



Special EU Programmes Body  
Foras Um Chláir Speisialta An AE  
Boord O Owre Ocht UE Projects

# European Territorial Co-Operation 2014 – 2020

## Public Consultation Workshop

**Preparing a new EU Programme for Cross Border  
Co-Operation (INTERREG V) and a new EU  
Programme for Peace and Reconciliation (PEACE IV)**



**European Union**  
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# Public Consultation Workshop Agenda

10h00

Welcome and Introductions

The Consultation Process

The EU Context

Preparing the Programmes – Key Issues

Key Questions for Consideration

11h15

Coffee Break

Breakout Group Discussions

Feedback from Group Discussions

13h00

Lunch

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# **The Consultation Process**

**28 August – 20 November 2012**

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# How to Respond to the Consultation

Download Information from SEUPB website – [www.seupb.eu](http://www.seupb.eu)

Consultation Information Document

Consultation Response Document

Consider Consultation Information Document

Complete Consultation Response Document

Email Response **by 20 November 2012** to [consultation@seupb.eu](mailto:consultation@seupb.eu)

Attend Public Consultation Event

Tuesday 4 September, Templepatrick  
Tuesday 11 September, Londonderry / Derry  
Tuesday 18 September, Belfast  
Thursday 4 October, Inverness

Friday 5 October, Glasgow  
Wednesday 10 October, Cavan,  
Tuesday 23 October, Donegal Town  
Thursday 25 October, Armagh

# Who is involved in the Consultation?

- Programme Development Steering Group
  - Government Departments in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Scotland
  - Political Parties
  - Project Promoters
  - Wider Stakeholders
  - General Public
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**August – November 2012**  
**Public Consultation**

**November – December 2012**  
**Outline Operational Programmes**

**January – March 2013**  
**Further refinement of Operational Programmes**

**April – June 2013 (tbc)**  
**Formal statutory consultation on draft Operational Programmes, SEAs and EQIAs**

**Summer / Autumn 2013**  
**Approval of Operational Programmes by NI Executive / Irish Government / Scottish Government**

**Autumn 2013**  
**Submission, negotiation and approval of Operational Programmes with European Commission**

**Early 2014**  
**Commencement of new INTERREG V and PEACE IV Programmes**

**Ex Ante Evaluations**

**Strategic Environmental Assessments**

**Equality Impact Assessments**

# **The EU Context for Cohesion Policy**

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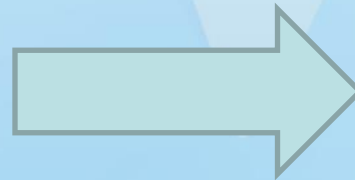
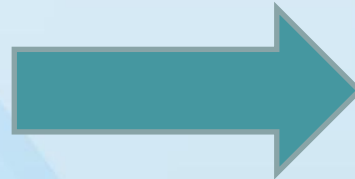
# The EU Context for Cohesion Policy

- Europe 2020 Strategy
- Smart Growth
- Sustainable Growth
- Inclusive Growth

5th Cohesion Report

Cohesion Policy draft  
Regulations

EU Budget



**European  
Territorial Co-  
Operation  
Programmes  
PEACE IV  
INTERREG V**



# Cohesion Policy Funding 2014 – 2020

- Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)
  - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
  - **European Territorial Co-Operation (ETC)**
  - European Social Fund (ESF)
  - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)
  - European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)
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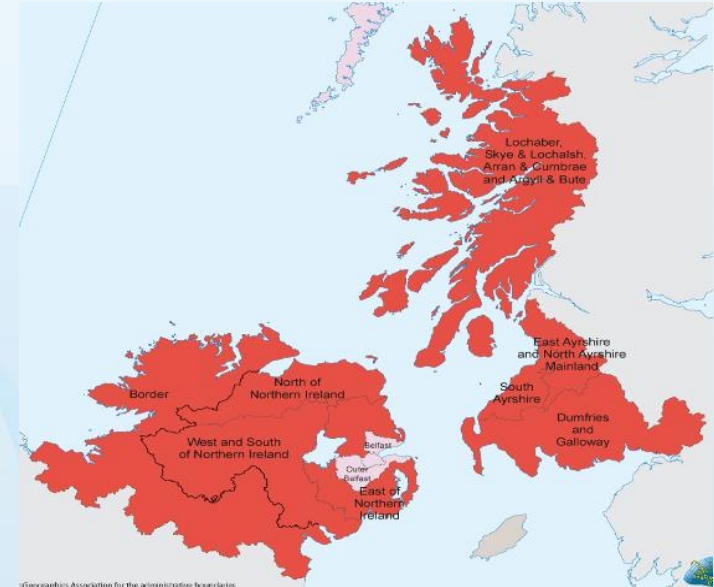
# **Preparing the Programmes PEACE IV and INTERREG V – Key Issues**

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# Eligible Area (Appendix 1)

## INTERREG V

- Northern Ireland the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland
- Bilateral / Trilateral Projects



©Geographical Association for the administrative boundaries

## PEACE IV

- Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland
- Bilateral / Single jurisdiction projects



# General Considerations for both Programmes

No	Thematic Objectives (Appendix 2)	
1	<b>Research and Innovation</b>	<b>(ERDF)</b>
2	<b>Information and Communications Technology</b>	
3	<b>Competitiveness of SMEs</b>	<b>(ERDF)</b>
4	<b>Shift towards a low carbon economy</b>	<b>(ERDF)</b>
5	<b>Climate change adaptation and risk prevention and management</b>	
6	<b>Environmental protection and resource efficiency</b>	
7	<b>Sustainable transport and removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures</b>	
8	<b>Employment and supporting labour mobility</b>	<b>(ESF)</b>
9	<b>Social inclusion and combating poverty</b>	<b>(ESF)</b>
10	<b>Education, skills and lifelong learning</b>	<b>(ESF)</b>
11	<b>Institutional capacity building and efficient public administrations</b>	

# General Considerations for both Programmes

- Options for sustainable urban development (Appendix 3)
  - Options for integrated territorial investment (Appendix 3)
  - Delivery Options (Appendix 4)
    - Community Led Local Development
    - Joint Action Plans
  - Financial Instruments (Appendix 5)
  - Performance Framework – linked to payments
  - Eligibility Rules
  - De-commitment rule - N+3
  - ERDF Rate - up to 75%
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# **Consultation Questions for Consideration**

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# INTERREG V Cross Border Programme

## 1. Learning the Lessons from the Current Programme

### Q. 1.a.

If you are currently involved in INTERREG funding, please share your experiences of the impact of the programme on the cross-border region.

### Q.1.b.

Please share with us your views of what works well in the current programme as well as what could be improved.

### Q.1.c.

If you have not been involved in INTERREG funding, can you please identify any obstacles to your participation and your views on how can these could be addressed?

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# INTERREG V Cross Border Programme

## 2. Themes for INTERREG V

### Q. 2.a

What are the problems / issues /opportunities in the cross-border area that are best addressed by the new INTERREG V cross-border programme? (Please bear in mind the eleven themes outlined in Appendix 2)

### Q.2.b

In your view, what type of change should the INTERREG V programme be striving to bring about in relation to these problems / issues / opportunities?

### Q.2.c

Bearing in mind your answers to 2a and 2b, from the list of thematic objectives in Appendix 2, which 4 objectives should be included in the new programme?

### Q.2.d

What are your views on including a sustainable urban development dimension and / or an integrated territorial investment option? (see Appendix 3)

### Q.2.e

Do you have any cross-border projects in mind that will contribute to bringing about the type of change that you think is necessary within the region?

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# INTERREG V Cross Border Programme

## 3. Eligible Area

### Q. 3.

What are your views on the eligible area?

## 4. Delivery Structures for INTERREG V

### Q.4.a.

Bearing in mind the limited number of themes, the need for a strategic approach and the need to ensure delivery of bilateral and trilateral projects, what delivery mechanisms do you consider to be appropriate to implement the INTERREG V cross-border programme?

### Q.4.b.

What are your views on using the Community Led Local Development approach and / or Joint Action Plans (as outlined in Appendix 4)?

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# PEACE IV Programme

## 5. Learning the Lessons from the Current Programme

### Q.5.a.

If you are currently involved in PEACE III Programme please comment on / share your experiences of the impact of the programme?

### Q.5.b.

Please share with us your views of what works well in the current programme and what could be improved.

### Q.5.c.

If you have not been involved in PEACE funding, can you please identify any obstacles to your participation and your views on how these can be addressed?

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# PEACE IV Programme

## 6. Themes for PEACE IV

### Q.6.a.

What type of change do you wish to see in the Northern Ireland and the border region society over the next 7 years?

### Q.6.b.

What type of activities should the PEACE Programme fund to bring about this change?

### Q.6.c.

Based on your answer to question 6.a. and 6.b., and from the list of thematic objectives in Appendix 2, identify up to 4 thematic objectives that should be included in the new programme.

### Q.6.d.

What are your views on including a sustainable urban development dimension and / or an integrated territorial investment option in the programme?

### Q.6.e.

Do you have any projects in mind that will contribute to bringing about the type of change that you think is necessary within the region?

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# PEACE IV Programme

## 7. Delivery Structures for PEACE IV

### Q.7.a.

Bearing in mind the specific objectives of the PEACE Programme what delivery mechanisms do you consider to be appropriate to implement the PEACE IV Programme?

### Q.7.b.

What are your views on using the Community Led Local Development approach and / or Joint Action Plans (as outlined in Appendix 4)?

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# General Questions

## 8. Application, Assessment and Approval of Projects

### Q.8.

Please provide suggestions on how the assessment and approval process could be improved in the new programming period to ensure the timely approval of projects.

## 9. Project Financing and Match Funding

### Q.9.a.

Please provide suggestions on the arrangements for match funding. Should the current arrangements to source match funding continue, or should some or all of match funding be provided by the applicant (public or private)?

### Q.9.b.

What are your views on the use of financial instruments in the INTERREG and / or PEACE programmes?

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# General Questions

## 10. Reducing the Administrative Burden

### Q.10.a.

What are your views on these proposals to reduce the administrative burden on beneficiaries in the new programming period?

### Q.10.b.

Please provide additional suggestions on how to reduce the administrative burden

## 11. Equality

### Q.11.

Please describe any actions the Programmes could take in relation to promoting equal opportunities including the integration of a gender perspective, and the prevention of discrimination, during programme preparation and implementation?

## 12. Environment

### Q.12

Please describe any actions that the programmes could take to protect and improve the environment during both programme preparation and implementation.

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# Coffee Break

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# **Breakout Group Discussions**

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# Feedback from Groups

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**Lunch**

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