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Clustering Call - 2021 Q & A session

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What to expect from today?

- Aims of Clustering Call - 2021
- NPA Eligibility rules and budget
- Application procedure
- Guidance for applicants
- Break-out room for discussions



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Aims of Clustering call – 2021 application call

- Draws on expertise and encourages the inclusion of the following:-
- Projects collaborating to explore transferring of project outputs to other organisations, sectors and/or regions, for example disseminating result and outputs beyond their ongoing or completed project activities.
- Projects collaborating to maximize the transnational impact of existing outputs on local level end users or widening the preparedness for transnational cooperation to other beneficiaries, for example by organising collaboration initiatives that connect end users across regions.



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Aims of Clustering call – 2021 application call

- Projects collaborating to increase the awareness of the transnational added value and the potential of transnational cooperation. The establishment of a lasting network could be one such activity for example.
- Projects with complementary skill sets collaborating to focus on improving (the uptake of) project outputs.
- By clustering, projects collaborating to gain critical mass to inform decision makers.



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NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- Project idea must address one of the four Priority Axes, and the themes of the ToR.
- An eligible Lead Partner, and minimum of 2 partners from different 2 programme partner countries in the NPA area, one of which is located in a European Union Member State. And, if appropriate, a new partner(s) from projects funded by other Interreg programmes provided that there are clear synergies.
- Completion of an eMS small project application form, including a work plan in line with the expected listed results.



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NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- **Project Budget:** Indicative total ERDF budget of up to 153.846 EUR plus non-Member State budget, at the regular intervention rates of programme partner countries. The budget will be paid on a lump sum basis upon completion of and meeting the conditions for funding.



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NPA Eligibility rules and budget

- **Lump sum grant:** Maximum ERDF grant of 100.000 EUR plus Non-Member State grants. **Note:** Partners from Scotland and Northern Ireland should apply for ERDF co-financing.
- The lump sum is granted in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, Article 67 (5) and shall be established based on a draft budget on a case-by-case basis and agreed ex ante by the managing authority. The public support (ERDF support + public co-financing) for partners funded via ERDF shall not exceed EUR 100 000.



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Application procedure

- Indicative Project duration: 12 months
- Call period **15th January 2021 – 31st March 2021**.
- Applications to be submitted via the online monitoring system (eMS)
- Decisions on clustering call projects will be made by the NPA Monitoring Committee with input from Regional Contact Points and Joint secretariat.
- The decisions process takes place on June 8th, 2021.



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Guidance for applicants

- See the NPA 2014-2020 Programme Manual for a description of the Priority Axes, instructions for how to apply and the NPA eligibility rules. All other application documents can be found on the Clustering Call - 2021 page.
- A final report should include evidence of the work undertaken.
- Based on Lump sum principle the grant is paid out if all Grant Letter conditions have been met.



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Thank you for listening

- We recommend that you are in touch with the Regional Contact Point details are on the NPA web site.
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