

Ask us anything & JEMS

#3 Youth Track

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Agenda

- Type of projects → Q&A
- Partnership → Q&A
- Workplan & Budget → Q&A
- Checks → Q&A
- Payment schedule → Q&A
- Pitfalls to avoid → Q&A
- Looking ahead
- Q&A

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Types of Youth projects

See it! - Shape it! - Make it work!

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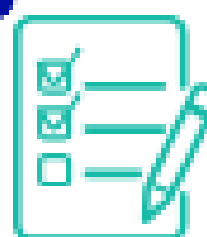
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See it!



6-months, up to 50.000 EUR



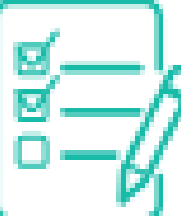
Build connections with like-minded organisations, exchange ideas, and lay the groundwork for future collaboration.



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

See it!

Shape it!

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-  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



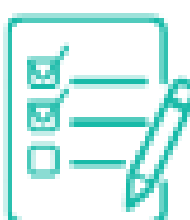
See it!

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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Read about different project types, [here](#)

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Who can join the Youth projects?

How many, who and from where?

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Q: How many project partners are required?

See it! → 2 partners from different countries

Shape it! & Make it work! → 3 partners

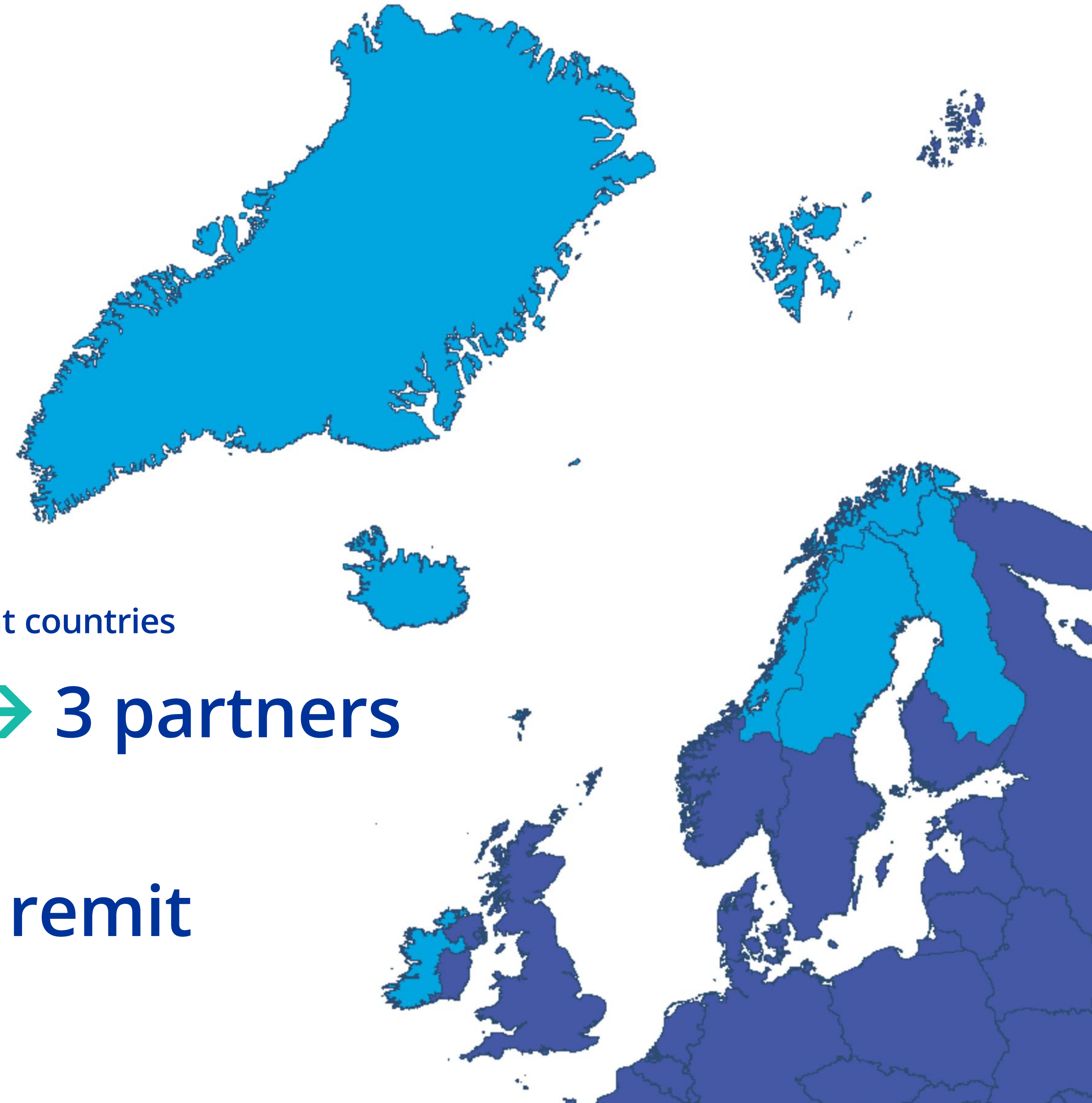
National remit

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Q: How many geographical zones need to be represented in the partnership?

See it! → 1 or 2 zones

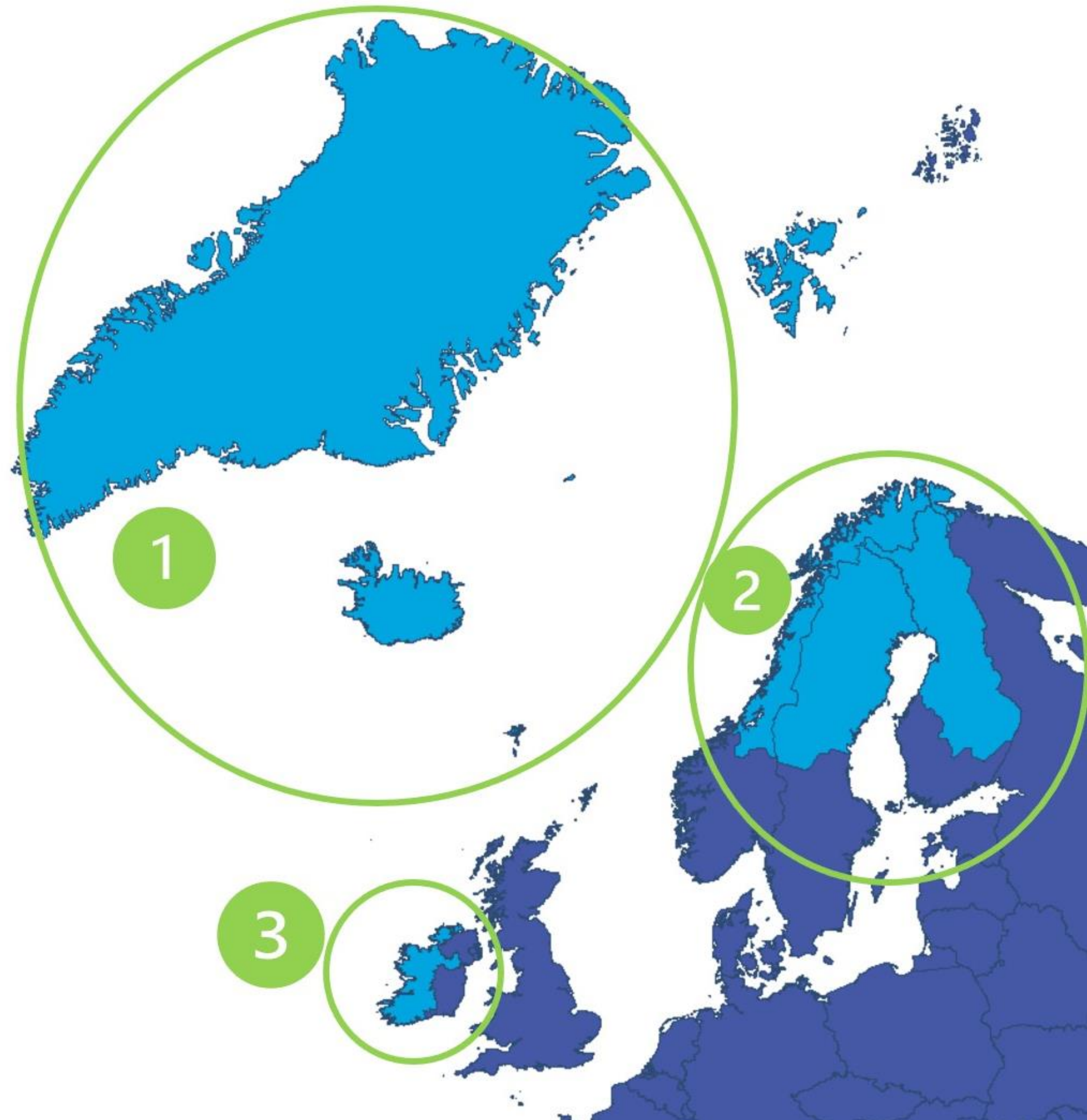
Shape it! & Make it work!
→ 2 or 3 zones

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Q: What about youth?

A: YES! Involve them in planning the project, its activities, and as part of decision-making bodies

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**Q: Can external experts
join as partners?**

**A: No, but external experts can be
procured.**

**Partners are to have connections,
commitment and capacity to engage
with youth.**

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Q: Can partners from other countries join?

A: No, only organisations from 7 NPA countries can join as partners.

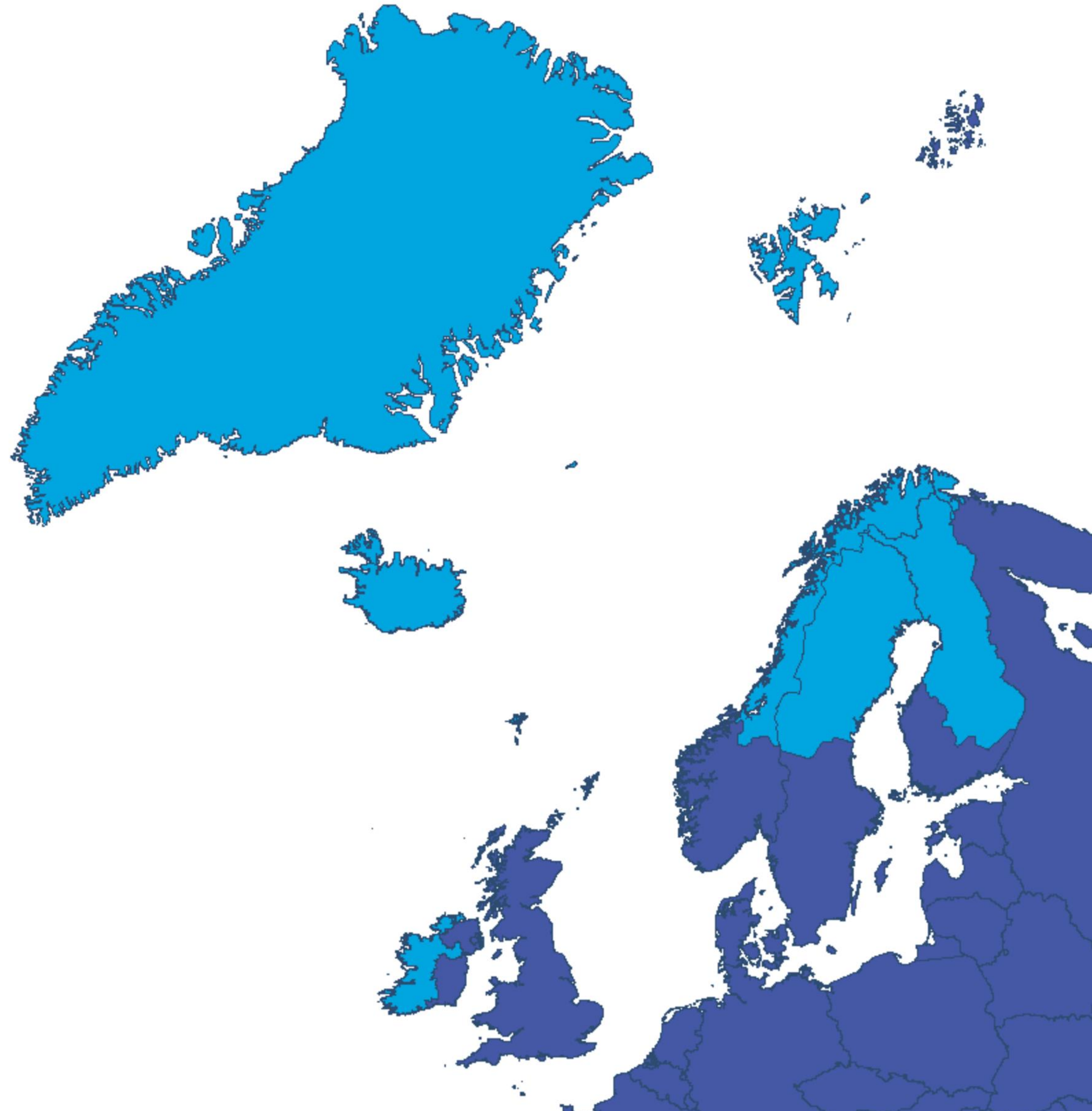
Associated partners can be from other countries.

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Any questions?

Read about the Youth Call partnership, [here](#)

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Building a project

Why, who, how, what, when and for how much

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How to build impactful projects?

- With a strong project logic
- With relevant actors engaged

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The PROJECT

Describes how we move
from the **current situation**
to the **intended situation**
and shows how this process
aligns with the context.

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Think all the way through

Who can do it?

Why do they need it?

Who needs it?

Where do they need it?

What should we do?

How are they going to learn about it?

How are we going to do it?

When is the coffee break?



Think all the way through

Organise resources, skills... and plan the work within the context



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1 From a shared challenge to real change

The story of a radio – and what Interreg NPA projects aim to achieve

NEED

Limited access to reliable information in remote communities and increasing exposure to misinformation.



*Better information.
Stronger communities.
A brighter future.*



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2 Building the solution together

From activities and deliverables to outputs

ACTIVITIES



- Design
- Develop
- Test
- Cooperate

DELIVERABLES



- Components
- Prototypes
- Content
- Guidance

OUTPUTS



- Working radio solution
- Trusted local news service



What we do



The pieces we produce



A solution ready to use

3

From use to impact

Outputs create change when people use them

UPTAKE



Target groups start using the solutions

RESULTS



Better access to and ability to identify reliable information

LONGER-TERM IMPACT



More informed and resilient communities



"Now we get reliable local news in our community."

PEOPLE USE THE SOLUTION



"I feel more confident in recognising trustworthy information."

REAL CHANGE



"A more informed and resilient community."

A STRONGER FUTURE

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4 More than just a radio

Key aspects for a successful project



EU & NPA visibility

- Use the programme and EU logos on all project materials
- Communicate your project activities and results
- Show the EU added value



Transnational cooperation

- Combine knowledge, experience and perspectives
- Develop and test solutions together
- Achieve more than you could alone



Real stories and evidence

- Don't just tell us you built a radio
- Show who uses it and what changed
- Give us photos, videos, testimonials and data
- Help us tell your story



State Aid and fair access

- Ensure that no organisation receives an unfair economic advantage
- Check if support to companies constitutes State Aid
- When in doubt – contact the JS



Use, transfer and legacy

- Make your outputs publicly available
- Ensure they can be used beyond the project
- Think about who can benefit next
- How will your solution live on?

*What changed –
for whom –
and what evidence
do we have?*

NPA DICTIONARY

Activity The work and actions carried out in the project

Deliverable Something the project produces along the activity
e.g. a document, a video, workshop...

Output Compiles the work of the project into something that
others can adopt, reuse, or build on e.g. a toolbox, a
strategy...

Result The positive change created when outputs are taken up
by organisations

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1
work package

See it!

1 output –
number of partners

No results

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2
work packages

Allow yourself
enough time

Shape it!

1-2 outputs
less is more

Optional
results

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3
work packages

Allow yourself
enough time

Make it work!

2-3 outputs
less is more

Minimum
1 result

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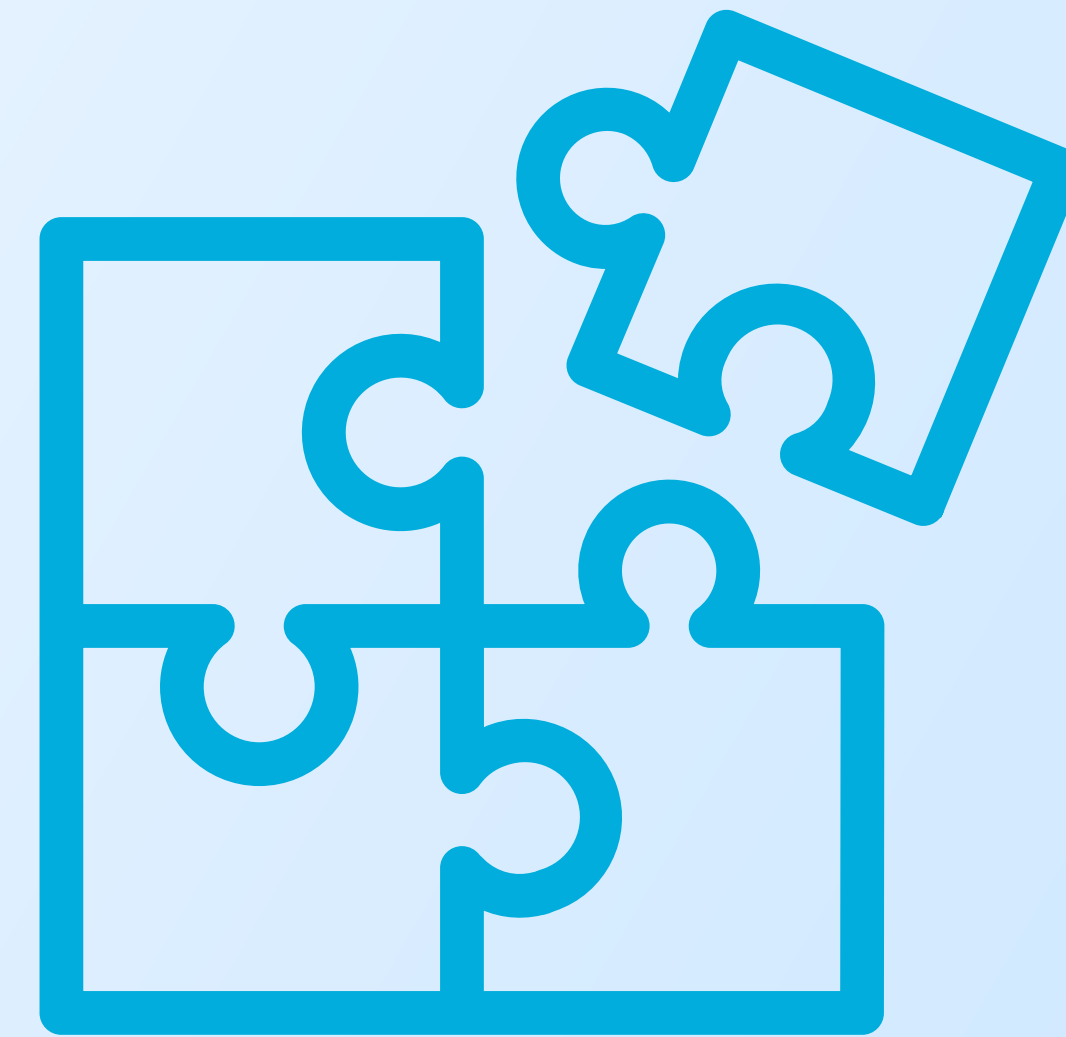
Youth Call Overview

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	SEE IT!	SHAPE IT!	MAKE IT WORK!
NUMBER OF WORKPACKAGES (WP)	1	2	3
ACTIVITIES	- Identifying relevant organisations - Establishing contacts - Mapping experience 1 demonstration workshop	- Connecting with like-minded org. - Testing ideas 2-3 exchanges to apply knowledge locally	- All as previous - Wider / longer testing 3 workshops/exchanges - More elaborated communication activities
DELIVERABLES	- Stakeholder map - Draft project idea - Suggestion for future collaborations, networks	- Summary of best practices - Feasibility study	- Summary of best practices - Youth trainings, exchanges, workshops - Testing / piloting the ideas (put solutions in practice)
<u>OUTPUT INDICATORS</u>	Organisations cooperating across border MANDATORY	- Strategies and action plans jointly developed - Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects - Organisations cooperating across border - Jointly developed solutions MANDATORY	- Strategies and action plans jointly developed - Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects - Organisations cooperating across border - Jointly developed solutions MANDATORY
<u>RESULT INDICATORS</u>	Not foreseen	Optional - Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations - Solutions taken up or up scaled by organisations	Minimum 1 result - Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations - Solutions taken up or up scaled by organisations

How does this turn into budget?

- Staff costs
- Office & Administration
- Travel & Accommodation
- External Expertise
- Equipment



Be transparent
and detailed

Any questions?

Review the previous webinar focused in detail on workplan and budget, [here](#)

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Time to run the checks

Is everything ready for submission?

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Calls for projects

Youth Call

Youth Call

The Interreg NPA Youth Call brings together organisations working with and for young people, helping them learn from each other, co-create solutions that meet real community needs, and gain a stronger voice to actively shape their future in the Northern Periphery and Arctic.

Call details

The Youth Call is open from 10 June 2026 and closes on 2 October 2026 at 11:59 (noon) CET, with decisions expected in December. From January until the Call deadline, the Joint Secretariat will offer a range of support services and events.

More information about the call and upcoming support events can be found below on this webpage.

DEADLINE

02.10.2026 12:00 CET

PRIORITIES

COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES

PROJECT TYPES

MAIN

Why now it is time for youth cooperation?

Young people in the Northern Periphery and Arctic face unique challenges and opportunities, from access to services and jobs to shaping a sustainable future in their communities.

Projects funded under the Interreg NPA Youth Call can connect organisations across regions, giving young people the chance to share ideas, learn from each other, and co-create solutions that meet real community needs. This strengthens their voice and lets them actively shape their own future.

**Jems**
Joint electronic monitoring system

Submit your application

The Youth Call for Project Applications is open from 10 June 2026 and will close on 2 October 2026 at 11:59 (noon CET). Project applications must be submitted via Jems.

APPLY 

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https://jems.interreg-npa.eu



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Welcome to the monitoring
system of the Interreg Northern
Periphery and Arctic programme!

Here you can find our latest calls and manage your applications and
projects. Just login or create a new account and get started!

 Jems – Login

*  Email

*  Password



By logging in, I agree to the [Terms of service, privacy policy and cookies
usage policy.](#)

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Create a new account

Forgot password

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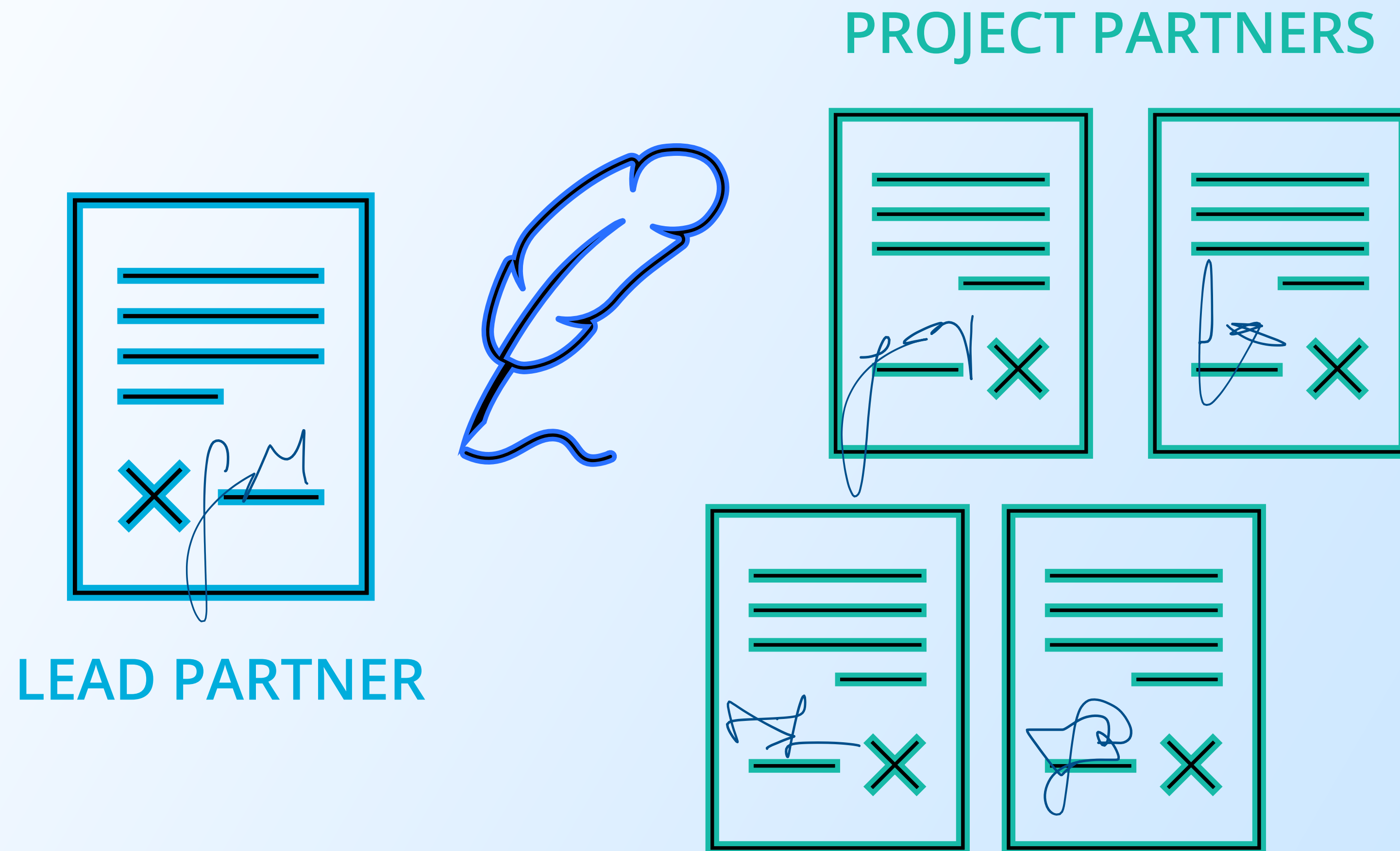
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2. Mandatory attachments



3. Fulfill the Youth Criteria

LED
YOUTH FOCUSED
INCLUSIVE

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4. State your project's theme in the summary

Resilient
Communities

Peer learning
& Mentorship

Natural &
Cultural Heritage



Community
development

Mental Health
& Wellbeing

Youth skills
& Entrepreneurship

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5. Fulfill the partnership criteria



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6. Transparent budget

How applicants
prepare an EU grant
budget



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How EU funding
programmes imagine
applicants prepare a
budget

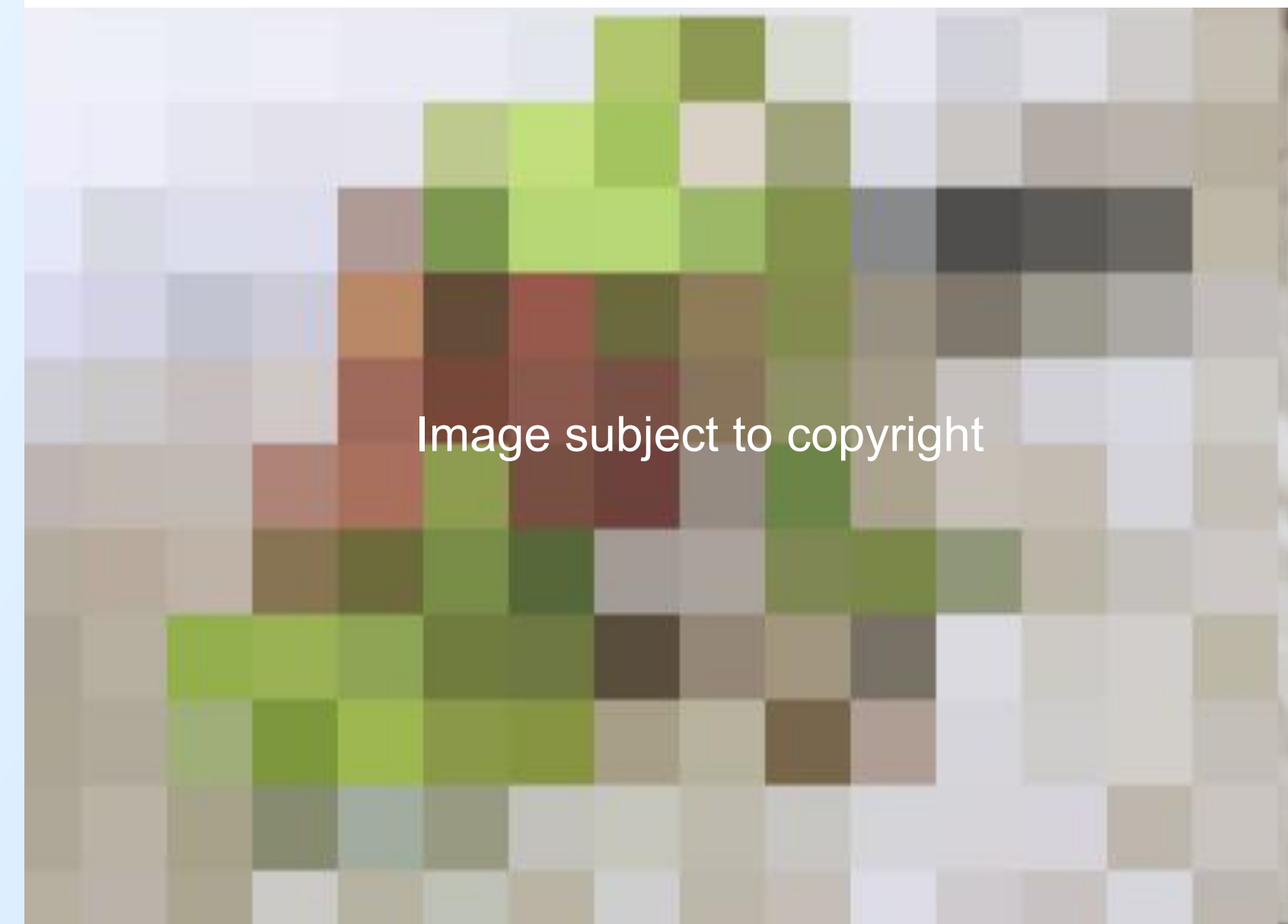


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7. Don't miss the deadline

Application form NPA1200344 – Shape it!

Project overview

Project overview

Status:  **Step 1 Draft** (updated on 16/06/2026)

Project ID and acronym	NPA1200344 – Shape it!				
Status	 Step 1 Draft →  Step 1 Submitted →  Step 1 Eligible →  Step 1 Approved →				
	→  Submitted →  Eligible →  Approved →  Contracted →  Closed				
Project name	Shape it! 12-month projects offline application form				
Programme priority	3 - Strengthening the organisational capacity among NPA communities to make use of cooperation opportunities				
Specific objective	3.1 - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders to implement macro-regional strategies, as well as other territorial strategies				
Call	Shape it! - 12 months - Youth Call projects Ends 02/10/2026. Time left: 23 days, 15 hours and 57 minutes.				

Payment schedule

How much money and when?

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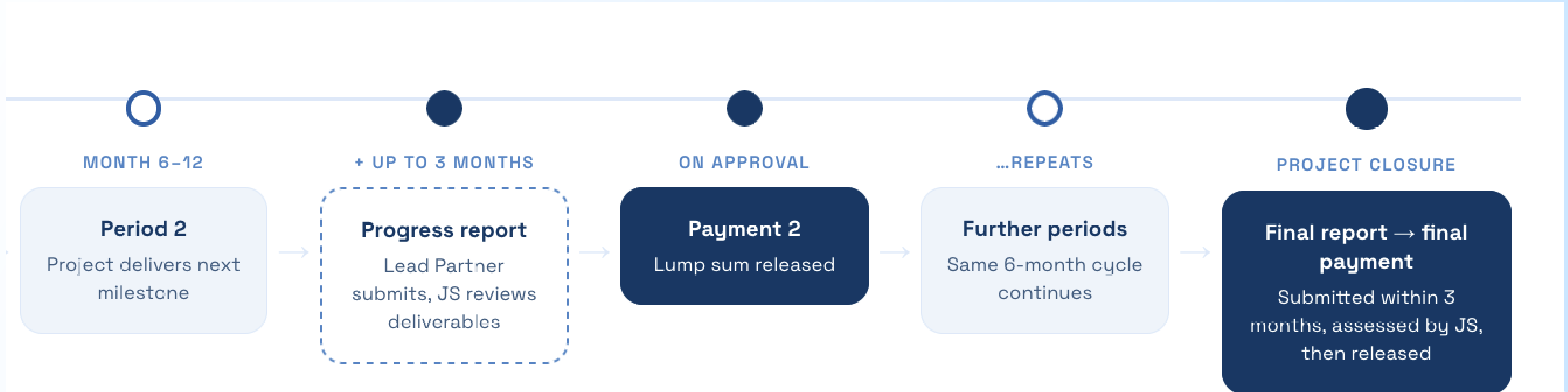
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Payments

- Lump sum principle
- Start-up payment
- 6-months periodical payments



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Read more about the payment schedule, [here](#)

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Pitfalls to avoid

Learn from others' mistakes

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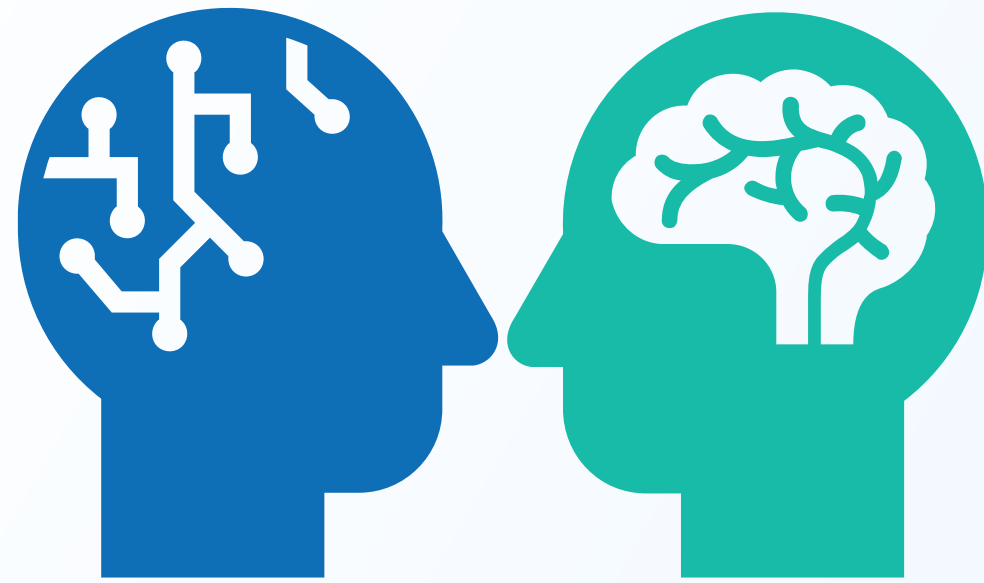


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Pitfalls to avoid



*Ai can help
...or not*

*We aim to develop **cross-border** regional frameworks to test-proof prosperity and resilience across levels and generations which are transnationally applicable thanks to the grassrootsing of the original idea in the core of future generations' expectations.*

Keep it simple

Keep it real

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Looking ahead

What happens after 2nd October?

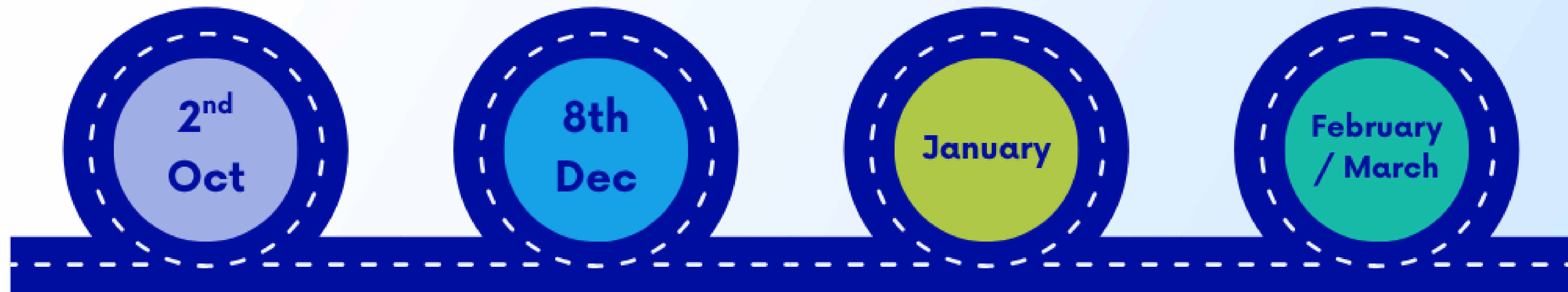
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DEADLINE

12:00 CET

DECISION

Decisions will be communicated shortly after 8th December

PRE- CONTRACTING

Updates in the application

START

Start your project activities

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Youth Track support

24th March – Let your idea meet Interreg NPA

20th May – Application Part 1 feedback round deadline

10th June – Feedback provided & Call opens in JEMS

15th June – Budget, workplan & outreach

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

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

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Links to remember

- [Youth Call page](#) – your main go-to place
- Youth call [guidance](#)
- Youth call [overview](#)
- [Partner search portal](#) – LinkedIn group
- [Regional contact points](#)

Contact us for one-on-one consultation!

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