



Arctic Award 2018

Guidance for Applicants

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1. Introduction

This is the 2nd year in which a collaboration of transnational and crossborder Interreg programmes from the high north of Europe are to introduce an Arctic Award.

The objective of the Arctic Award is to identify good practice, promote Arctic cross- border collaboration, and raise awareness among projects of each other. The awards are to highlight innovative projects with a clear Arctic dimension, which are viewed as inspirational in their participating regions as well as being seen as creating real, measurable impacts on the ground, and being of direct benefit to Arctic Communities.

All finalists are invited to the Award Ceremony.

One main prize is awarded per category. This is a trophy and a certificate. In addition to the category winners, the 2018 awards will also include per category an Arctic project promise award recognising a project's potential.

The award ceremony is planned to be held during a drinks reception following the European Week of Regions and Cities seminar "Sustainable development of the Arctic region to the benefit of all of Europe" on 9th October at 14.30-16.00 in Scotland House, Brussels, Belgium. Publicity surrounding the Award, winners, and finalists can be used as open source promotion.



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2. General Rules

2.1 Award Categories

Each year the Award categories will promote two categories. For the Arctic Award 2018 these are:

Category 1: Arctic entrepreneurial spirit

Category 2: Cold climate opportunities

2.2 Applicants

Projects funded by the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014- 2020, Interreg Nord 2014- 2020, Botnia-Atlantica 2014- 2020, Kolarctic CBC2014-2020, and Karelia CBC are eligible to participate. Applications should be made by the project Lead Partner, on behalf of the partnership. Multiple Lead Partner applications are permissible, if the Lead Partner is responsible for a portfolio of funded projects.

2.3 How to Submit an Application Form

Applications should be submitted online via the application SurveyMonkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArcticAwards2018>

Applications will be examined by a jury representative of all the participating programmes. All applications must be submitted in English Language.

2.4 Deadline

Applications should be submitted online **no later than 23:59 Central European Time on 31st May 2018**

2.5 Contact Information

All enquires should primarily be sent to: rachel.burn@interreg-npa.eu

If the main contact person isn't available enquiries can also be sent to kalle.pakalen@interreg.npa.eu

3. Eligibility Criteria

- a) The application has been submitted via Survey Monkey no later than 23:59 CET on 31st May 2018
- b) The project has been co-financed under the European Regional Development Funds by the programmes: Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014- 2020, Interreg Nord 2014- 2020, Botnia-Atlantica 2014- 2020, Kolarctic CBC2014-2020, and Karelia CBC
- c) Applications should be submitted by the Lead Partner on behalf of the project partnership.
- d) Applications must be submitted in English Language
- e) The project description must clearly be related to the selected category.
- f) The project is finalised or is sufficiently advanced (i.e. can demonstrate progress in the achievement of the original objectives in the projects participating programme partner areas.
- g) The submitted project should not be for profit, and all results (outputs/ products and services) must be open source.

4. Award Criteria

- a) **INNOVATION:** The character of the project is innovative; the innovation is novel for the Arctic.
- b) **IMPACT:** The project will make a real and tangible impact (or expected impact) to Arctic Development.
- c) **FOCUS:** The focus of the project is on topics of particular relevance to the Arctic area.
- d) **HORIZONTAL:** *Direct benefits for the people living in the Arctic regions*
 - *solutions tailored for an Arctic lifestyle*
 - *the project makes a special effort to involve people in the design of the solutions*
 - *the project demonstrates excellence in promoting its (expected) results to the relevant target audiences*
 - *the project successfully involves underrepresented groups (women, young people, indigenous peoples)*

5. Supporting Guidance on the Award Categories

5.1 CATEGORY 1: Arctic entrepreneurial spirit

- a. The project supports innovative entrepreneurial skills beneficial for people of the high north
- b. The project supports businesses based on Arctic products and cultural heritage (food, tourism, creative industries, indigenous peoples)

Examples of supported initiatives:

- Collaboration for further development and growth of various industries, including diversified networks of businesses and Sami businesses.
- Marketing of products based on Arctic natural resources or agriculture/aquaculture.
- Culture tourism based on the culture in the Arctic, including indigenous peoples of the north.

5.2 CATEGORY 2: Cold Climate Opportunities

- a. The project supports technological innovations specific for cold climates (transport, housing, textile, materials, mining)
- b. The project supports preparedness and risk prevention (healthcare, search & rescue)

Examples of supported initiatives:

- Transfer and development of models or solutions facilitating cold climate technology transfer to, or across the participating programmes area.
- Transfer and development of models or solutions assisting public and private sector service providers in preparedness and risk prevention initiatives associated with cold climate environments.

