



# Ireland Wales Cooperation Programme 2014-20

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**European Union**  
European Regional  
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## ***2014-20 Programme Vision***

*‘To provide the framework for organisations in the cross-border area to actively cooperate to address challenges and shared priorities of common interest on both sides of the Irish Sea thereby contributing and adding value to the economic and sustainable development priorities of Ireland and Wales’*



# ***20 years of Ireland-Wales cross-border cooperation***



**2014-20 Programme will build on the successes of past Ireland  
Wales programmes**

1994-99 – Interreg II

2000-06 – Interreg IIIA

2007-13 – Interreg IVA

Key aim: to address challenges and shared priorities of common  
interest to Ireland and Wales



# Eligible Area 2014-20

Eastern & southern counties of Ireland & western counties of Wales

## Ireland

Dublin  
Meath  
Kildare  
Wicklow  
Carlow  
Kilkenny  
Wexford  
Waterford  
\*Tipperary  
\*Cork  
\*Kerry

## Wales

\*Swansea  
Carmarthenshire  
Pembrokeshire  
Ceredigion  
Gwynedd  
Isle of Anglesey  
Conwy  
Denbighshire  
\*Flintshire  
\*Wrexham

\*Programme area extended to include these previously adjacent areas

IRELAND/WALES CROSS BORDER PROGRAMME (2014-2020)



# ***Why co-operate with Wales?***

**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

20 year history of successful Ireland Wales INTERREG collaboration & far longer history of cultural connections



# ***Programme Priorities 2014-20***

## ***Priority 1: R&D and Innovation***

Strengthening research, technological development and innovation

***Priority 2: Climate Change Adaptation:*** promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management

***Priority 3: Utilisation of Cultural & Natural Resources and Heritage:*** protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency



# ***Priority 1 2014-20***

## ***R&D and Innovation: Strengthening research, technological development and innovation***

Particular focus on increasing innovation within SMEs, including social enterprises, within shared priorities of the smart specialisation strategies.

Focus on the “test” or “development” phases of innovation

Focussing on activities and sectors where there is complementarity between the expertise in both areas, including:

- Marine & environmental sciences
- Food & drink
- Life sciences



## ***Priority 2 2014-20***

### ***Climate Change Adaptation: promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management***

Building knowledge about specific impacts of climate change on the Irish Sea

Impacts of climate change on coastal communities and the hinterland

Research, shared expertise, monitoring impacts & raising awareness about climate change

Building on the successes of the 07-13 Programme





## ***Priority 3 2014-20***

### ***Utilisation of Cultural & Natural Resources and Heritage: protecting the environment and promoting resource efficiency***

Building on the successes of the 07-13 programme's projects which addressed the marine environment from a community perspective

Exploring economic potential of sustainably harnessing our natural & cultural resources

Regenerating local economies through community engagement



# *Activities to be Supported*

More limited, focused and concentrated – maximising impact of projects

Contribute to finding solutions to the challenges identified for the cross-border area – Cooperation Programme document (to be published)

Have a greater focus on measurable outcomes and results – set at Programme & European-level this time

Opportunities to pilot, test activity which can feed into Irish and Welsh regional programmes – platform for wider collaboration and regional development



## ***Funding Allocation 2014-20***

ERDF grant available increased to around €79m ERDF  
(2007-13 period approx.€52m ERDF)

Grant rate to be agreed/ approved for 2014-20 period  
(75% during the 2007-13 period)

Funding available from 2015 – perfect time to prepare ideas & search  
for the right partners



# *Eligible Applicants*

- National, Regional & Local Authorities
- Government Departments
- State Agencies
- Universities & Higher Education Colleges
- Innovation & Research Centres
- Business Associations, networks & Support agencies
- Chambers of Commerce
- SMEs – (Nature of participation TBC)
- Social Enterprises
- Community Sector & Civil Society



# ***Management Arrangements 2014-20***

**Managing Authority for 14-20:** Welsh European Funding Office in partnership with the Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly and the Irish Government

**Joint Secretariat:** to be located in Carmarthen, Wales

**Project Development Officers:** 4 (2 in Ireland & 2 in Wales)

Irish PDOs will be located at the S&E Regional Assembly



***Diolch i chi***

***Go raibh maith agaibh***

***Thank you***

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