



## IRELAND WALES PROGRAMME 2007 – 2013 (INTERREG 4A)

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#### Funding Call Now Open

In operation since 2007, the Ireland Wales Programme is now open for its fourth call for proposals. As an EU Structural Funded Programme, Ireland Wales seeks projects that aim to jointly address the challenges in EU, Irish and Welsh policies and have a positive impact on local communities in the cross-border area.

At a time when funding opportunities are limited, the Ireland Wales Programme offers eligible organisations an excellent source of funding for innovative cross border projects. A total of €27.8m remains available, providing huge scope for organisations to develop innovative solutions to the shared challenges of the Ireland Wales Programme area.

As Simon Baily announced the call, he said “The 4<sup>th</sup> call represents an opportunity for Irish and Welsh organisations to come together and pool their resources in these challenging times. Significant funds are available for organisations who wish to develop exciting, innovative projects.”

In addition, the programme would particularly welcome smaller scale pioneering pilot projects from organisations that are active in the community development and community regeneration field.

The Ireland Wales Programme has a dedicated Development Officer team in both Ireland and Wales who provide potential support in the development of a successful application. All details of the current call for proposals can be found on [www.irelandwales.ie](http://www.irelandwales.ie)

The closing date for applications is as follows:

Priority 1 30 April 2010 at 17:00

Priority 2 11 June 2010 at 17.00



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Note for editors:

The Ireland Wales Programme is part of the Interreg 4A EU Structural Funds initiative which supports cross border development projects between the east and south east of Ireland and the western coastal counties of Wales.

Funding is available through the Programme from 2007-2013. Approximately €52 million has been made available in EU grant support over its lifetime. The programme has approved 17 projects worth €21.7 million or 43% of the overall ERDF grant allocation to date.

The Programme focuses on co-operation to ensure integrated regional development through common strategies. This Programme is seeking projects that aim to jointly address the challenges laid out in EU, Irish and Welsh policies and have a positive impact on local communities in the cross-border area.

The geographic areas eligible to participate in the programme are:

Ireland: Dublin, Meath, Kildare, Wicklow, Carlow, Wexford, Kilkenny, Waterford & South Tipperary

Wales: Isle of Anglesey (Ynys Mon), Gwynedd, Conwy, Denbighshire, Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire & Pembrokeshire

Adjacent areas (limited budget available): Cork & Kerry in Ireland and Swansea, Flintshire & Wrexham in Wales.