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Sustainable & Accessible Urban Landscapes

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4 Years of Programme Implementation – facts and figures:

- 500 Project ideas
- 8 calls for proposals
- 99 projects approved
- 750 partners formally involved
- 318.3 M€ ERDF committed
- First projects finalised

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- Approved in PSC2: one of the first projects to be submitted and approved!
- One of 23 projects in Priority 1
“An attractive and coherent system of cities, towns and regions”
- Important project in this priority (10m € ERDF)

New Objective 3



Bad news:

- Less money

Good news:

- Sustainable urban development will continue to be of importance within transnational cooperation

New Objective 3

Finance discussion process



	Current Programmes	Commission Proposal	Decision December 2005	Decision May 2006
Cross-border cooperation	4.0	6.8	5,6	5.6 (74%)
Transnational cooperation	1.4	6.8	1.3	1.6 (21%)
Interregional Cooperation	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.4 (5%)
Total	5.8 bn €	14.3 bn €	7.3 bn €	7.6 bn €

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New Transnational Programme NWE



Situation Beginning of June 2006:

- Total amounts for Member States are known
- Allocation to programme areas under discussion in each Member State
- Use of Flexibility to shift 10% between A and B still open and is likely in some MS

New Objective 3: Themes for transnational Cooperation



Presidency Compromise December 2005
for draft ERDF regulation:

“primarily”

- Innovation
- Environment (incl. water management)
- Accessibility
- Sustainable urban development

New Objective 3: Themes for transnational Cooperation



Article 6 (2) draft ERDF regulation:

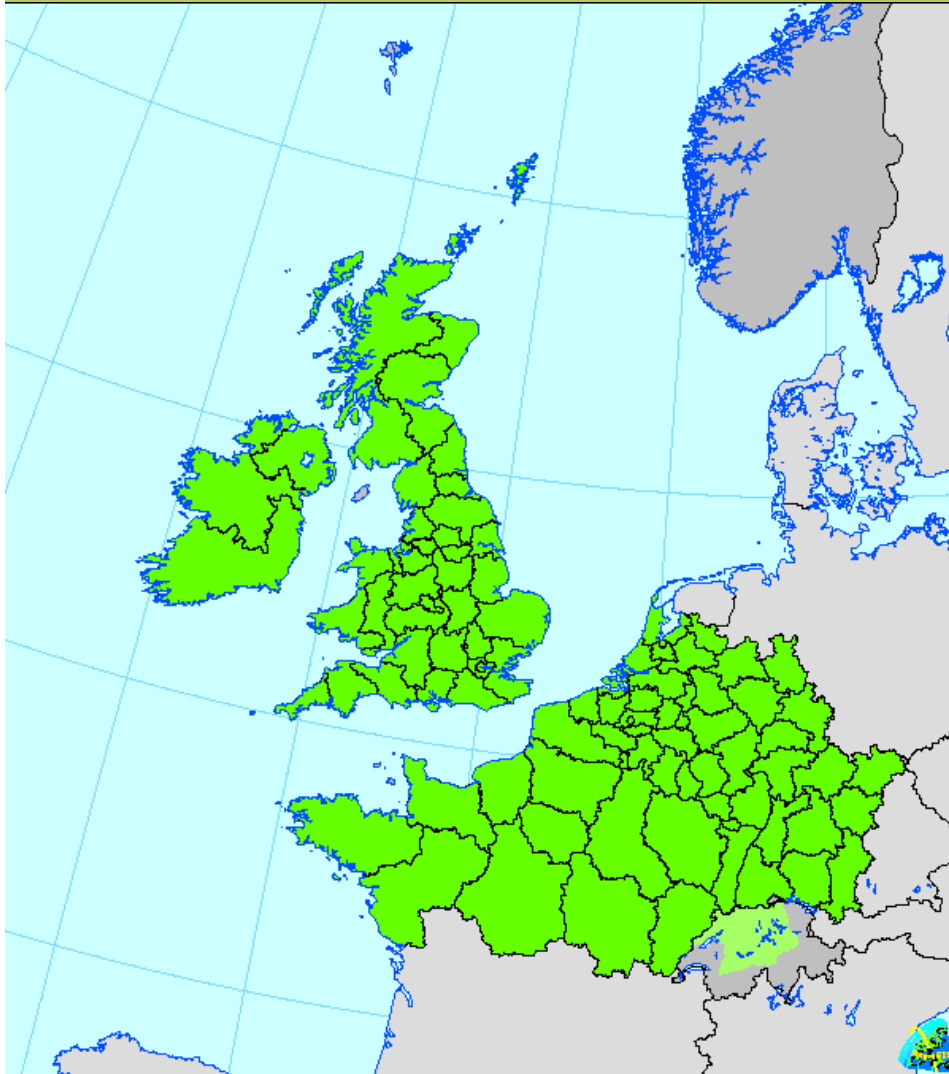
Sustainable urban development:

strengthening polycentric development at transnational, national and regional level, with a clear transnational impact.

Actions may include:

the creation and improvement of urban networks and urban-rural links; strategies to tackle common urban/rural issues; preservation and promotion of the cultural heritage, and the strategic integration of development zones on a transnational basis.

ETC: framework for the new NWE programme



Good news:

- Cooperation area is remaining the same
- More flexibility
 - 20 % outside cooperation area within EU
 - 10 % even outside EU
- Reduced administrative effort envisaged

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Programming process started early. Timetable:

- Since January: regular preparation meetings of the Member States
- July: 1st draft Operational Programme to EC
- August/September: Public consultation process, including Environmental Report (SEA)
- November: final draft Operational Programme to EC

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Draft (!) priority working title:

Promoting sustainable and dynamic communities
at transnational level

Three Objectives:

- to strengthen urban nodes and networks at transnational level
- to improve the transnational performance of natural environment and cultural heritage and to strengthen urban-rural relationships
- to promote a transnational response to the spatial impacts of demographic change and migration

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How can you take part the programming process?

- Participate in public consultation and regional discussion in August and September
- Draft programme draft is expected to be online on the NWE website www.nweurope.org (late July 2006)