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THE PROGRAMME

The Interreg Atlantic Area (AA): Programme within the framework of the European Union (EU) **cohesion policy, contributing to economic, social and territorial cohesion.**

Supports **transnational cooperation** projects in **24 Atlantic regions from 4 countries:** Spain, France, Ireland, Portugal.

Objective: to implement solutions to regional challenges in the fields of innovation, resource efficiency, environment and cultural assets, supporting regional development and sustainable growth.

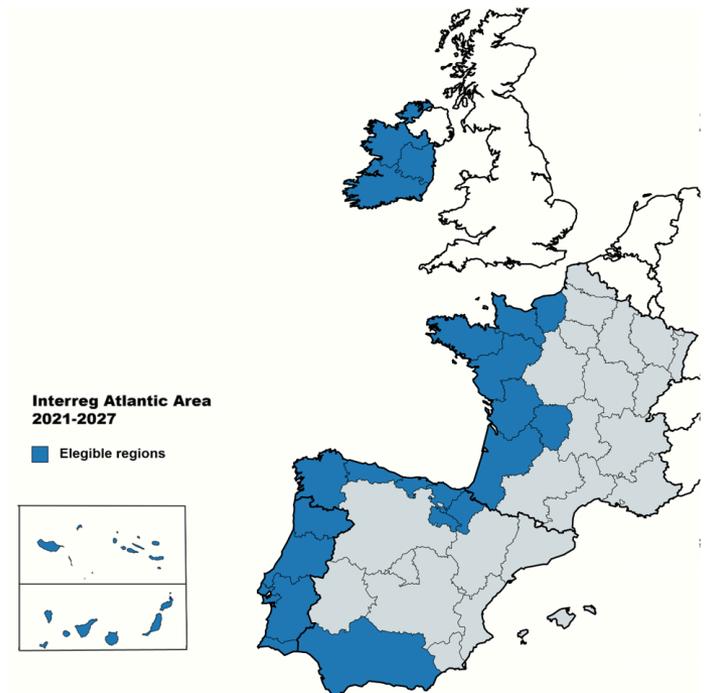
The Programme is therefore aligned with the **Blue Growth Strategy** and the **Atlantic Maritime Strategy**

- The relevance of maritime spatial planning in the EU;
- The Atlantic Action Plan 2.0

The Atlantic Maritime Strategy and the future Atlantic Area **support each other** to achieve common objectives and stronger results for the benefit of Atlantic citizens

The Atlantic Area covers the western part of the Atlantic Ocean and includes regions from 4 countries, Spain France Ireland and Portugal. The total list of NUTS2 regions included in the Programme is as follows:

- **France** : Bretagne; Normandie; **Nouvelle-Aquitaine**; Pays de la Loire;
- **Ireland**: Northern and Western; Southern; Eastern and Midland;
- **Portugal** : Norte; Algarve; Centro; Lisboa; Alentejo; Açores; Madeira.
- **Spain** : Galicia; Principado de Asturias; Cantabria; Navarra; País Vasco; **La Rioja**; **Andalucia**; Islas Canarias.



The Programme is based on 4 priorities:



Blue innovation
and
competitiveness

A smarter Europe –
innovative and smart
economic transformation



Blue/Green
environment

A greener,
low-carbon Europe



Blue sustainable,
social tourism and
culture

A more social Europe
– implementing the
European Pillar of
Social Rights



A better
governance for
cooperation

A better Interreg
governance



Call 1 - 2022

The Call will be open for **18 weeks, from the 14th of October to the 17th of February**. Results should be communicated to candidates within 6-8 months after submission.

The following timeline is valid for the case up to 100 project proposals are received for assessment. In case more applications are received, the assessment period will be extended proportionally and published on the Programme website soon after the submission deadline.

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-  **Traditional projects**
-  **Only open for Priorities 1, 2 and 3.**
-  **The project application follows a one-step procedure.**
-  **Submission application form through SIGI platform.**

Guidance on how to fill out the application form is available on the application pack included on the **Programme website**.

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- ✓ All projects are expected to **contribute to innovative solutions**;
- ✓ Through their activities, reach the objectives of the Programme;
- ✓ The approaches can be new, even experimental, since the Programme is particularly suited for testing new methods in a transnational network.

 **Transnational cooperation** not only by bringing together partners from the 4 MS **BUT** also to work on a shared challenge and achieve innovative solutions that can be applied to the 4 of them, also regionally or locally.

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- ✓ Projects financed by the AA Programme must demonstrate **high transnational cooperation intensity** throughout their lifetime with a clear focus on results.
- ✓ Partners must **work together** to deliver, disseminate and roll-out the results of their project.
- ✓ Partnerships involving a high diversity of actors covering the **quadruple helix approach**, including the relevant social and civil society actors, to achieve better linkages between public, private and research actors.
- ✓ The development of these joint solutions requires **enthusiasm and commitment** during project development and implementation.

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Applicants need to keep in mind the following keystones:

- ✓ The total project amount should preferentially be, for this call in a range between **EUR 1 and 3.5 million**;
- ✓ Projects will be co-financed and reimbursed up to **75%**;
- ✓ The indicative duration is **up to 36 months**;
- ✓ Projects must **include at least one partner from each Member State** of the cooperation area.
- ✓ **Should involve 4 to 12 full partners**, taking into account that projects must include at least partners from the 4 MS of the cooperation area, one per country.

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Budget allocation 1st Call

- ✓ **45%** of the Programme budget allocated to thematic priorities;
- ✓ This allocation may be adjusted by the Monitoring Committee (MC) in line with Programme needs.

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Eligible Lead Partners for the first call for proposals are:

- ✓ Lead Partner organisations can be public bodies, universities, education and research organisations, private institutions (not-for-profit) and international organisations acting under national law.
- ✓ The **Lead Partner must be located in the Programme eligible area.**

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APPLICATION PACK

The application pack for the call will be available in the Programme website and includes the following:

- Terms of Reference;
- The Programme Manual;
- The statements (templates).

Project applicants who would like to submit a proposal must complete the **application form in English**, and may also be in other Programme working languages.

The **online system runs several automatic validation** checks which prevent a user from submitting the form if it is not properly filled

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION

The following advices should be considered:

- ✓ Read carefully the AA Programme, as all project proposals are required to identify the priority and specific objective they will be contributing to;
- ✓ Get in touch with the AA Joint Secretariat or National Authorities in your country for more information;
- ✓ Check the results already delivered by the AA Programme on the website;
- ✓ Read the Programme Manual.



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HOW PROJECTS WILL BE SELECTED

- ✓ All projects will be assessed by the **Joint Secretariat (JS)** with the support of the **Atlantic Area National Authorities** against a pre-defined set of **selection criteria**, as stated in the Programme Manual.
- ✓ The project assessment is done based on the information submitted at the time of application and the **selection is made by the Programme Monitoring Committee**.
- ✓ **Training will be provided to successful applicants** in relation to effective project implementation throughout the programming period, including Q&A sessions and online tutorials.

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