

# European Territorial Co-Operation

## 2014-2020

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# ETC 2014-2020

- **Cross Border** (Ireland - Wales)  
(Ireland /NorthernIreland/Scotland)
- **Transnational** (Atlantic Area)  
(Northern Periphery & Arctic)  
(North West Europe)
- **Inter-regional** ( EU28)



## Progress update

- EU Regulations expected to be complete soon.
- Programmes at different stages of development.
- Focus on EU 2020 objectives – 11 thematic priorities
- Budget expected to be in line with 2007-13 period
- Greater simplification of management structures
- Flat Rate for Operational costs /HR
- Consideration of greater SME involvement



## Benefit to Ireland 2007-2013

Programme	ERDF approved €	No. Irish Projects	No. Irish Partners
Atlantic area	11.7m	48	80
Northern Periphery	5.5m	24	34
Interreg IVC	6.9m	40	56
North West Europe	11m	22	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>€35.1</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>206</b>



## Overview

- Northern Periphery Programme 2007-2013 – Reflection
- Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme 2014-2020
  - Programme Vision
  - Eligible Area
  - Challenges
  - Opportunities
  - Strategy
  - EU 2020 Priorities
  - Proposed Thematic Priorities
  - Status Update



# Northern Periphery Programme 2007-2013

***47 approved projects throughout NPP Area***

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Projects approved</i>	<i>Total ERDF Committed (€)</i>	<i>Projects with Irish partners</i>	<i>ERDF benefit to Ireland</i>
1. Innovation, Networks & Competitiveness	30	19,643,695	15	2,686,696
2. Sustainable development of Natural & Community Resources	17	13,076,667	9	2,834,265
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>32,720,362</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>5,520,961</b>



## *Irish Participation across many themes.....*

	<b>Project</b>	<b>Theme</b>	
	Connected Mobile Communities (CMC@NP)	Rural Broadband	ERNACT Donegal Co Co
	RASLRES	Local Renewable Energy	WDC
	MICRE	Micro waste to Energy	WESTBIC Mayo Co Co West Reg Authority
	Telemedicine Solutions (ITTS)	Telemedicines	NUI Galway
	SMACS	Maritime Training/Emergency Response	Cork Institute of Technology
	Craft International	Crafts/Cultural heritage	TEAGASC
	Creative Edge	Creative Sector	NUIG/WDC

## ***Programme Vision – ‘The Cool North’***

- *The Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme 2014-2020 aims to expand regions’ horizons, building on concrete outcomes and enabling the NPA area to be a 1st class region to live, study, work, visit and invest.*
- *The programme will generate vibrant, competitive and sustainable communities, by harnessing innovation, expanding the capacity for entrepreneurship and seizing the unique growth initiatives and opportunities of the Northern and Arctic regions in a resource efficient way.*





# Northern Periphery & Arctic Programme 2014-2020

*Eligible Area – Unchanged – 9 partner regions*

<b><i>EU Member States</i></b>	<b><i>Non Member States</i></b>
Western Ireland	Norway
Northern Ireland	Greenland
Scotland	Faroe Islands
Sweden	Iceland
Finland	

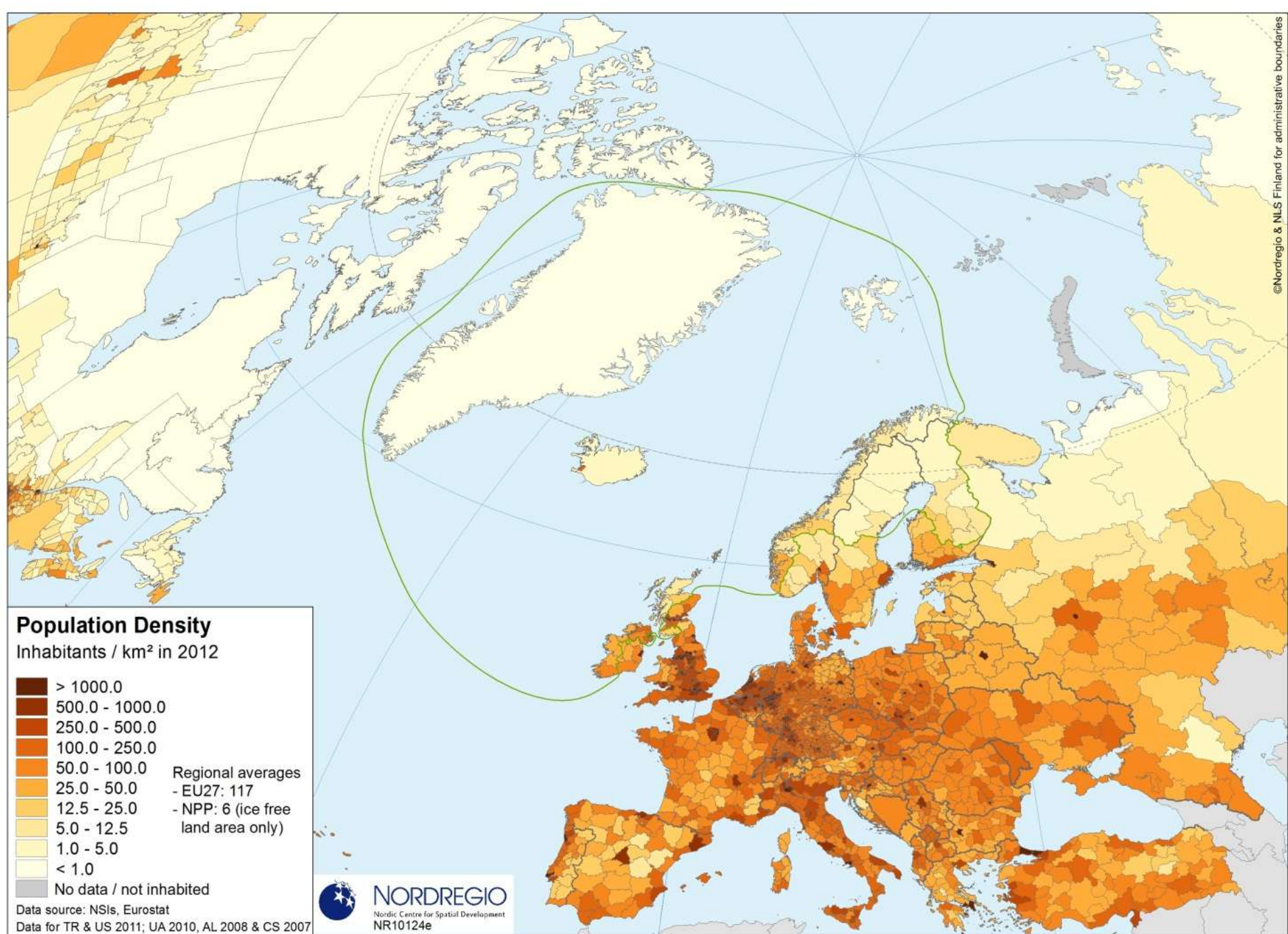


Regions belonging, entirely or partially, to the Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme area

-  National Boundary
-  in EU Member States
-  Outside the EU
-  Adjacent Regions

# Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme Area 2014 – 2020





# Key Challenges for the NPA Area

- Lack of critical mass
- Weak access to key markets
- Little external orientation of SMEs
- Little economic diversity
- Shrinking rural communities
- Aging/gender imbalance



## ***EEnablers under NPA 2014-2020***

- Abundance of natural resources
- Versatile business sector ( SMEs, few but world leading big enterprises)
- Strong regional centres
- Sectoral expertise and specialist knowledge
- Demographic drivers as high in-migration
- Labour market assets as demand for highly skilled workforce
- More targeted development of local and regional economies
- The Green Economy & capitalising on the opportunities from climate change
- Innovation capacity & Place based competencies.

## ***More dynamic and external oriented local economies = overall strategy***

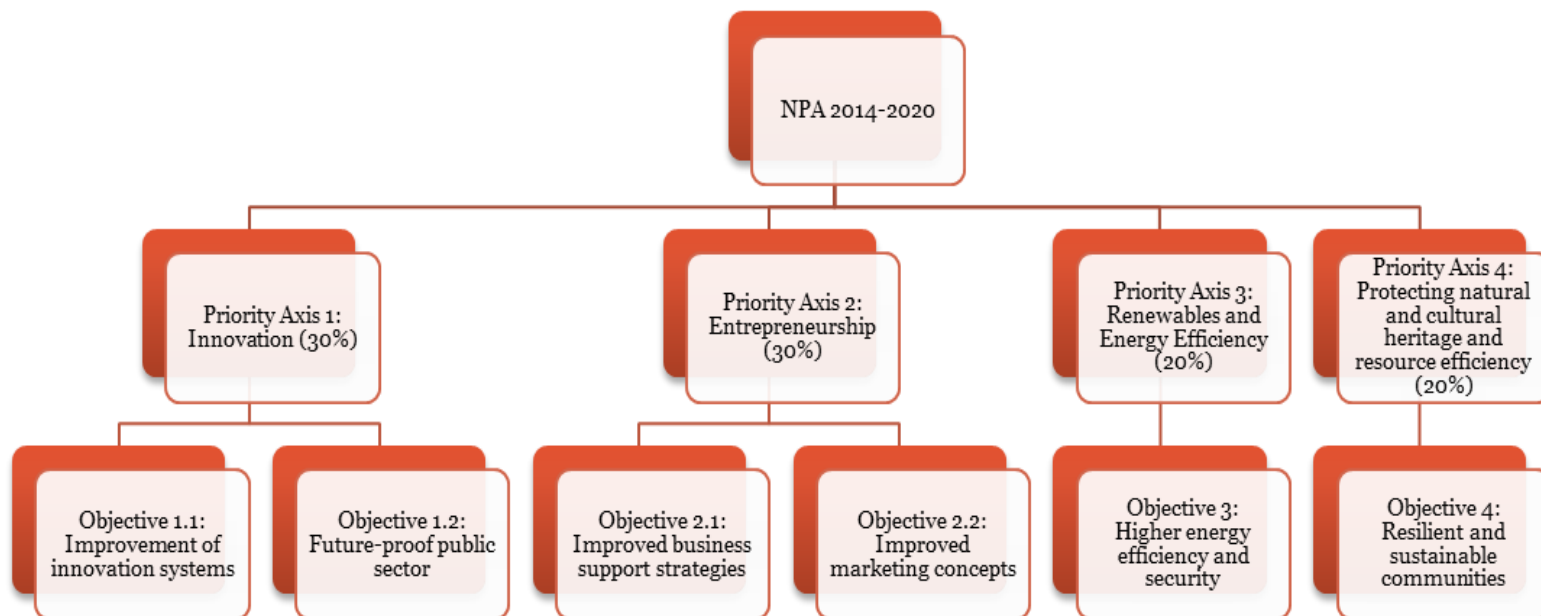
- Higher external orientation and interaction of SMEs
- Better utilisation of innovation capacity
- Higher level of entrepreneurship
- Promoting economic strengths
- Innovation of public service provision



## Menu of Thematic Objectives in line with the Europe 2020 Strategy

1. **research & innovation**
2. information and communication technologies (ICT)
3. **competitiveness of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs)**
4. **shift towards a low-carbon economy**
5. climate change adaptation & risk prevention and management
6. **environmental protection & resource efficiency**
7. sustainable transport & removing bottlenecks in key network infrastructures
8. employment & supporting labour mobility
9. social inclusion & combating poverty
10. education, skills & lifelong learning
11. institutional capacity building & efficient public administrations

# Priority Structure





## Priority Axis 1: Innovation

### *Objective 1.1 – Improving Business Innovation Systems*

#### ***Examples of activities supported:***

- Clustering of SMEs for R & D purposes across regions
- Facilitating Technology Transfer to or across the programme area
- Facilitating SME demand driven Innovation support from R & D
- Transnational Business Networks to broaden regional sectoral base
- Creative sector specific supports for Innovation exchange

#### ***Types of Beneficiaries :***

Universities, Research Institutes, Business Support Agencies/Business Representative groups etc



## Priority Axis 1: Innovation

### *Objective 1.2 – Innovative Public Service Provision*

#### ***Examples of Activities supported :***

Especially targeted at Renewable Energy, Healthcare, Social Care & Education

- Innovative Solutions addressing low critical mass/service viability
- Technology driven solutions for Public Service provision in remote regions.

#### ***Types of Beneficiaries -***

Public Bodies, PPPs, Third Level Sector, Social Enterprises.



## Priority Axis 2 : Entrepreneurship

### *Objective 2.1 – Improved Business Support Strategies*

Addressing problems of small customer base & long distance to market

#### ***Examples of Activities supported –***

- Developing Business support solutions to remove barriers for start ups/ SMEs
- Business Support Solutions taking advantage of Place Based opportunities for example Tourism, Cultural heritage, Authentic experiences & Natural Resources.
- Transnational Campus Incubator Support programmes
- Internationalisation supports and Export Development assistance.
- Supporting Linkages to Larger Industry in the NPA Community

***Types of Beneficiaries*** - Public Bodies, Regional Development Agencies, HEIs, Exporters Groups, Chambers of Commerce, Port Authorities etc.

## Priority Axis 2 : Entrepreneurship

### *Objective 2.2 - Improved Marketing concepts – SME markets*

Clustering Firms with complementary product/service portfolios via Joint Marketing initiatives with a view to increasing access to new markets & widening existing markets. Objective aims to increase no. of Start ups & employment in export sectors.

#### ***Examples of Activities supported***

- SME Collaboration/clustering to meet larger scale, more diverse demand – more strategic collaboration – Health Products, Pharmaceuticals, Food & Drinks, Cruise Tourism & e-Commerce,
- Technology deployment to overcome distance to market.

#### ***Types of Beneficiaries***

Public Bodies, Regional Development Agencies, Business Representative Groups, Export Associations.

## Priority Axis 3 : Renewables & Energy Efficiency

### *Objective 3: Higher Energy Efficiency & Security in Public sector & Housing sector*

#### ***Examples of Activities supported -***

- Energy Efficient Housing solutions, small scale renewable energy solutions for public infrastructures
- Promotion of Energy Efficient Public Buildings
- Developing models to utilise by products from economic activities as energy sources for public buildings

#### ***Types of beneficiaries***

Public Bodies, PPPs, Social Enterprises, Third Level Sector, Local Authorities



## Priority Axis 4 – Protecting Natural & Cultural Heritage and Resource Efficiency.

### *Objective 4 : Resilient & Sustainable communities*

#### ***Examples of Activities supported –***

- Environmental Sustainability initiatives – by products/food waste, residues etc
- Pollution Prevention – Rivers/Lakes/Rural Communities
- Addressing Climate Change – Flood prevention measures/ Harsh climate
- Exploiting the NPA Region's rich Cultural heritage – Language/Crafts/Boat Builds

#### ***Types of beneficiaries***

Public Bodies, PPPs, Representative Groups, Social Enterprises etc.



# *Status Programming Process*

- 6 Programme Planning Group meetings since November 2012
- Contents chapters of Operational Programme in advanced stage:
  - Area analysis: identifying development needs in the area + SWOT
  - Programme strategy: rationale behind selection of themes
  - Priorities: draft objectives, results sought, types of actions supported, beneficiaries and target groups
  - In addition: draft indicators, horizontal principles
- Preparatory project exploring Arctic Dimension of new programme
- Interactive process: regular consultation of Regional Advisory Groups & Ex Ante evaluators



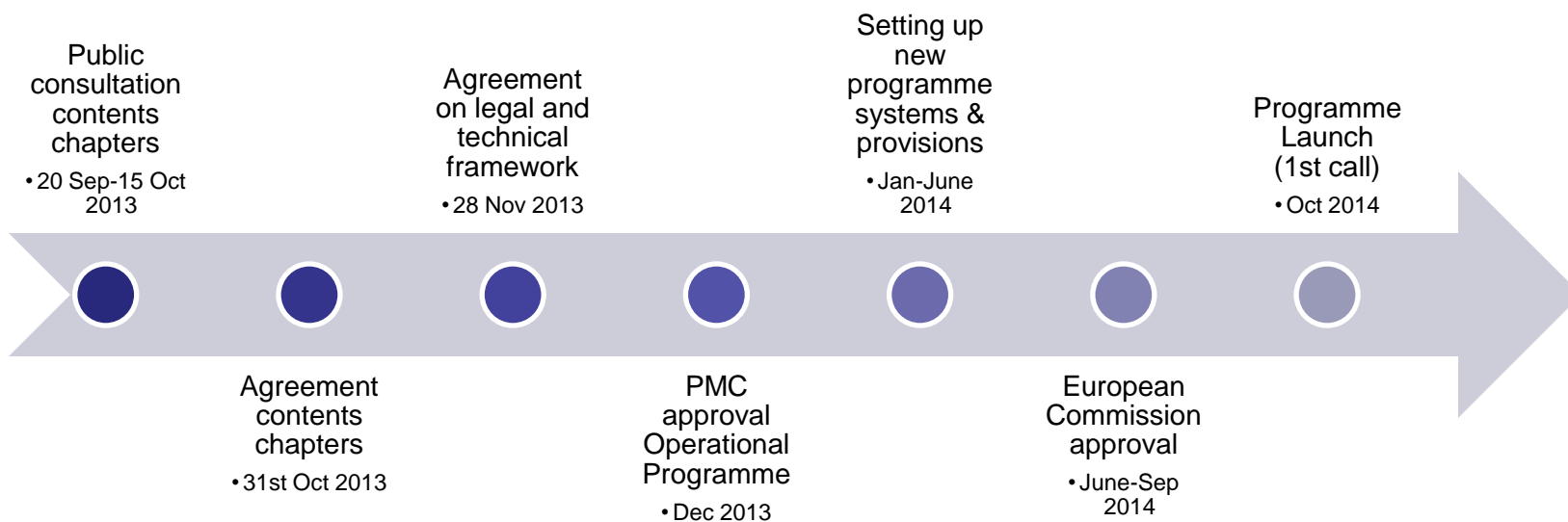
# Next Steps

- Consultation of contents chapters
  - Workshop with stakeholders at NPP Annual Conference 19th September, Skellefteå, Sweden. Main question: Are the priorities workable?
  - Public consultations in programme partner countries organised by Regional Contact Points (20th September-15th October)
  
- Establishing implementation framework
  - Dependent on adoption regulation, delegated acts and national legislation
  - No major changes expected in budget and setup. Geography unchanged.
  - Simplification and harmonisation measures.
  - Legal and technical agreement in programme partner countries





## *Timeline (best case scenario)*





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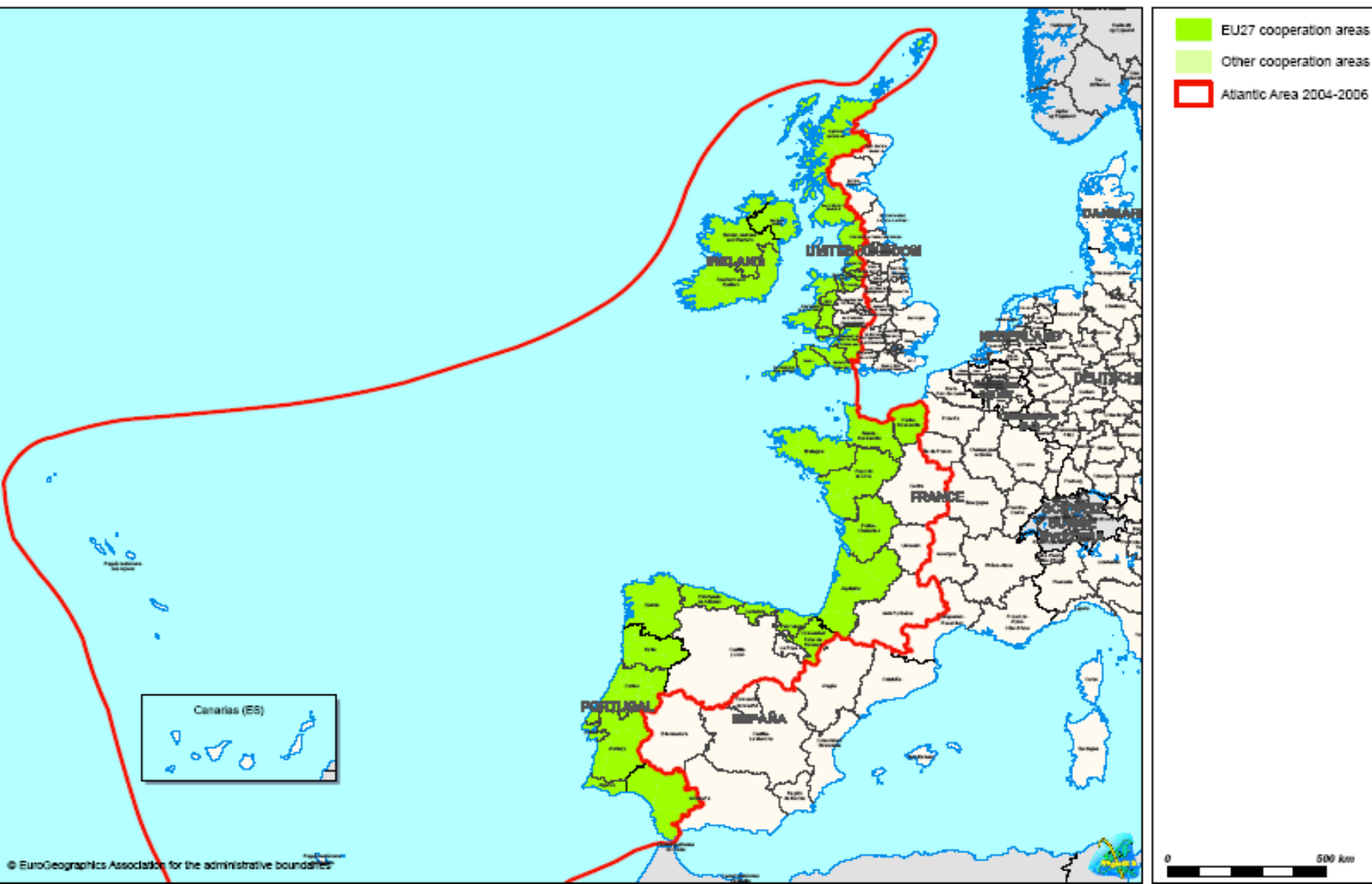
## **Atlantic Area Programme 2014-2020**

- Expect Geography largely the same
- Atlantic Maritime Strategy a key driver
- Draft Priorities expected early 2014



# Atlantic Area 2007-2013: Eligible territory

## Transnational cooperation areas 2007-2013 Atlantic Coast



# Marine Priorities 2014-2020

- Marine Renewable Energies
- Maritime Shipping
- Marine Leisure
- Biotechnology
- Maritime Safety & security
- Seafood development
- Coastal Sustainability
- Marine Research & Innovation
- Hi- Tech Marine Services

