



PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

Forthcoming 5th Call for Main Project Applications

1st October 2017 – 28th February 2018

Background

The Northern Periphery and Arctic 2014-2020 Programme is part of the European Territorial Cooperation Objective supported by the European Regional Development Fund. The programme contributes to and aligns with the Europe 2020 Strategy, national and regional policies and development strategies, macro regional and sea basin strategies, and other programmes covering parts of the geographical area.

The programme's vision is to assist in the generation of vibrant, competitive and sustainable communities, by harnessing innovation, expanding the capacity for entrepreneurship and seizing the unique growth initiatives and opportunities of the Northern and Arctic regions in a resource efficient way.

To date, the NPA 2014-2020 Monitoring Committee has in total committed approximately 67% of the programme funding to 35 projects.

Purpose of main project call pre-announcement

In order to encourage high quality applications, the Monitoring Committee of NPA 2014-2020 would like main project applicants to start to develop their main project ideas, explore potential partnership and investigate match funding sources.

Special note

Applicants from the Faroe Islands and Greenland should be aware of financial limitations in the Faroese and Greenlandic funding sources. However, "Geographical flexibility" rules are in effect, these rules specifically allow for the use of ERDF funding for Faroese and Greenlandic partners. (Please the NPA Programme manual section 1.5.2 for further details).

What the Monitoring Committee is looking for in the 5th call

Priority Axis 1:

- The MC is looking to fund 4 projects in Priority Axis 1; specifically, 2 projects in each specific objective -1.1 and 1.2.

Priority Axis 2:

- The MC is looking to fund 8 projects in Priority Axis 2; specifically, 2 projects in specific objective 2.1 and 6 projects in specific objective 2.2.

Priority Axis 3:

- The MC is looking to fund 6 projects in Priority Axis 3.

Priority Axis 4:

- The MC is looking to fund 1 project in Priority Axis 4.

For all Priority Axes, the following is highlighted:

- All projects are expected make a special effort to include end users in their project proposals. End user involvement can be demonstrated by the composition of the partnership (e.g. involvement as full project partners, sub partners or associated partners), the involvement of end users as described in dedicated work package activities, or by attaching letters of support from end users.
- Projects are encouraged to include measures to involve underrepresented groups such as young women and indigenous peoples.
- In order to increase the impact of the NPA 2014-2020 on innovation and entrepreneurship in the programme area, projects are encouraged to address topics in a broader sense.

OPENING OF 5th CALL:	1 st October 2017
APPLICATION DEADLINE:	28 th February 2018
DECISION DATE:	13 th June 2018
FURTHER INFO:	Details of the call will be available 1 st October 2017 and published on the programme website

Guidance for applicants

See the NPA 2014-2020 Programme Manual ([click to download](#)) for a description of the Priority Axes, instructions for how to apply and the NPA eligibility rules.

Disclaimer: A finalised version of the Terms of Reference with further specification of the prioritised themes will be available on 1st October 2017

How to Apply Seminar

How to Apply Seminars will be organised on 23rd November 2017 and 11th January 2018 in Copenhagen at the offices of the Joint Secretariat. These seminars will offer technical sessions on the application form, budget and partnership. The seminars will be conducted as a combination of the presentation of factual material and on-line eMS tutorials. Registration will be opened on 1st October 2017 and space is limited to one person per project application.

Important note regarding future calls for main projects

The NPA Monitoring Committee will decide on the exact dates and the focus of the next call in June 2018. This will be communicated on the NPA 2014-2020 website and through the Regional Contact Point network.

Preparatory project call

The call is ongoing, which means that applications can be submitted at any time. Preparatory Project decisions will be made by the Joint Secretariat. The approval process takes approximately 1 month from submission. Preparatory project idea developers are encouraged to aim the end date of their preparatory projects to coincide with the Fifth Call deadline. See www.interreg-npa.eu for further details and instructions.

Further information

If you are interested in applying, we recommend that you are in touch with the Regional Contact Point in your region, [click here for contact details](#). Alternatively, you can contact Christopher Parker at the Joint Secretariat, christopher.parker@interreg-npa.eu