

Interreg NPA YOUTH CALL LAUNCH

See it, shape it, make it work!

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Good to know before we start

- Webinar is recorded
- The recording will be published on the Youth Call page
- Please, keep yourself muted
- Open cameras are welcome!
- Ask your questions at the end, or write them in chat and we come back to them

AGENDA

- Themes
- Duration
- Budget
- Partners
- Activities & Outcomes
- Youth Criteria
- Application process
- Youth Track support
- Links to keep in mind

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Background

- What is Interreg Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme?
- Why Youth Call and what is it?

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Which themes are supported?

Resilient
communities

Natural &
Cultural heritage

Mental health &
wellbeing

Youth skills &
entrepreneurship

Community
development

Peer learning &
mentoring

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How long can Youth projects run?

- 6 months, or
- 12 months, or
- 18 months

The final report must be submitted **3 months** after the project ends.
Projects are expected to start **February / March 2027**.

What is projects' budget?

- 50.000 EUR for 6-month projects
- 100.000 EUR for 12-month projects
- 200.000 EUR for 18-month projects

These are maximum project budgets incl. both Interreg NPA funding and partners' own contribution. In most cases, **Interreg NPA covers 65% of the partner budget** (*applicants cover the remaining 35%*), but in case of **Norwegian partners, the Interreg NPA grant covers 50%** of their budget.

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Start-up support

A one-time lump sum payment of up to 35.000 EUR or 50% of the total project budget (which ever is smallest) is released to the **project**.

E.g. the start up lump-sum for 6-months projects will be max. 25.000 EUR

Out of this, 35.000 EUR Interreg NPA covers 65%, or in case of the Norwegian partners 50%.

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Following payments

Progress reports are expected every **6 months** presenting the delivery of agreed deliverables or outputs → once the progress report is approved by the Joint Secretariat, the Period payment is released.

The amounts corresponding to periods and activities are drafted in the application and can be adjusted before contracting, in case of approval.

Who can be partners in the youth projects?

- Public and private organisations
- Experienced or new to Interreg NPA

- Based in the NPA regions

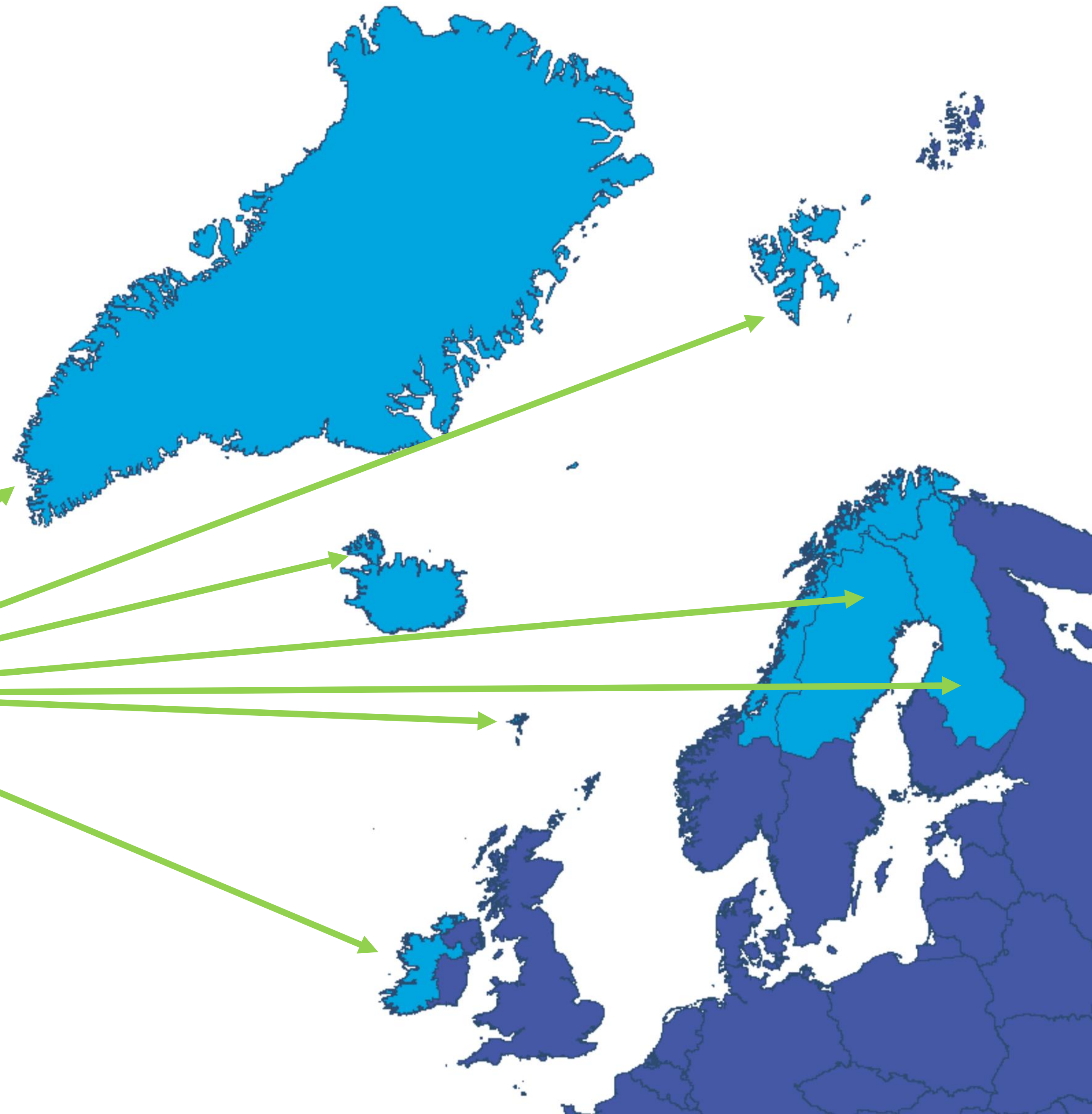
... or having national remit covering the NPA region

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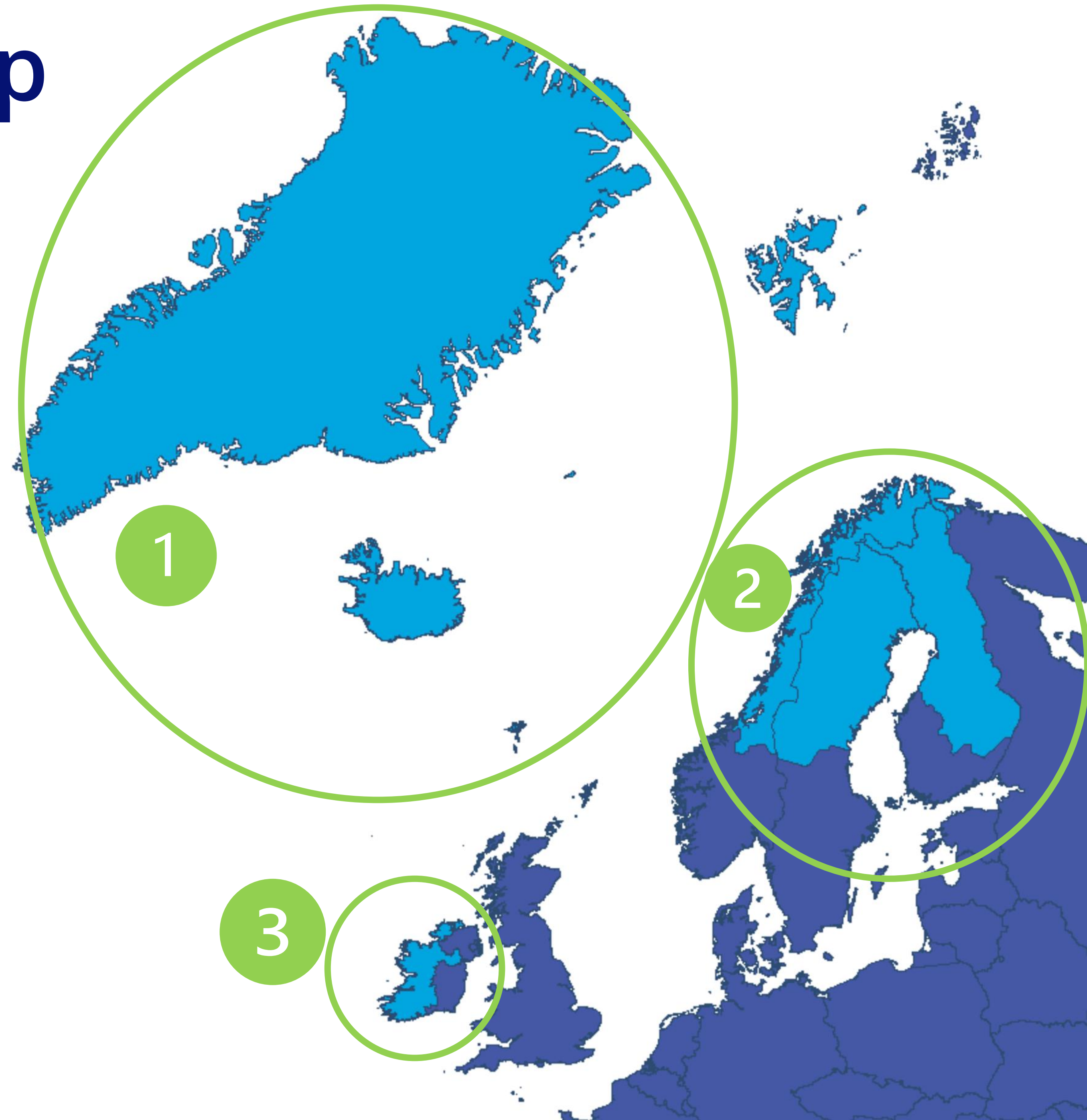
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Minimum partnership requirements

- **6 months** – partners from at least 2 programme partner countries, one of which is an EU member state. Recommends covering at least 2/3 geographical zones.
- **12 & 18 months** – partners from at least 3 programme partner countries, one of which is an EU member state. The partnership is clearly of a transnational character. Recommends covering at least 2/3 geographical zones.

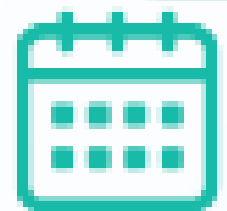


Types of partners

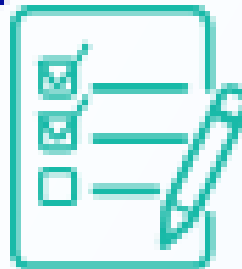
- **Lead partner** – responsible for coordinating the project, must be a public organisation based in the NPA region (or with a national remit covering the NPA area)
- **Project partner** – joins the implementation, and co-creates the outputs, assigned budget, expected to be based in the NPA area *(or with a national remit covering the NPA area)*
- **Associated partners** – no budget, but provide vital expertise & networks, certain costs can be covered by linked partner

Project activities and outcomes

See it!



6-months, up to 50.000 EUR



Build connections with like-minded organisations, exchange ideas, and lay the groundwork for future collaboration.



Stakeholder map, draft project idea, suggestion for future networks & collaborations

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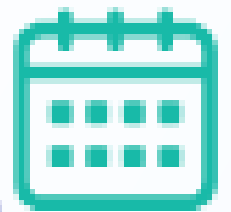
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Project activities and outcomes

See it!

Shape it!



12-months, up to 100.000 EUR



Collaborate with partners across regions to test successful ideas from elsewhere, adapt them to local needs, and share knowledge through practical exchanges and workshops.



Feasibility study outlining next steps for implementation or scaling up

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Project activities and outcomes

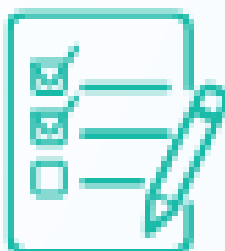
See it!

Shape it!

Make it work!



18-months, up to 200.000 EUR



Learn from others, adapt ideas to local conditions, put solutions into practice, and share results widely.



Policy recommendations

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Youth Criteria

To ensure that Youth projects deliver **solutions created by youth - for youth** - Interreg NPA has introduced specific youth criteria that all applications must meet.

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Youth-led – young people are involved in developing the project idea, implementing activities, and are represented in the project's decision-making body.

Youth-focused - the project addresses a challenge or need identified by young people, clearly showing how the solutions developed will benefit them.

Youth-inclusive - at least one partner (*including associated partners*) must be a youth organisation. A youth organisation is one that actively works on issues relevant to young people in the Northern Periphery and Arctic regions.

Application process



<https://jems.interreg-npa.eu/>

Call opens on 10th June and closes on 2nd October 2026.

Mandatory attachments:

- Lead Partner statement and Partner statement → download [here](#)
- Upload in JEMS before submitting the application

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Youth Track support

24th March – Let your idea meet Interreg NPA (register [here](#))

20th May – Application Part 1 feedback round deadline

10th June – Feedback provided & Call opens in JEMS

15th June – Budget, workplan & outreach (register [here](#))

9th September – Ask us anything & JEMS (register [here](#))

2nd October – Youth Call closes 11:59 CET (noon)

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Activities not supported by Interreg NPA

The Youth Call does not support:

- Scholarships or individual grants for studying, internships, or training.
- School exchanges or twinning activities between classes, schools, or individual pupils.
- Formal education programmes, such as courses that lead to a qualification, curriculum development, or regular classroom teaching.
- Activities that duplicate existing EU programmes (e.g., Erasmus+), especially those focused on student mobility or formal education.

Links to remember

- [Youth Call page](#) – your main go-to place
- [Programme Manual](#) – NPA's encyclopedia
- [Partner search portal](#) – LinkedIn group
- [Regional contact points](#)

Contact us for one-on-one consultation!

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Time for your questions!

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Thank you!

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