European Project Development Experience

Survey results and recommendations
Experience in European Projects

- Drafting applications
- Project implementation
- National Contact Points
- Project management
- Monitoring and Steering Committees
- Communication
Interests in programmes

- INTERREG NSR: 14
- Horizon Europe: 11
- INTERREG Europe: 10
- Erasmus+: 6
- Creative Europe: 4
- LIFE +: 3

European Programme
## Interests in themes

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<th>A climate-neutral NSR</th>
<th>A productive and sustainable North Sea</th>
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<td>• Clean shipping, climate-neutral and inclusive transport</td>
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<td>• Maritime spatial planning</td>
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Recommendations

- A project development team with members from all thematic groups and countries will be established, and the team reports regularly at ExCom meetings.

- The project development team meets regularly to screen calls within different programmes in order to identify potential topics of particular interest for the NSC, and make the thematic groups aware of those.

- Project development should be a regular item on the agenda of thematic group meetings.

- The project development team offers assistance to thematic groups that have identified project ideas.

- NSC member regions which are initiating or being invited to participate in new projects should inform other members thereof.

- Regions should disseminate practices & solutions from past or ongoing projects with a potential of being replicated in other NSC member regions.

- The project develop team establishes contact with related functions at the CPMR secretariat and in other geographical commissions.
Purpose

1) Develop a pipeline of European projects across NSC member regions that can contribute to fulfilling the vision and support the priorities and key topics of the North Sea Region (NSR) 2030 strategy.

2) Capitalise on and exploit the results of ongoing and past European projects in support of the NSR 2030 strategy – hereunder to inform the development of policy papers, political statements and resolutions.
Tasks

- Identify the most relevant programmes to work with.
- Whenever relevant and feasible, provide input to the development of programmes, definition of calls and work programmes.
- Screen calls within relevant programmes in order to identify topics of particular relevance for the priorities in the NSR 2030 strategy, and make the thematic groups aware of those.
- Participate in programme events related to partner search, matchmaking, project development and dissemination.
- Disseminate partner or project searches to NSC member regions.
- Offer assistance to the thematic groups or member regions who would like to develop project applications.
- Screen results of past projects in programme data bases, e.g. CORDIS, KEEP.eu, to promote capitalisation and exploitation of results in support of the NSR 2030 strategy.
Scope

The team (PT) will concentrate its activities on European programmes under which most of the NSC member countries and regions are eligible to participate, such as:

- Interreg North Sea Region (NSR) Programme
- Interreg Europe
- Horizon Europe – mainly thematic clusters and missions under pillar 2
- Erasmus+
- Creative Europe
- LIFE
- Digital Europe Programme
- Connecting Europe Facility – mainly the strands on energy and transport
- European Maritime and Fisheries Fund