



IRELAND WALES 2007 – 2013

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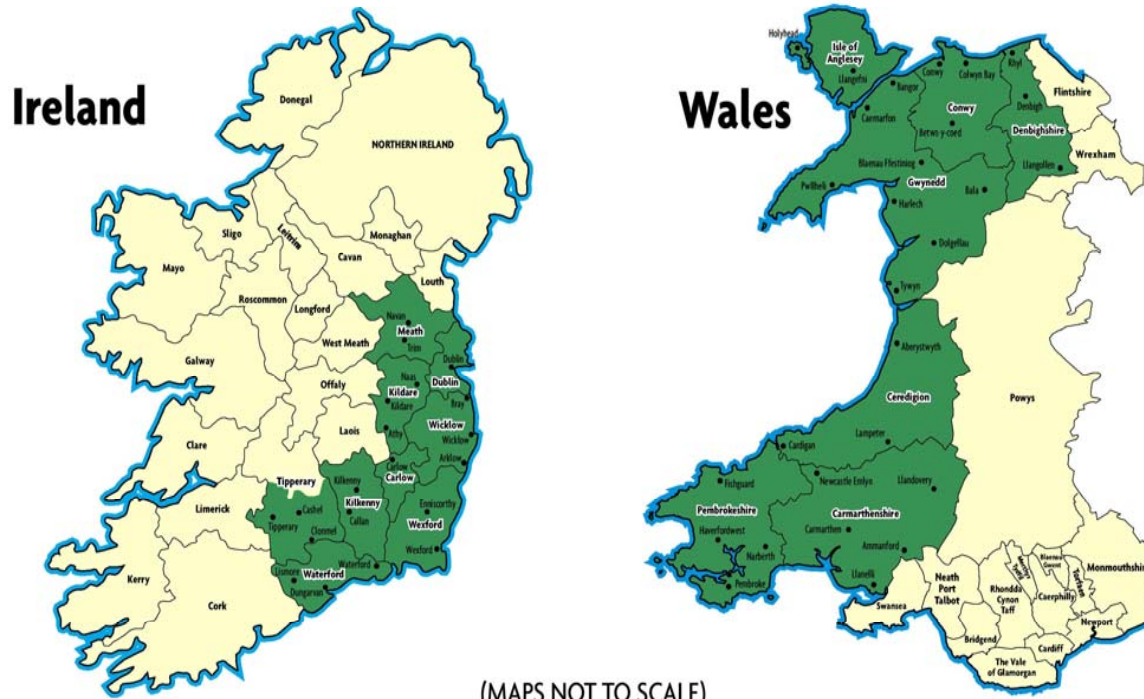
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Ireland Wales Programme Area

Territorial Cooperation Programme (INTERREG 4) 2007-13



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Current Programme Focus: 2007-13

Priority 1

Knowledge, Innovation and Skills for Growth

Theme 1: 14 projects

Innovation & Competitiveness

Theme 2: 11 projects

Skills for Competitiveness & Employment Integration

Priority 2

Climate Change and Sustainable Regeneration

Theme 1: 8 projects

Climate Change & Sustainable Development

Theme 2: 8 projects

Sustainable Regeneration of Communities



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Overall Programme Budget: 2007-13

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

Max. 75% grant available for BOTH Irish & Welsh project partners



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Organisations Eligible to Participate

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



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What makes a good project?

- Strong partnership
- Focus on a few key goals
- Common issues to be addressed
- Networking with relevant stakeholders
- Legacy – outputs & results



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Impact of the Economic Crisis

Opportunities

- Increased interest in Ireland Wales funding
- Targeted calls to ensure balanced commitment
- Programme strategy proved resilient: SME support; community development; environmental research

Threats

- Operational challenges for the Programme
- Effect of credit crunch on project partners



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Patterns: Enterprise Support



Priority 1 Theme 1: 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.

Priority 1 Theme 1: A programme designed to help turn innovative digital ideas into sustainable businesses.



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Patterns: Social Enterprise



Priority 1 Theme 1: *Reducing inequalities & poverty by building a thriving social entrepreneurial culture in the social economies of the cross-border region.*



Priority 2 Theme 2: *Piloting an innovative model which will replicate areas of community and social enterprise success within the cross-border region and enable communities to utilize peer support and expertise through a 'social franchise' concept.*



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Patterns: Environment/Maritime Focus



Priority 2 Theme 1: Protecting & enhancing sustainable tourism, cross-border biodiversity & environmental quality by filling a major gap in the knowledge & management of sea trout fisheries.



Priority 2 Theme 1: Identifying and managing the jellyfish threats & opportunities in the Irish Sea.



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Patterns: Applied Research/ Technology Transfer

CAN Celtic Alliance
for Nanohealth

Priority 1 Theme 1: A cross-border innovation platform linking business & academia in the emerging nanohealth sector in Ireland & Wales.

Priority 1 Theme 2: Developing training programmes in neuroimaging in dementia, technology transfer & translation of technical neuroimaging information into a more accessible & useful format.



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2014-2020 Areas of Interest

- **Strengthening research, technological development & innovation.**
- **Enhancing the competitiveness of small & medium-sized enterprises.**
- **Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention & management.**
- **Protecting the environment & promoting resource efficiency**
- **Promoting social inclusion & combating poverty**

Progress is ongoing; nothing has been confirmed



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ESPON & Programme Development

ESPON Supporting the Ireland Wales Programme:

- Applied Research & Targeted Analysis
- Online Maps & Tools
- Publications: Synthesis Reports; Territorial Observations;

Strong focus on Territorial Cooperation



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