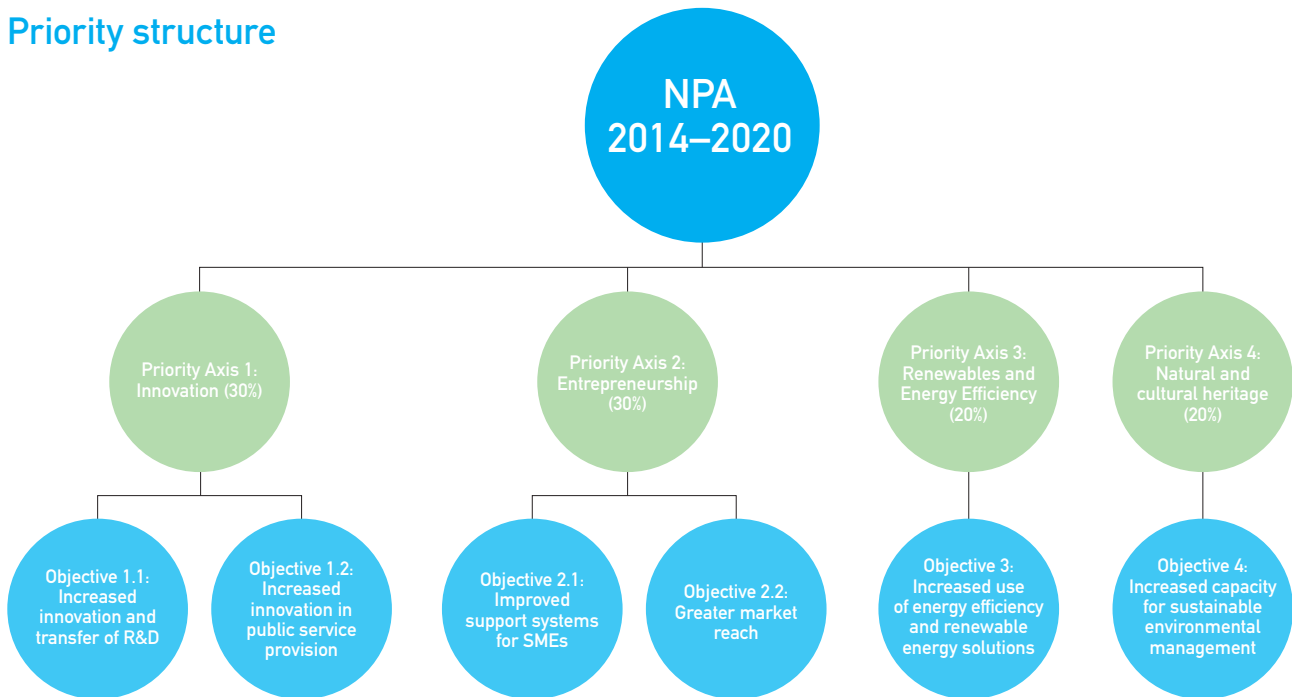


Priority structure



How much funding is available?

The NPA 2014-2020 will allocate in total approximately 56 MEUR through bi-annual calls. The funding will be allocated to projects with a total budget between 250 000 EUR and 2 MEUR. A precondition for funding is that the projects provide at least 35-50% of the total project costs as match funding through own or national or regional sources. The share of the match funding depends on the country where the partner is located. However, SMEs always have to provide a minimum of 50% of their costs in match funding.

Who can apply?

In general, the programme is open for public and private partners of all kinds from inside the programme area, for example regional and local authorities and other public sector organisations, research institutions and private entities delivering public service, private-public partnerships, social enterprises, and third sector organisations. Besides that, local and regional SMEs, among these specifically micro enterprises in remote and sparsely populated areas and business organisations, etc.

What kinds of projects are supported?

Projects shall first of all address the main challenges and potentials described in the Cooperation Programme. Furthermore, projects shall fulfill a number of qualitative objectives, such as:

- **Concrete:** The project outputs are recognisable as a tangible solution (most commonly a product or service) which address identified challenges within the Programme area.
- **Innovative:** The project output is new or innovative to the partner organisations, the partner countries involved, or the Programme area.

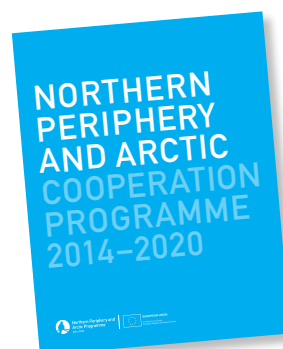
- **Focused:** Projects can demonstrate a link between the development challenges or opportunities they address and the relevant Programme specific objective, and they can state the changes they intend to bring about.
- **Transnational:** The design of project outputs clearly draws on the results of transnational cooperation, e.g. transferring models/knowledge/technology from one region to another, partners complementing each others' competences and resources, combining different regional skill sets, gaining a critical mass, etc.

How and when to apply?

The Fourth Call for main projects is expected to open from 1st May-30th September 2016. The call will be open for all 4 Priority Axes. Decisions will be made in December 2016. In addition, a continuous call is open for preparatory projects. This is a tool developed to bring together potential project partners and to generate high-quality main project applications. Guidance for applicants can be found in the NPA Programme Manual.

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