

## North West Europe Interreg IV Maritime Projects Proposals



The sustainable management of natural resources is of crucial importance for the NWE Interreg IV Programme area. The NWE Programme would welcome project-funding applications aimed at ensuring sustainable management of resources and minimising and preventing the pollution of water.

Maritime Safety projects within the NWE Programme could be funded by applications under Priority 2:

### ***Sustainable management of natural resources and of natural and technological risks***

#### **Maritime Projects in the NWE**

The NWE has identified a number of broad strategic themes and specific issues which should be addressed by maritime projects which seek funding from the programme. These broad themes focus upon sustainable management of natural marine resources and the minimisation and preventing the pollution. Projects will then need to consider specific issues such as hydro-meteorological hazards; maritime safety, natural and technological disasters, climate change and maritime accidents.

In dealing with these issues, maritime projects should consider using tools and strategies such as Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM); Multi-Hazard Management and Risk Reduction, Vulnerability Reduction by Spatial Planning and Civil Protection Integration, Joint Co-ordinated Approaches to Monitoring Disasters and Early Warning Systems.

Activities in the area of marine environmental policy and legislation, and in the area of maritime safety (e.g. the cross-programme initiative 'Maritime Safety Umbrella Operation') should be given due attention when preparing projects under this priority.



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For more information please refer to the *Transnational Territorial Co-operation, Interreg IV North West Europe Operational Programme 2007-2013* available at:

### Do You Have a Project?

The MSUO has researched the potential for maritime projects to be undertaken within the NWE area. This research has identified a number of potential project ideas which have a maritime safety dimension. Partnerships which wish to undertake these projects could produce viable applications for Interreg IV funding, within the maritime context of Priority 2.

The MSUO has been contacted by potential project partners, with project ideas which could be funded by the NWE IV Interreg Programme. Have you an idea? or Do you wish to participate?

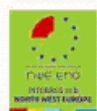
The NWE Interreg IV Programme and MSUO have identified the following projects which require partners to take forward funding applications.

#### Shipping Policy, Marine Spatial Planning & Sustainable Management

- Awareness raising on maritime issues, building understanding between public, professionals and regulators
- Sustainable Management and Protection of Marine Areas
- Spatial Planning of Marine Areas
- Mapping the Seabed to support regional management policy
- Identification and management of Marine Parks
- Developing regional maritime educational programmes, academic centres of excellence and marine awareness training
- Recycling ships, creation of a sustainable European dismantling industry in line with EU social and environmental standards
- Clean ships, renewable or clean power propulsion

#### Risk Management & Prevention

- Risk Prevention along Motorways of the Sea
- European Man Overboard Alert System
- European maritime risk assessment and crisis management
- Ship routing to minimise risks
- Integrating Transport Standards, the use of AIS and VTMS
- Planning and implementing Places of Refuge and Safe Havens
- Reduction of underwater noise to the marine environment
- Ballast water treatment and screening



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- Risk reduction in the construction and siting of offshore wind farms
- Sustainable coastal defence to minimise flooding and erosion risks
- Lost containers, remote sensing and location at sea, response and recovery techniques
- Emergency towage best practice and harmonisation
- Safety, security and illegal immigration control
- Clean Ports providing 'green services' to ships (water, sanitation, electricity, bunkering, etc.)
- Harmonised safety, pollution prevention and waste standards at EU Ports: implementing best practice
- Member state coastguard cooperation

#### Disaster & Incident Response

- Flooding and Storm Surge Early Warning (e.g. Smart-Buoy network)
- Salvage and Crisis Management of Shipping Casualties
- Sharing disaster response experience
- Shoreline sensitivity, beach clean-up and waste storage planning for pollution incidents
- Harmonisation of aerial surveillance and dispersant application across member states
- Harmonising marine/ shoreline pollution contingency planning across member states

#### Do You Have Your Own Ideas for a Successful Maritime Safety Project?

#### Do You Need Project Partners?

The MSUO has been contacted by organisations and authorities who are looking for project partners across the NWE Programme area. These include maritime authorities, ports, industry, environment protection agencies, NGOs, local authorities, education foundations and academic institutions. If you have a project or wish to participate in one, then contact the MSUO and we can put you in contact with other potential partners.

#### What You Should Do Next?

If your organisation has a project needing funding or if you would like to participate in one of the projects above, you should contact the MSUO as soon as possible. The MSUO can then put you in contact with other potential partners and the NWE Interreg IV Programme, exchange information and



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provide technical assistance when your partnership develops a funding application.

Maritime safety projects are being taken forward across the European Seas. The MSUO will work with successful projects to make sure that you are not working in isolation. The MSUO will bring projects from across Europe together to undertake joint work, exchange ideas and knowledge and participate in educational seminars on best practice. However, for this to happen you must make sure that you work closely with the MSUO as you develop your application from the earliest point. As with all initiatives, funding resources will be limited. It may not be possible for two or more similar projects examining the same issues to go forward. When similar projects are being developed, the MSUO can assist partnerships to merge and form coherent strategic projects.

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***Good Luck in the next Programme!***



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