

NWE gap analysis conclusions

Guidance for applicants - call 8

The NWE Programme has approved 56 projects and has allocated 50.5% of its budget so far. Based on the conclusions of the gap analysis recently conducted by the programme, you will find below a description of what type of projects and themes the programme is specifically looking for at this stage.

Recommendation 1: the objective to reach out to peripheral and weaker regions is not yet fully achieved. The NWE Programme is therefore interested in **projects which will make a strong contribution to reducing territorial disparities** and which aim at 'closing a gap' between leaders and followers (particularly for priority 1 innovation projects). This implicates projects with strong territorial justification (why a specific region was selected, why a particular scope for cooperation is important).

Recommendation 2: Research and higher education organisations remain the most represented type of partners within approved projects. The programme is therefore particularly interested in **projects with a strong representation of public authorities, SMEs / private companies, and NGOs within their partnerships.**

Recommendation 3: Our thematic coverage is uneven between different specific objectives. Within these specific objectives, some themes are also barely addressed. The NWE Programme is therefore specifically looking for high quality projects on the following topics:

- SO 2 - Implementing combined **mitigation and adaptation solutions**
- SO 4 - Implementing solutions for **optimised traffic management**
- SO 5 - Implementing new technologies, services, products and processes to **improve resource efficiency and / or circular economy**

Recommendation 4: On some specific themes or topics, our programme has received many applications. These topics are **health, social innovation, marine energy, agro-food and housing energy retrofitting**.

The NWE Programme is happy to continue funding projects covering these themes, but some important points of attention need to be taken on board by applicants:

- For **all topics** mentioned above:
 - o Favour projects which will have a substantial demonstration and roll out phase.
 - o Check which projects have already been funded on the topic and seek complementarities or synergies, in terms of scope or approach taken and territories addressed.

- For **priority 1 innovation topics** in particular:
 - o Avoid basic and generic business support type of projects. Focus on a niche within the theme, be specific regarding the approach chosen and the need for this project.
 - o For social innovation please check the recommendations in the guidance note.

Projects per Specific Objective (SO) and Types of Actions (ToAs)

Specific Objective (SO)	Type of Actions (ToA)	Number	Projects
Innovation			
SO1 - to enhance innovation performance of enterprises throughout NWE regions	ToA1: Building capacity of regions and territories (self-sustaining clusters/networks, internationalisation, infrastructure sharing schemes for R&I)	17	Boost4Health / eMen / BE-GOOD / BONE / IDEA / UV – ROBOT / LL4WIDE / BioBase4SME / ASPECT / QCAP / Codex4SMEs / VR4REHAB / COTEMACO / NWE MEA /NWE CHANCE / PASSION HF / MACHINING 4.0
	ToA2: Improving the competitiveness of enterprises (product/service/process innovation)		
	ToA3: Social innovation	4	SHICC / UNEET /SUNSE / EYES
Low Carbon			
SO2 - To facilitate the implementation of low carbon, energy and climate protection strategies	ToA4: Promoting carbon reduction in cities and regions (implementing strategies)	6	ACE-Retrofitting / CAN / E=O / HeatNet NEW / ECCO / cVPP
	ToA5: Implementing combined mitigation and adaptation solutions	1	CConnects
SO3 - To facilitate the uptake of low carbon technologies, products, processes and services in sectors with high energy saving potential, to reduce GHG emissions in NWE	ToA6: Implementing low carbon technologies and other solutions	12	FORESEA / GROOF / LOGIC / GENCOMM / CleanMobilEnergy / Up-Straw / POWERVIBES / ITEG / H4.0E / SMART-SPACE / MIDAS / Green WIN
SO4 - To facilitate the implementation of transnational low-carbon solutions in transport	ToA7: Implementing transnational solutions for low carbon transport systems	4	H2SHARE / FCCP / River / CHIPS
	ToA8: Implementing solutions for optimised traffic management	1	ST4W
Resource and Materials Efficiency			
SO5 - Implementing new technologies, services, products and processes to improve resource efficiency	ToA9: Implementing new technologies, services, products and processes to improve resource efficiency	11	AFTB / Fibersort / Food Heroes / RE-DIRECT / Phos4You / RAWFILL / ALG-AD, SeRaMCo / ReNu2Farm / WOW! / SURICATES