

Third Call for Applications

The Third Call for Applications runs from the **15th of August** to the **26th of September 2008**. The call is open to applicants from across the programme area and to projects addressing both priorities:

- Promoting innovation and competitiveness in remote and peripheral areas**
- Sustainable development of natural and community resources**

Themes

At its last meeting, the Programme Monitoring Committee (PMC) made an analysis of the themes addressed by the 17 approved main projects so far. The PMC identified a number of themes that are not yet addressed by the programme.

Although, the Third Call for Applications is an open call, **the PMC especially welcomes projects addressing these themes:**

- In **Priority 1**, in the Objective "To facilitate development through the use of advanced information and communication technologies and transportation in the programme area" and the four themes:
 - i) increased use of ICT to overcome distance
 - iii) developing innovative product and service solutions for developing and maintaining transport infrastructure with regard to roads, railways, airports and ports under harsh climatic conditions
 - iv) development of transport schemes that benefit rural communities, such as new maritime routes
 - v) maritime safety in relation to remote areas with arctic, harsh conditions.
- In **Priority 2**, in the Objective "To strengthen the synergies between environmental protection and growth in remote and peripheral regions and the two themes:
 - ii) Impact and possible implications of climate change and means to reduce it at a community level
 - iii) Development of small scale renewable energy solutions
- In **Priority 2**, in the Objective "To improve sustainable development in peripheral regions by strengthening urban-rural relations and enhancing regional heritage" and the two themes:
 - i) urban-rural partnerships for new service solutions and
 - iv) promotion of natural and cultural heritage that supports the development of sustainable industries

Available Funding

No specific budget allocation has been set for this Third Call. Between 2007 and 2013 the Programme will commit around €45 million to projects that address the priorities for transnational cooperation: €35.115 million of European funds (ERDF) will be available to partners in Member States and €10.155 for partners in the Non member States. 60% of the funds is available for projects applying under Priority 1 and 40% for projects under Priority 2. After the first two calls, in which 17 projects were approved, 41.6% of the programme funds has been allocated.

The recommended minimum size for a main project's total budget is €250 000 and the recommended maximum size is €1.5 million. In general, a 60% grant rate is applied for partners in Member States and 50% for Non Member States. **For Norwegian partners, a grant rate of 30% applies.**

Application Pack

The Application Pack for the Third Call is available on the NPP website from 15th August 2008.

The pack will consist of 3 main documents, all of which should be downloaded and read carefully:

- Application Form: Parts 1-2 in Word format and Part 3 in Excel format
- Application Instructions
- Programme Manual: Part 1 How to Apply and Part 4 Common Eligibility Rules

Decisions

Decisions on all main project applications submitted to the Third Call for proposals will be made at the Programme Monitoring Committee meeting on 3rd-4th December 2008.

Seminar

The Programme Secretariat is organising a seminar on how to apply for the Third Application Call, to be held on **21 August 2008** in Copenhagen, Denmark. The purpose of the event is to assist applicants in the development of a good quality application. For more information, see the programme website.

Please contact the Regional Contact Points or Northern Periphery Programme Secretariat for further guidance on the programme. Contact details are available on the NPP 2007-2013 website: www.northernperiphery.eu

Important Dates

Call Opens: 15th of August 2008
Call Closes: 26th of September 2008