



Northern Periphery and
Arctic Programme
2014–2020

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Interreg NPA – current and future programme & Blue Economy

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Brief introduction to Interreg

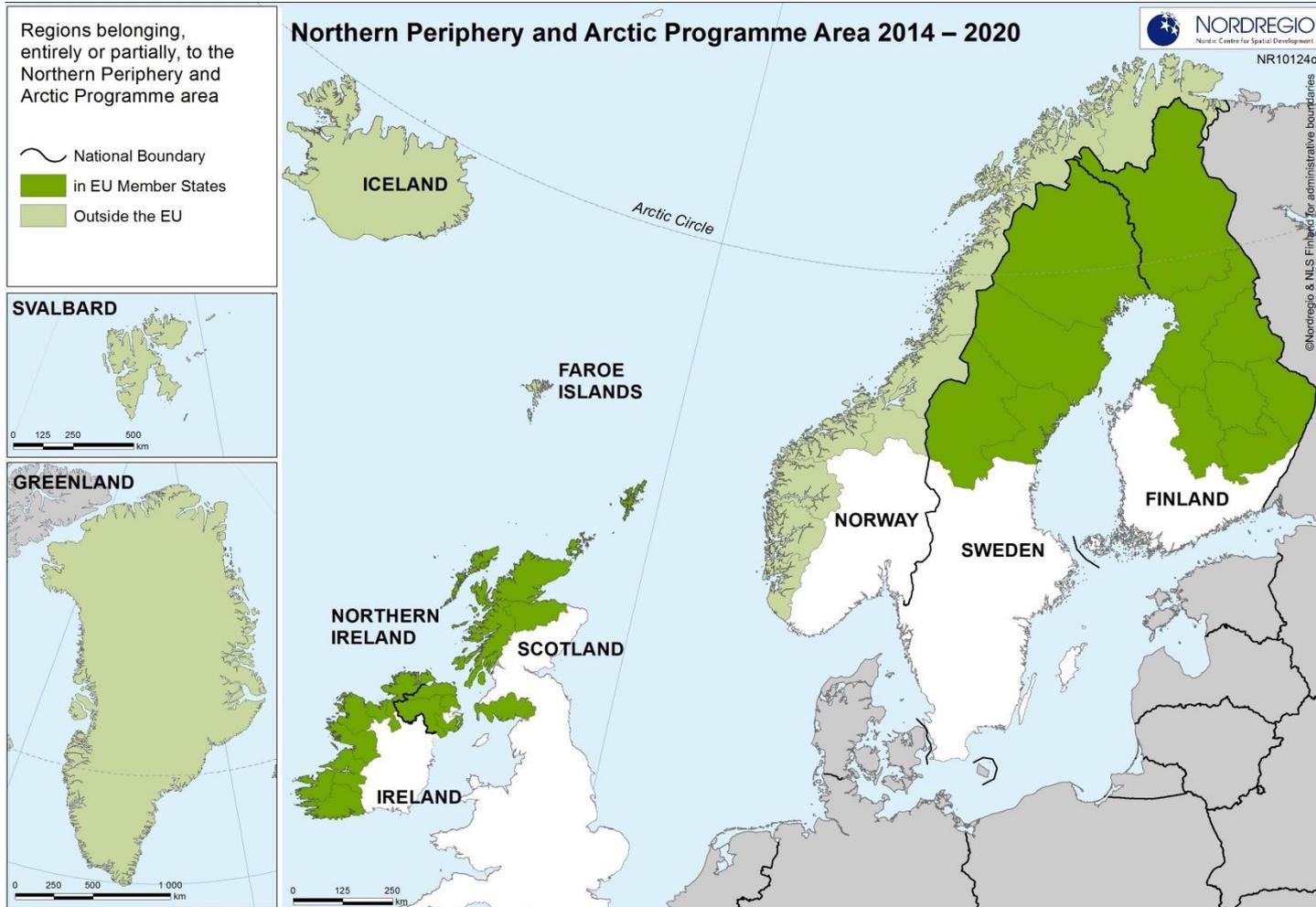
- Interreg is one of the two goals of the EU Cohesion Policy
- It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- Interreg has three types of cooperation programmes: NPA → Transnational strand





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Briefly about the NPA 2014-2020



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NPA and the Blue Economy

Project	Main objectives	Partnership
	<p>Practical guidance to support local authorities in the protection, promotion and development of the unique natural and cultural heritage of the coastal zone to achieve SMART Blue Growth. Example: using drones to monitor coastal change.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: Agricultural University of Iceland</p> <p>Partnership: Northern Ireland, Ireland, Finland</p>
	<p>Upskilling coastal local authorities, pooling their competences and data on oil weathering, sharing best practices in oil spill response technologies and models. Development of an interactive smart map and decision-making tools for professionals.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: University of Oulu, Finland</p> <p>Partnership: Finland, Norway, Scotland, Iceland</p>
	<p>Pursuing innovative and sustainable approaches towards the processing, recycling and repurposing of marine plastic waste.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: North Highland College UHI, Scotland</p> <p>Partnership: Ireland, England, Greenland, Norway</p>
	<p>Helping small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) offering products and services within fishing gear recycling solutions in the NPA region to attain a greater market reach. The project will set up clusters of SMEs, create circular business models, and stimulate market demand.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway</p> <p>Partnership: Greenland, Scotland, England, Ireland</p>





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	<p>The establishment of a “brand” of excellence for seaweed across the NPA region demonstrating that seaweed from the area is high quality, consistent and sustainable. The project pilots new solutions for the benefit of producers.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: Lews Castle College UHI, Scotland</p> <p>Partnership: Scotland, Greenland, Ireland, Sweden, Faroe Islands, Iceland</p>
	<p>To stimulate the creation of a sustainable, lucrative and economically beneficial sea urchin industry in the NPA region. The creation and dissemination of new and existing technology and knowledge to SMEs, research institutes, businesses, and government agencies.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: Nofima, Norway</p> <p>Partnership: Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Greenland</p>
	<p>Creating, making, and testing product service systems that will help all parties involved to verify storage conditions and to improve and ensure the quality of seafood. The project developed a smart label for monitoring and tracking location and temperature of packages during transport.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: University of Iceland</p> <p>Partnership: Scotland, Finland, Norway</p>
	<p>Developing a blockchain model that ensures traceability of high value seafood through the supply chain from producer to consumer, ensuring value associated to provenance, environmental stewardship, quality and trust is maintained, particularly by SMEs in remote and sparsely populated areas.</p>	<p>Lead Partner: Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scotland</p> <p>Partnership: Iceland, Norway</p>

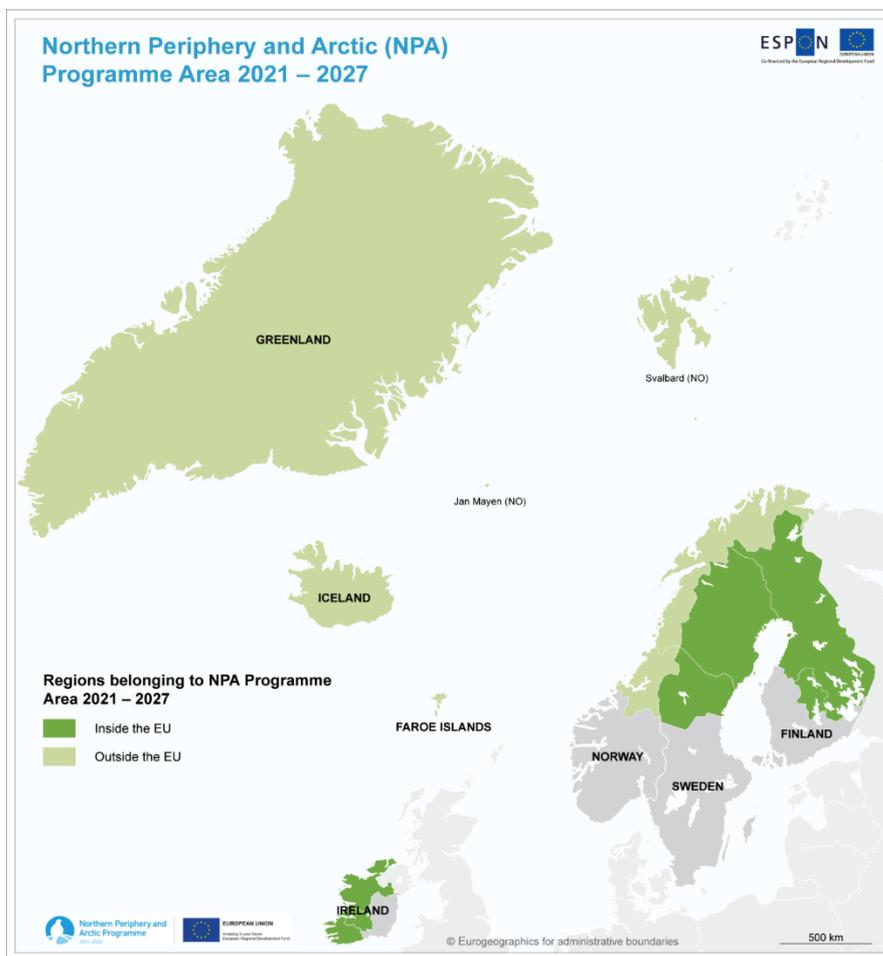




NPA 2021-2027

- New geography:
 - UK no longer included
 - Efforts ongoing to include Russia
 - Smaller changes in NO and IE area
- Budget: ≈ 43,7 MEUR ERDF + ERDF equivalent (NO, IS, FO, GL)
- Themes:
 - PO1 Smarter Europe
 - PO2 Greener, low-carbon Europe
 - ISO1 Better cooperation governance
- Status: programme document out for national approval. Plan to submit to EC before end 2021.
- First Call planned to be launched on 17th March 2022, running until June 2022.
- How to Apply seminars and partner search events will be planned for the Spring 2022.

Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) Programme Area 2021 – 2027





NPA 2021-2027

Priority 1:
Strengthening the innovation capacity for resilient and attractive NPA communities



1.1 Developing and enhancing **research and innovation capacities** and the uptake of advanced technologies

1.2 Reaping the **benefits of digitisation** for citizens, companies, research organisations and public authorities

1.3 Enhancing **sustainable growth & competitiveness of SMEs** and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investment

Priority 2:
Strengthening the capacity for climate change adaptation, and resource sufficiency in NPA communities



2.1 promoting **energy efficiency** and reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2 promoting **climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention**, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches

2.3 promoting the transition to a **circular and resource efficient economy**

Priority 3:
Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities



3.1 Enhance institutional **capacity** of public authorities and stakeholders to **implement** macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other **territorial strategies**





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NPA Annual Event 2021

NPA Annual Event

27th October 2021

Redefining Peripherality

Online from Sligo, Ireland

You **Tube** Live stream

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Thank you for listening

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