



# *Ireland Wales Programme: Funding Opportunities*

## *Celtic Nations EU Funding Seminar*

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# Ireland Wales Programme: Who we are

- INTERREG 4A **Cross-border** Programme: eastern Ireland & western Wales
- Managed by the **Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly** (Ireland) in partnership with the **Welsh European Funding Office** (WEFO)
- Funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) as a **European Territorial Cooperation** Programme
- Key funding areas: employment, innovation, environment & community development



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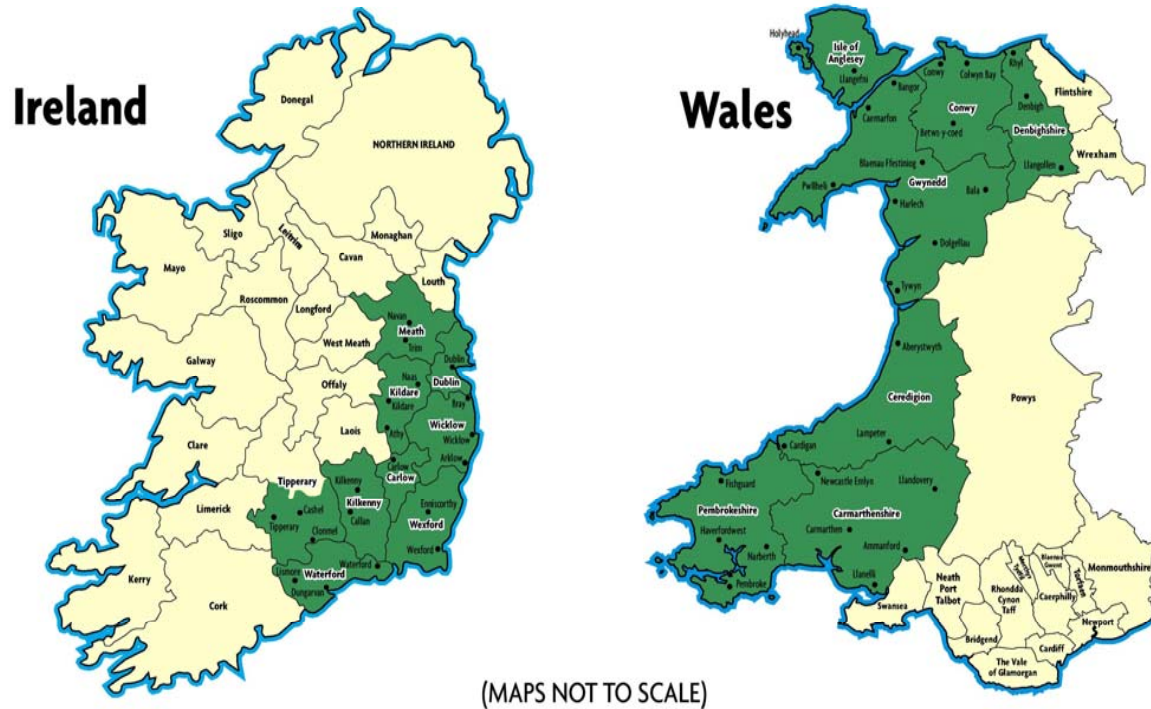
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# The Eligible Programme Area

## Territorial Cooperation Programme (INTERREG 4) 2007-13



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# Programme Priorities 2007-13

## Priority 1: Knowledge, Innovation & Skills for Growth

*Theme 1: Innovation & Competitiveness*

*Theme 2: Skills for Competitiveness & Employment Integration*

## Priority 2: Climate Change & Sustainable Regeneration

*Theme 1: Climate Change & Sustainable Development*

*Theme 2: Sustainable Regeneration of Communities*

*Our projects aim to bring **Irish & Welsh people** together to find solutions to common issues in business, learning, environment and community.*



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# Funding Allocation 2007-13

ERDF Grant	€52.7 million
Match Funding	<u>€17.6 million</u>
Total Budget	€70.3 million

**Maximum 75% grant available for both Irish & Welsh project partners**



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# Who have we funded?

**2007-13: 41 Projects - 133 Partners - 2 Regions**

Organisations Eligible to Apply for Funding:

- Trade Associations & Not-for-profit Organisations
- Community & Voluntary/Third Sector Organisations
- Local & Regional Authorities
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Level Institutions



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# What kind of activity have we funded?

**2007-2013: €52m - 41 Projects - 133 Partners - 2 Regions**



Inventorium



Coracle



Outdoor Tourism

Ecojel



Celtic Sea Trout



*Business Support*

*Training*

*Education*

*Scientific Research*

*Tourism & Heritage*

*Community & Social Enterprise*



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# Third Level Involvement 2007-13

## 41 projects

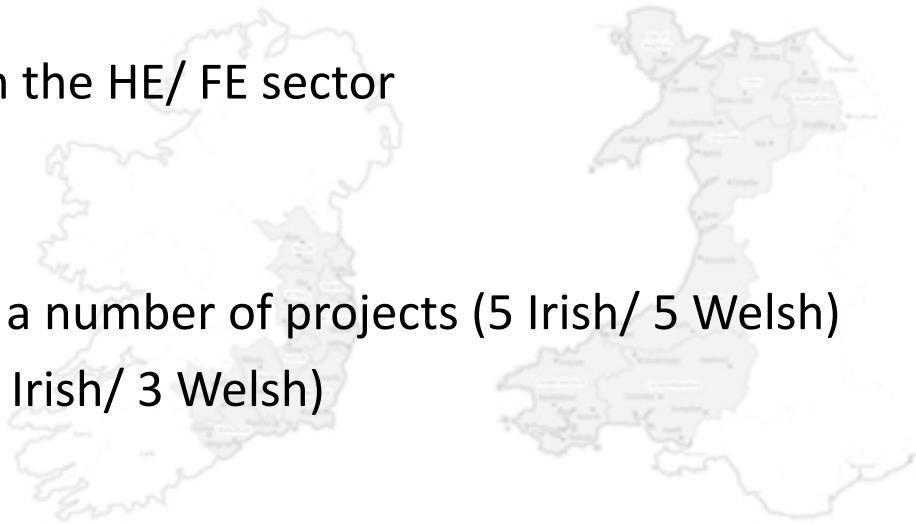
- 63% of projects have a partner from the HE/ FE Sector

## 133 project partners

- 39% of project partners are from the HE/ FE sector

## 2 regions

- 10 universities are partnered on a number of projects (5 Irish/ 5 Welsh)
- 6 Further Education institutes (3 Irish/ 3 Welsh)



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Europe & Wales: Investing in your Future  
European Regional Development Fund





# Third Level Involvement 2007-13

Some educational institutions are involved in more than one project:

Ireland	No.	Wales	No.
University College Dublin	4	Bangor University	9
Trinity College Dublin	3	University of Wales, Trinity St. David	5
Dublin City University	3	Aberystwyth University	3
National University of Ireland Maynooth	1	Swansea University	5
University College Cork	3	Swansea Metropolitan University	2
Waterford Institute of Technology	6	Coleg Menai	1
Institute of Technology Carlow	3	Gower College Swansea	1
Institute of Technology Tallaght	1	Pembrokeshire College	2



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# Case Study: Ecojel



**Priority 2 Theme 1: Climate Change & Sustainable Regeneration**

**Aim:** Identifying and managing the jellyfish threats & opportunities in the Irish Sea.

**Partners:** Swansea University & University College Cork

**Project Cost:** €967,014

**ERDF Award:** €724,940



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# Case Study: Smart Coasts



**Priority 2 Theme 1: Climate Change & Sustainable Regeneration**

**Aim:** *Assisting Irish & Welsh communities to maintain the economic and strategic value of near-shore waters to their economies.*

**Partners:** *University College Dublin & Aberystwyth University*

**Project Cost:** €4,355,404

**ERDF Award:** €3,266,282



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# Case Study: Hercules



## *Priority 2 Theme 2: Sustainable Regeneration of Communities*

***Aim:*** *Piloting an education and community development approach to empower communities to develop sustainable tourism products build on a Sense of Place, combining natural and built assets, culture & heritage.*

***Partners:*** *University of Wales Trinity St. David & Dunhill Rural Enterprises Ltd.*

***Project Cost:*** €526,409

***ERDF Award:*** €394,731



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## Third Level Involvement: CIME



### **Priority 1 Theme 1: Innovation & Competitiveness**

**Aim:** *Developing & Delivering innovative, creativity techniques through dedicated programmes involving specialists to micro & small enterprises to assist them in managing their businesses & exploring new opportunities & new ways of doing business.*

**Partners:** *South East Regional Authority, Kilkenny CEB Ltd., Swansea Metropolitan University, University of Wales, Trinity St. David*

**Project Cost:** €2,239,132

**ERDF Award:** €1,679,410



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# Looking Forward: 2014-20 Programme

## Building on the successes of the Ireland Wales Programmes over the past 20 years:

- 1994-99 – Interreg II
- 2000-06 – Interreg IIIA
- 2007-13 – Interreg IVA

Irish Sea to remain a key focus as the main border between us:  
*Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy – the sea, the shore & the hinterland*



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## 2014-20 : 11 Thematic Objectives

### Draft Common Provisions Regulation (Article 9):

- 1.Strengthening research technological development & innovation
- 2.Enhancing access to, use & quality of information and communication technologies
- 3.Enhancing the competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)
- 4.Supporting the shift towards a low-carbon economy
- 5.Promoting climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
- 6.Protecting the environmental protection & resource efficiency
- 7.Promoting sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
- 8.Promoting employment & supporting labour mobility
- 9.Promoting social inclusion & combating poverty
- 10.Investing education, skills & lifelong learning
- 11.Enhancing institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations



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# Common Performance Indicators (CPI)

**Measuring performance on European Territorial Cooperation projects a constant challenge...how to measure & compare project results?**

CPI a new development for the 2007-13 programming period which aims to:

- Measure performance across all programmes in the EU27
- Tell the story of success and lessons learned more effectively

CPI's for all EU funds included in the draft regulations – specific CPI's drafted for ETC Programmes to reflect their unique nature – results-driven







## 2014-20 Programme Funding

- Funding available to be increased for the new programming period from the current €52.7m grant rate
- While yet to be agreed, the intervention rate will be at least 75%
- Cost simplification



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***Diolch i chi***

***Go raibh maith agaibh***

***Thank you***

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