

Interreg NWE 2014-2020

How to get involved

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Investing in Opportunities

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Aim: to reduce disparities between NWE-regions

Method: Transnational Cooperation

3 thematic Priorities:

1. Innovation
2. Low carbon
3. Resource and Materials Efficiency

NWE Cooperation Area

involves 8 countries: BE, CH, DE, FR, IE, LU, NL, UK

Budget 2014-2020 to co-finance projects:
€370 m ERDF



What is new?

+Thematic focus

+Resultorientation

+2-stage application process

+Grant rate now up to 60%

New application process

2 step application

“light” application
form



Full work plan



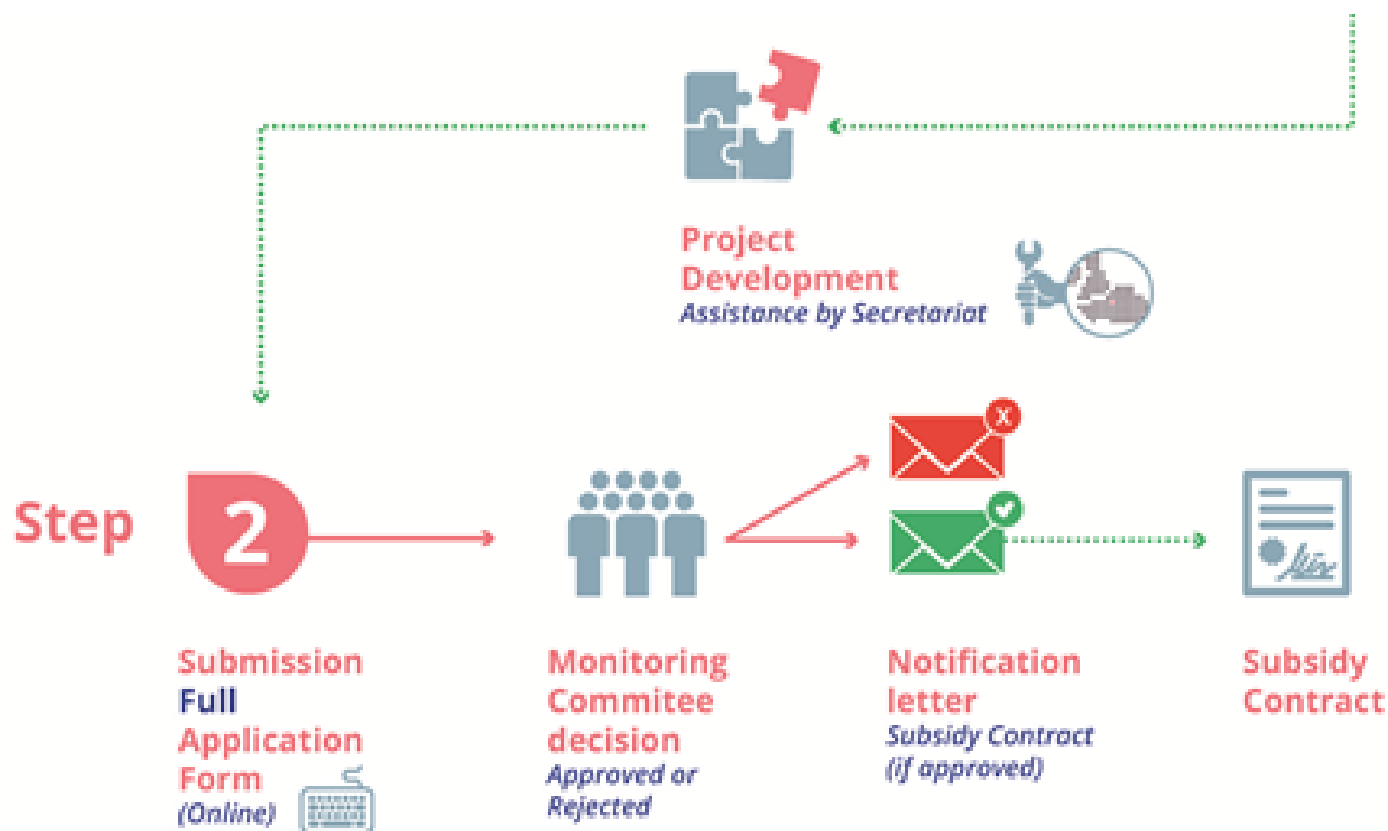
Application Process

Step 1



Application Process

Step 2



2 stage application

Step 1

Core idea - what change do you want to contribute to?

Transnational need for project

Cooperation intensity

Project objective

Project results & Long-term effects

Core partnership/strategic concept

Global budget

Step 2

Additional fields:

Communication strategy

Risk management

Sub-objectives, WPs & actions

Quantified outputs & results

Full partnership

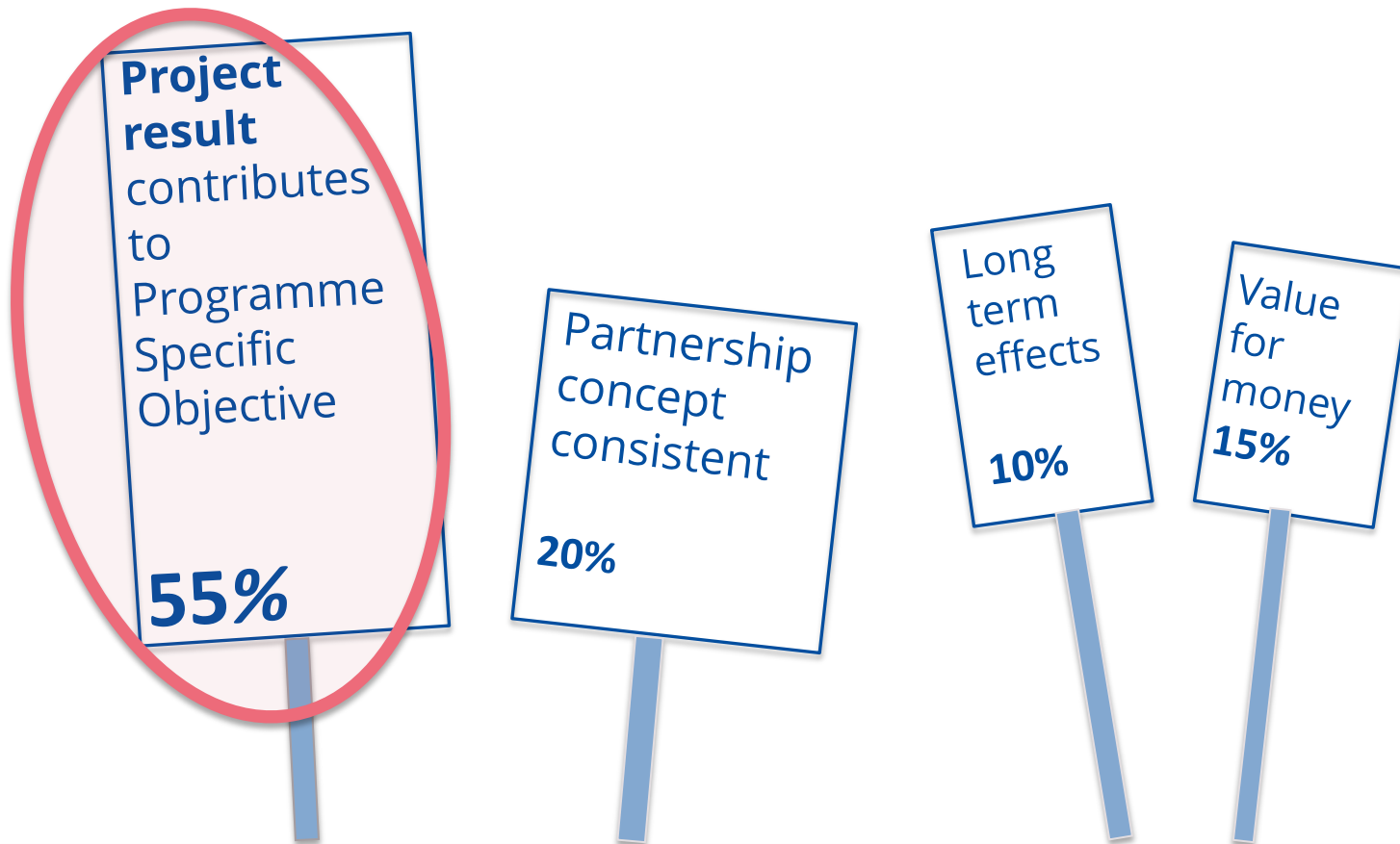
Detailed budget

How will my project be assessed?

- Eligibility check
- Quality assessment

All criteria listed in Programme Manual
(Version 3, Feb 2016)

Quality criteria in Step 1



strategic

Quality criteria in Step 2

Project result
contributes to
Programme
Specific
Objective

15%

Cooperation
intensity

15%

Partnership
quality

10%

Long
term
effects

15%

VfM
5%

strategic

operational

Work plan

30%

Budget

5%

Risk
management
5%

What makes a « good » project?

- starts with defining its need
- is in line with objectives of european, national or regional strategies
- contributes to the programme objectives
- quantifies as much as possible
- delivers value for money
- shows a high level of cooperation
- builds on previous work
- makes a lasting change
- has an innovative approach
- has a strong and mixed partnership

Who can apply?

All types of organisations

- Interest Groups, including NGOs
- Public
- Private (profit and non-profit making)
- Research



Partnership should involve the relevant type of organisations / competences needed to reach the project objective.

Finance – Eligible Costs

Budget lines

- Staff
- Administration (overheads)
- Travel and accommodation
- External expertise and services
- Equipment
- Small Infrastructure and construction works

Some new operational features 2014-2020

- lump sum payment for preparation costs (if successful at stage 2)
- Simplified financial procedures, e.g. fixed rate administration costs
- Online submissions, reporting and claiming

NWE after 2 Calls

	Applications submitted	Applications eligible	Approved step 1	Approved step 2
Call 1	82	77	19	6 (3 not yet decided)
Call 2	86	79	21	?

- Number of applications received Call 1 / Call 2 remains stable
- Level of ineligible applications is low
- Step 1 success rates are relatively high in both calls : around 25 %
- Call 1 Step 2 : only 15 applications submitted out of 19 approved; success rate of 40% (could go up to 60% if the “not yet decided” are approved)

Approved Step 1 projects some examples

- Business support to biobased economy leading to new products
- Decentralised carbon hybrid energy systems combined with local energy storage
- High quality recycling of construction and demolition waste
- Adhesive free timber products
- Extraction of phosphor from sewage sludge

Points of attention

- Project focus: clear objective on a single theme or topic
- Internal coherence: market failure – objective – results
- Importance of quantifiable and achievable results
- Long-term and sustainable impact (what happens when the project finishes?)

How to participate in an NWE-project?

NWE-level:

- Sign up for alerts on the programme website
- Participate in transnational partner search and networking events (Frankfurt 7th April 2016)
- Project idea database on www.nweurope.eu
- Sign up for the thematic LinkedIn groups on www.nweurope.eu

National level:

- One-to-one meetings with the programme contact point in Luxembourg
- Sign up to our national Interreg-mailing list by sending an email to cpInterreg.EuropeNwe@mat.etat.lu

Call Calendar

	 Application deadline	Notification step 1	Deadline step 2	Notification step 2
CALL 3	27 May 2016	Mid Sept. 2016	End Dec. 2016	March 2017
CALL 4	18 Nov. 2016	March 2017	June 2017	Sept. 2017

Good luck!

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