



## ***Ireland Wales Programme 2007-13***

### ***Access to Finance: EU Funding***

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# Ireland Wales Programme: Who we are

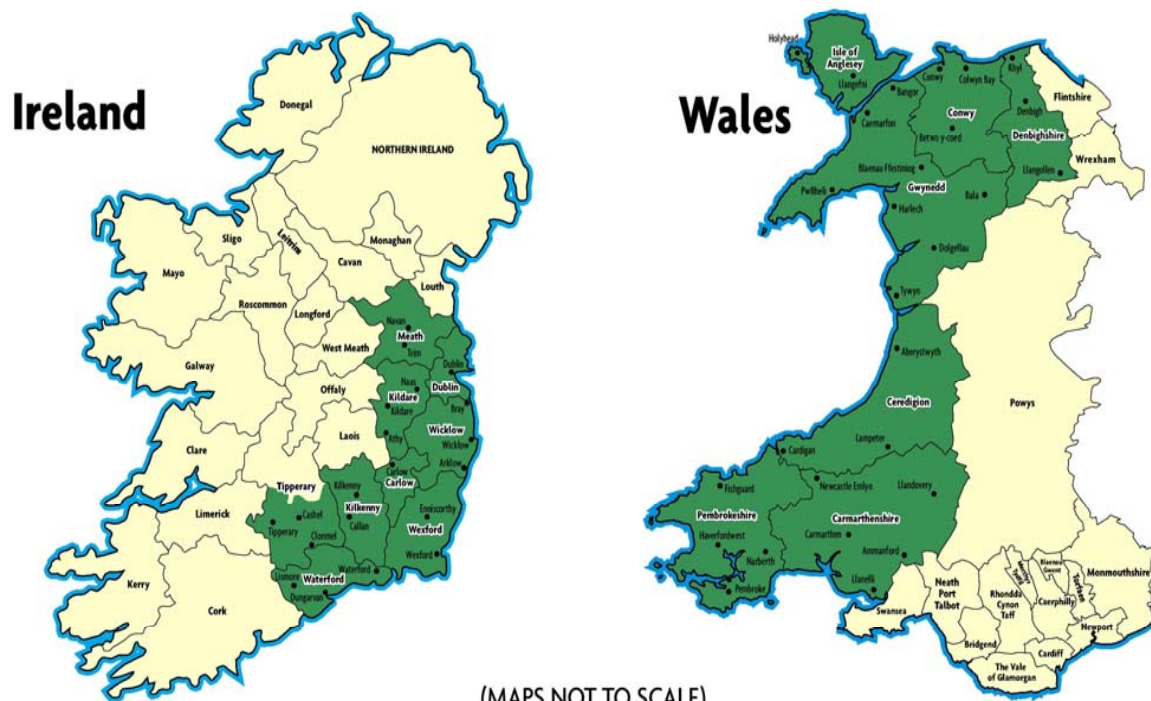
- INTERREG 4A **Cross-border** funding Programme
- Key funding areas: employment, innovation, environment & community development
- Managed by the **Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly (Ireland)**
- Partnered with the Welsh Government
- Part-funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)





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



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# Why Wales? Cross-border Cooperation

Cross-border Cooperation = working with **neighbours**

Irish Sea: a **substantial border** that both regions have responsibility for – sea, shore & hinterland

Common issues affecting both areas: working together builds capacity, opportunities & **added value to finding solutions**

Irish perspective: facilitates **access to the wider UK market** & opens our universities/ IT's up to international **collaboration opportunities**

Ireland Wales INTERREG Funding perspective - **20 years** of collaboration



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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 we have funded: Eligible Partners

**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

**“For-profit” organisations cannot be partners at present, but have benefitted from the activities of our projects**



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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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# Waterford's Involvement 2007-13

Partner Organisation	Project
Waterford Institute of Technology	<p><b>WINSS:</b> Wales Ireland Network for Scientific Skills</p> <p><b>SLNIW:</b> Sustainable Learning Networks Ireland Wales</p> <p><b>GIFT:</b> Green Innovation for Future Technologies</p> <p><b>WIN-IPT:</b> Wales Ireland Network for Photovoltaic Technology</p> <p><b>MISE:</b> Mammals in a Sustainable Environment</p> <p><b>mCommunity</b></p>
Dunhill Rural Enterprises Ltd.	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Active Communities Through Interregional Opportunities &amp; Networks</p> <p><b>Hercules:</b> Heritage and Culture for Learning, Empowerment &amp; Sustainable Tourism</p>
Copper Coast Geopark Ltd.	<b>Metal Links – Forging Communities Together</b>
National Biodiversity Data Centre	<b>MISE:</b> Mammals in a Sustainable Environment
Port of Waterford Company	<b>Celtic Wave – Developing a Sea of Smiles</b>



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# Other Projects Benefitting Waterford 2007-13

<p><b>Project FUTSAL</b> Partner: Football Association of Ireland</p>	<p>Using football to facilitate the provision of education &amp; work opportunities for young people in disadvantaged areas &amp; to influence community regeneration via employment &amp; volunteerism.</p>
<p><b>CIME</b> Partner: South East Regional Authority</p>	<p>Developing &amp; delivering innovative, creativity techniques to micro &amp; small enterprises to assist them to explore new opportunities &amp; new ways of doing business.</p>
<p><b>ACT</b> Partner: South East Regional Authority</p>	<p>Helping businesses in Ireland &amp; Wales to better understand the opportunities that social media, the internet &amp; other modern communication technologies offer.</p>
<p><b>Celtic Community Link</b> Partner: Muintir na Tire</p>	<p>Determining the best method for the Third Sector to provide services to rural areas so that volunteers, community champions or potential social entrepreneurs do not have to travel to urban areas.</p>
<p><b>Green Communities</b> Partner: An Taisce</p>	<p>Supporting people to take responsibility for their local environment &amp; developing an effective model, through cooperation, for engaging communities in the improvement &amp; conservation of their natural environment.</p>



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# Case Study: WIN-IPT



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

**Aim:** An industry-driven initiative, designed to promote innovation & enhance business opportunities for SMEs working in the area of photovoltaic or solar energy technologies.

**Partners:** *Waterford Institute of Technology, Swansea University & Bangor University*

**Project Cost:** €1,775,418  
**ERDF Award:** €1,207,012



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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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## Case Study: 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 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





# Case Study: Project FUTSAL



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

**Aim:** Using football to facilitate the provision of education and work opportunities for young people in disadvantaged areas and to influence and assist community regeneration via employment and volunteerism.

**Partners:** Football Association of Ireland,  
Welsh Football Trust

**Project Cost:** €1,964,665

**ERDF Award:** €1,429,006



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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 (= Priorities)

### 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 environment & 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







## 2014-20 Programme Funding

Funding available to be increased for the new programming period from the current €52.7m grant amount

While yet to be agreed, the intervention rate will be at least 75%

Funding will most likely be available from 2015 – perfect time to prepare ideas & search for the right partners!



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***Diolch i chi***

***Go raibh maith agaibh***

***Thank you***

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