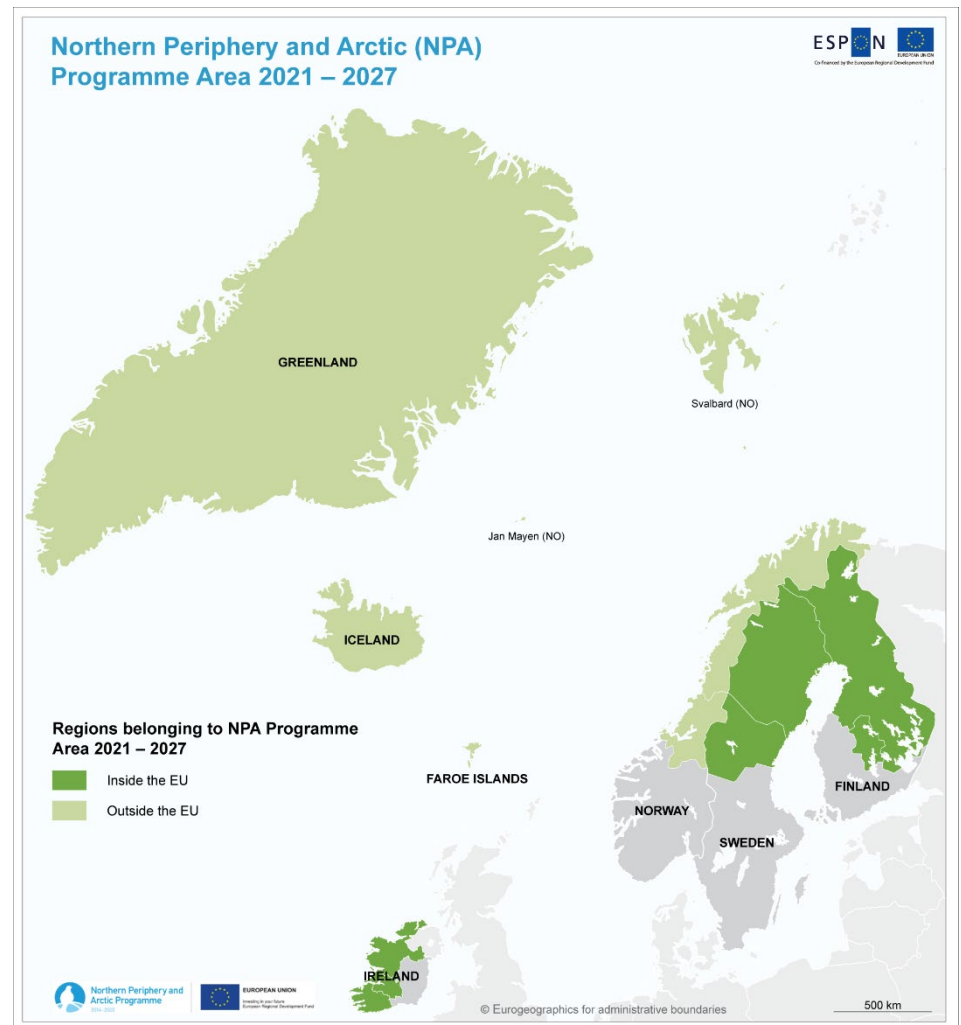
- Shadow MC agreed on:
 - Project types
 - Partnership criteria
 - Simplified Cost Options
 - Selection procedure main
 - Management & control
- Under preparation:
 - Programme Manual
 - Monitoring system
 - Communication strategy

What's new?



What's new?

- New geography:
 - UK no longer included
 - Efforts ongoing to include Russia
 - Smaller changes in NO and IE area
- Budget: ≈ 43,7 MEUR ERDF + ERDF equivalent (NO, IS, FO, GL)
- Themes:
 - PO1 Smarter Europe
 - PO2 Greener, low-carbon Europe
 - ISO1 Better cooperation governance



List of regions in the NPA programme area

Country	Region	Region name
Finland	FI193	Keski-Suomi
	FI1D	Pohjois- ja Itä-Suomi
Ireland	IE04	Northern and Western
	IE051	Mid-West
	IE053	South-West
Sweden	SE32	Mellersta Norrland
	SE33	Övre Norrland
Norway	NO06	Trøndelag
	NO07	Nord-Norge
	NO0B	Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Iceland	IS00	Entire territory
Faroe Islands	-	Entire territory
Greenland	-	Entire territory

Programme Strategy and Priorities



Programme strategy (intervention logic)

NPA 2014-2020

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- Programme Area specific challenges and opportunities

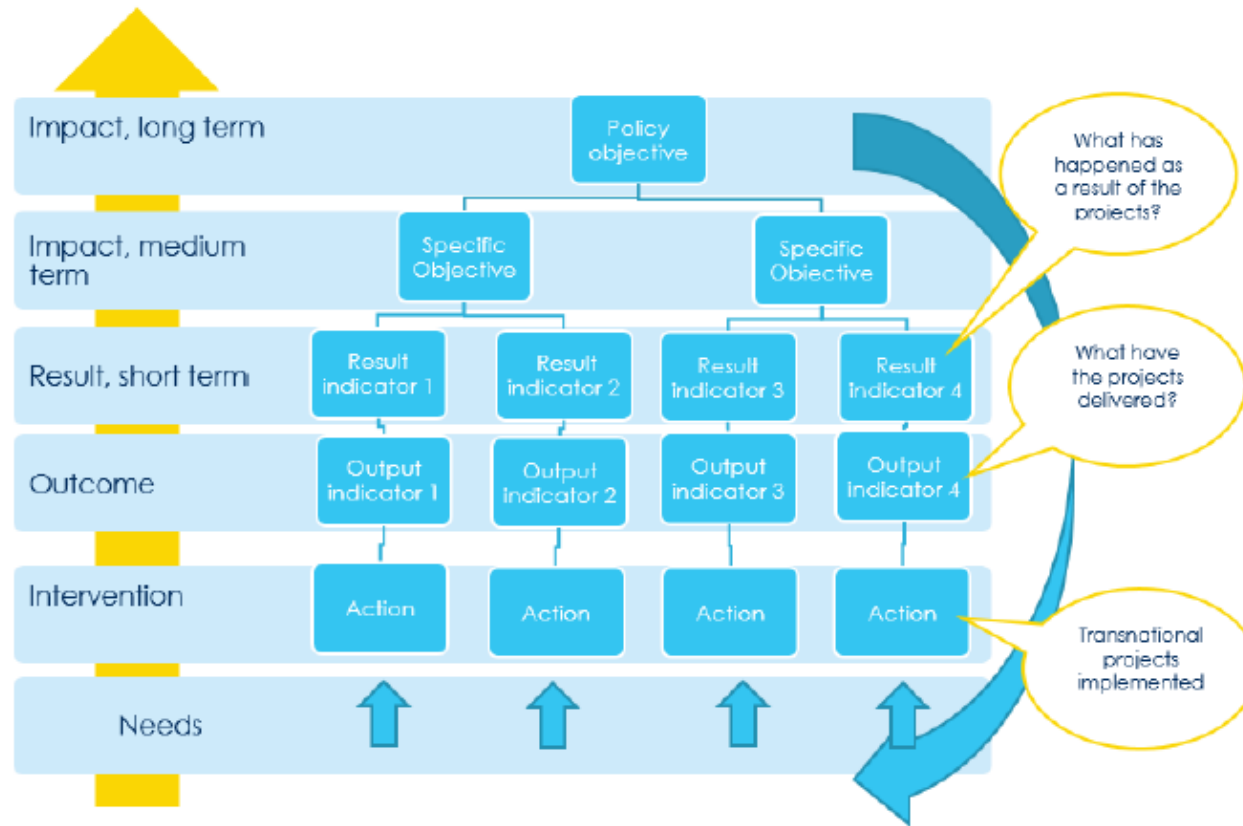
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- Selected interventions

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- Tangible results or solutions =>
- Measurable changes at Programme Area level

Project and programme intervention logic



Priorities

Priority 1: Strengthening the innovation capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities



1.1 Developing and enhancing **research and innovation capacities** and the uptake of advanced technologies

1.2 Reaping the **benefits of digitisation** for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities

1.3 Enhancing **sustainable growth & competitiveness of SMEs** and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investment

Priority 2: Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities



2.1 promoting **energy efficiency** and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2 promoting **climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention**, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches

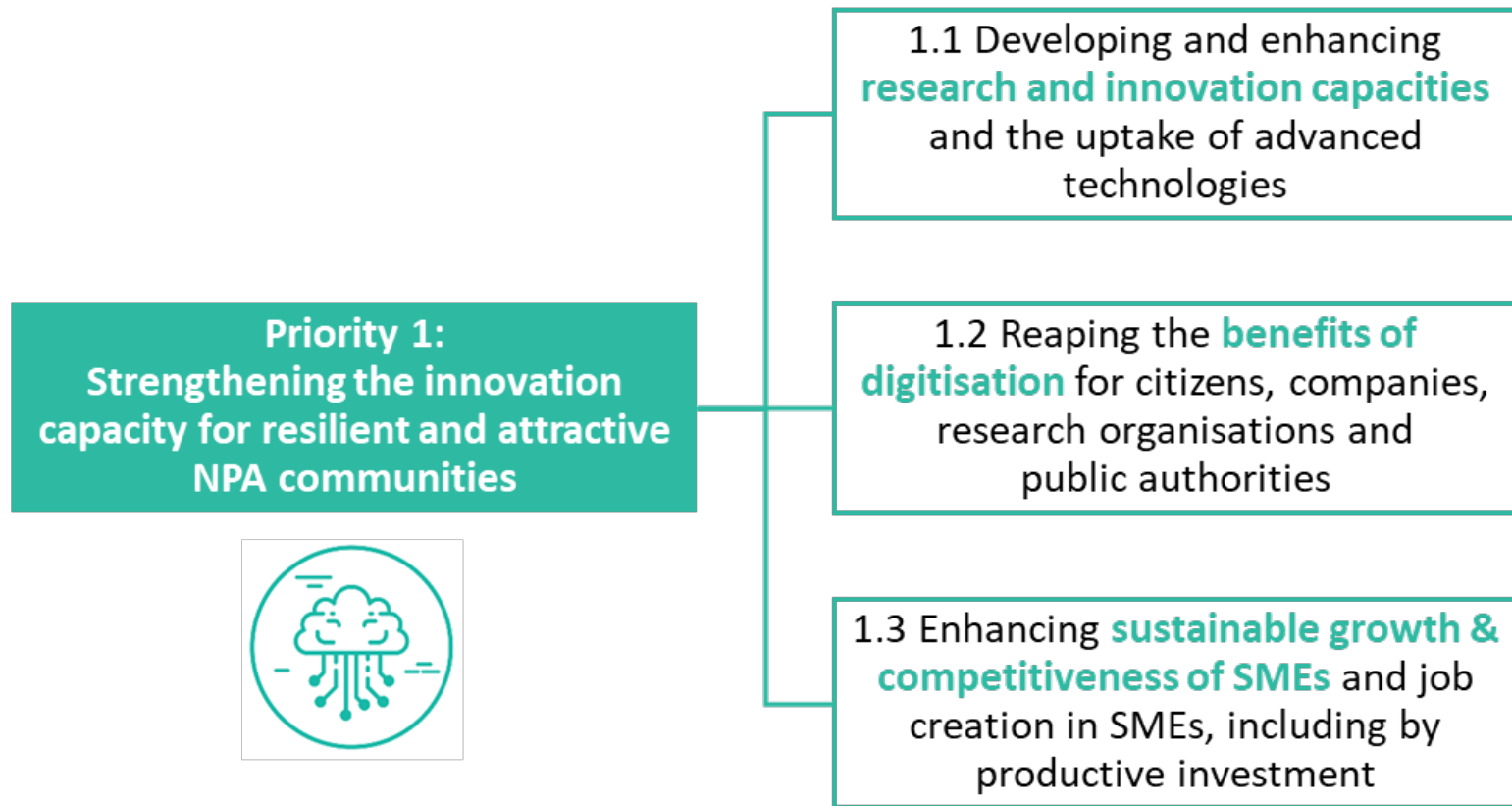
2.3 promoting the transition to a **circular and resource efficient economy**

Priority 3: Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities



3.1 Enhance institutional **capacity** of public authorities and stakeholders **to implement** macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other **territorial strategies**

Innovation capacity



1.1 Research and innovation capacities

Types of actions to be funded

Facilitating technology transfer to, or across, the Programme area benefiting SMEs, including green technologies

Facilitating commonly identified opportunities based on strengths in the programme area supported by research and innovation, including smart specialisation strategies.

Output indicators

Enterprises cooperating with research institutions

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

Organizations cooperating across borders

Jointly developed solutions

Result indicators

SMEs introducing marketing or organisational innovation

SMEs introducing product or process innovation

Solutions taken up or upscaled by organizations

1.2 Reaping the benefits of digitalisation

Types of actions to be funded

Transfer and development of accessible digital solutions to create better conditions for people to live and work in the area. This includes technology-driven solutions for public service provision, as well as marketing models and solutions facilitating the use of distance-spanning technology to overcome long distance to market.

Output indicators

Public institutions supported to develop digital services, products, and processes

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

Organizations cooperating across borders

Jointly developed solutions

Result indicators

Users of new and upgraded public digital services, products and processes

Users of new and upgraded digital services, products and processes developed by enterprises

Solutions taken up or upscaled by organizations

1.3 Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs

Types of actions to be funded

Transfer and development of models and solutions for support to SMEs faced with commonly identified challenges and opportunities in peripheral regions with a particular focus on entrepreneurial skills and sustainable business models.

Transfer and development of concepts for creating networks and clusters of SMEs and connecting entrepreneurial capacities across regions as well as adapting marketing models for a greater market reach.

Output indicators

Enterprises supported (of which micro, small, medium, large)

Enterprises with non-financial support

New enterprises supported

Organizations cooperating across borders

Jointly developed solutions

Result indicators

Solutions taken up or upscaled by organizations

Climate change and resource sufficiency

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2.1 Energy efficiency

Types of actions to be funded

- Transfer and development of sustainable renewable energy generation and energy efficiency solutions suitable for cold climates and remote communities.
- Facilitating the use of place-based energy surpluses and development of smart energy management concepts in remote communities.

Output indicators

Dwellings with improved energy performance

Solutions for electricity storage

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

Result indicators

Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations

Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

2.2 Climate change adaption and disaster risk prevention

Types of actions to be funded

- Transfer and development of solutions that facilitate the use of community knowledge and builds local capacity for climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience in sparsely populated communities.

Output indicators

National and sub-national strategies addressing climate change adaptation

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

Organizations cooperating across borders

Jointly developed solutions

Result indicators

Population benefiting from protection measures against climate related natural disasters (other than floods and wildfire)

Population benefiting from protection measures against non-climate related natural risks and risks related to human activities

Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

2.3 Circular and resource efficient economy

Types of actions to be funded

Facilitating the transfer and development of solutions that promote resource efficiency, end-of-waste, and a better use of by-products in remote, and sparsely populated communities

Facilitating the transfer and development of solutions for community planning for the circular economy in remote, and sparsely populated communities.

Output indicators

Waste prepared for re-use

Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects

Organizations cooperating across borders

Jointly developed solutions

Result indicators

Solutions taken up or upscaled by organisations

Organisational capacity

Priority 3:
Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities

3.1 Enhance institutional **capacity** of public authorities and stakeholders **to implement** macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other **territorial strategies**



3.1 Capacity to implement strategies

Types of actions to be funded

Development and transfer of capacity building concepts to engage stakeholders in cooperation based on local knowledge, supporting them to implement strategies for Northern Periphery and Arctic regions

Output indicators

Participations in joint actions across borders

Organisations cooperating across borders

Jointly developed solutions

Result indicators

Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations

Finances and implementation



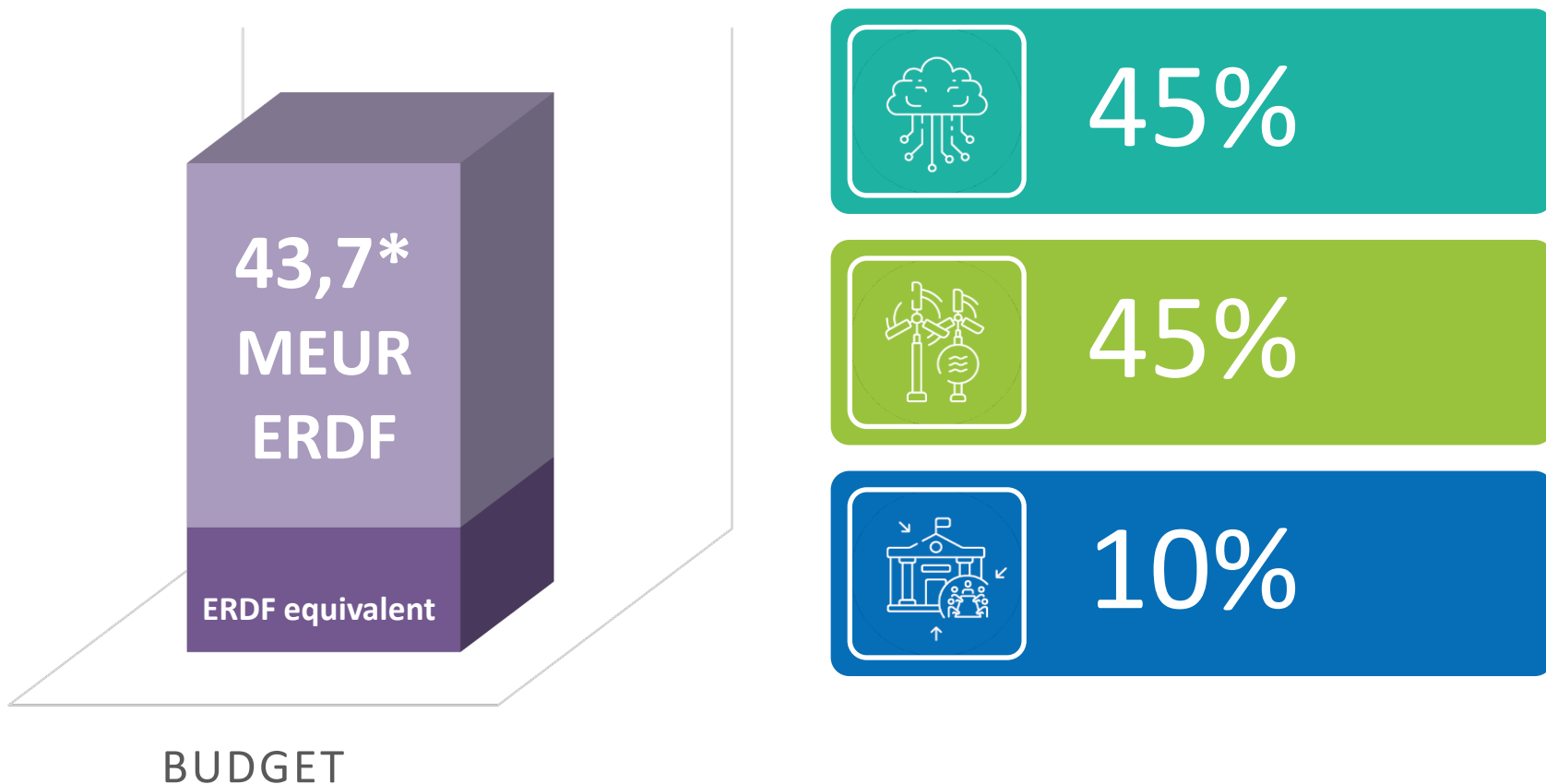
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Budget total and per priority



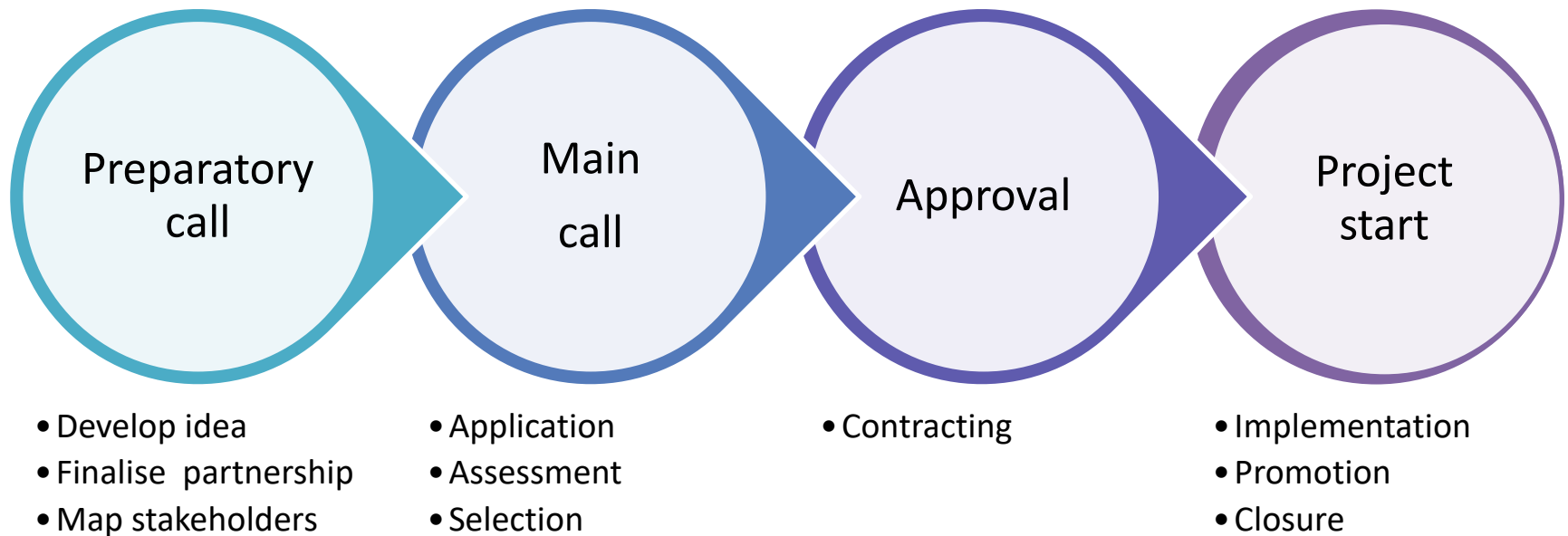
*Exact final budget to be defined

Funding Sources

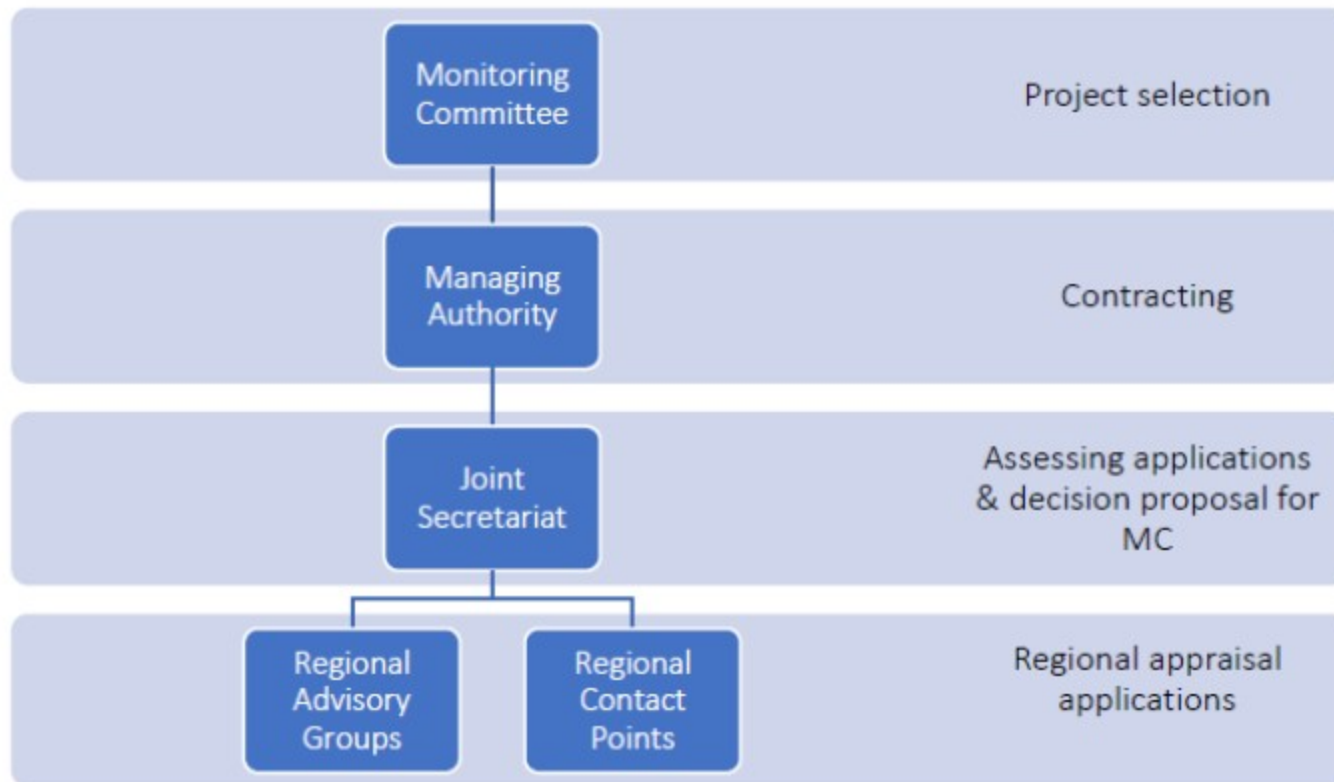
Source	Type	Funding allocation for projects	Grant Rate*
Member States (Finland, Ireland, Sweden)	ERDF	xxx EUR	65%
Norway	ERDF equivalent	xxx EUR	50%
Iceland	ERDF equivalent	xxx EUR	65%
Faroe Islands	ERDF equivalent	xxx EUR	65%
Greenland	ERDF equivalent	xxx EUR	65%
Geographical flexibility for partners outside the EU part of the Programme area	ERDF	Allocated from the ERDF source.	65%

* Please note that grant rates may be changed by the Monitoring Committee on a call-by-call basis.

How to participate



Programme Bodies



Simplifications



Simplifications

- Regular calls, schedule published on website
- Larger preparatory projects with longer runtimes
- Capacity building preparatory projects (ISO1)
- Better conditions for including SMEs
- Simplified selection procedure; quicker contracting and start-up
- More Interreg specific indicators
- More user-friendly electronic monitoring system Jems
- Simplified costs options:
 - Wider use of lump sums
 - More flat rate options (travel, costs other than staff)

Next Steps



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Approval new programme?

December 2021

- Programme Manual
- Eligibility & selection criteria
- Guidance indicators
- Draft ToRs First Call
- Plan for launch events
- Testing of Jems

March 2022

- Launch First Call planned 17th March
- Launch Jems & application package
- Start of launch events

June 2022

- Close First Call planned 20th June
- Bridging Call projects finish end of June
- Start of assessment process

September 2022

- Decisions First Call
- Launch Second Call & preparatory projects

Submission programme document?

Get involved

- We will soon launch plans for establishing a user panel, to help in the development of easy-to-understand guidance materials for applicants and projects.



Thank you!

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