

Interreg Arctic Cooperation Clustering Call Partner Search event

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Agenda

9:00 Introducing the Terms of Reference

10:00 Project pitches

11:00 Coffee & Exhibition

11:30 Boat tour & Lunch

14:30 Coffee & Exhibition

15:00 Speed Dating

One-on-one meetings

17:00 Closure



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Combining Interreg resources and skills to get the best results for Arctic and near-Arctic communities.



Photo: Interreg NPA Arctic STEM Communities

What is clustering and why do we care?



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Expected outcomes

»»» Enhanced collaboration

»»» Increased awareness

»»» Wider impact



Expected outcomes

»»» Enhanced collaboration

Transfer to new sectors

Include new organisations

Lasting networks

Complementary skill sets to improve uptake of results

Expected outcomes

»»» Increased awareness

More effective outreach

New and impactful
engagement strategies

Advocacy

Engage with new end-users



Expected outcomes

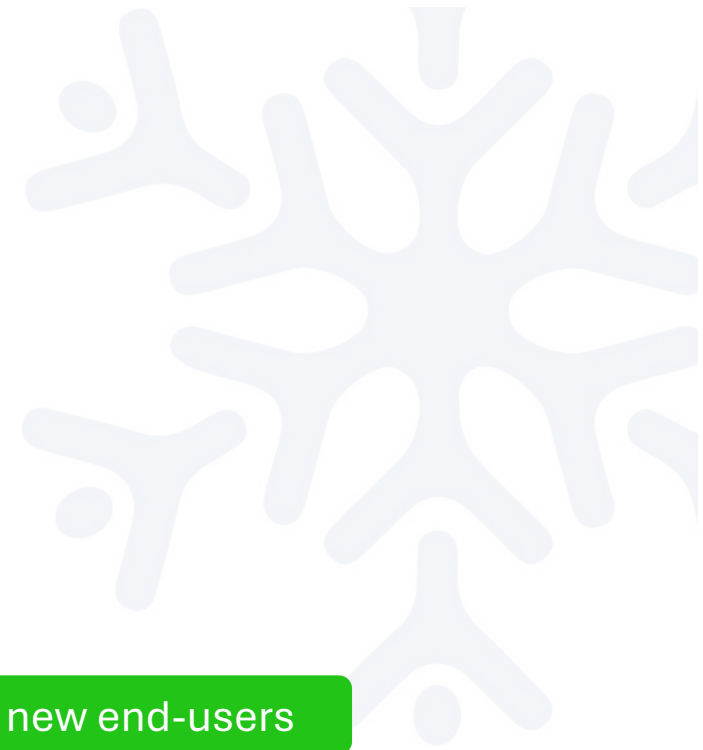
»»» Wider impact

Policy change

Expand
to new geographical areas

Roll-out to new end-users

Gaining critical mass to inform
decision makers



Clustering project themes



SME competitiveness - including culture and sustainable tourism

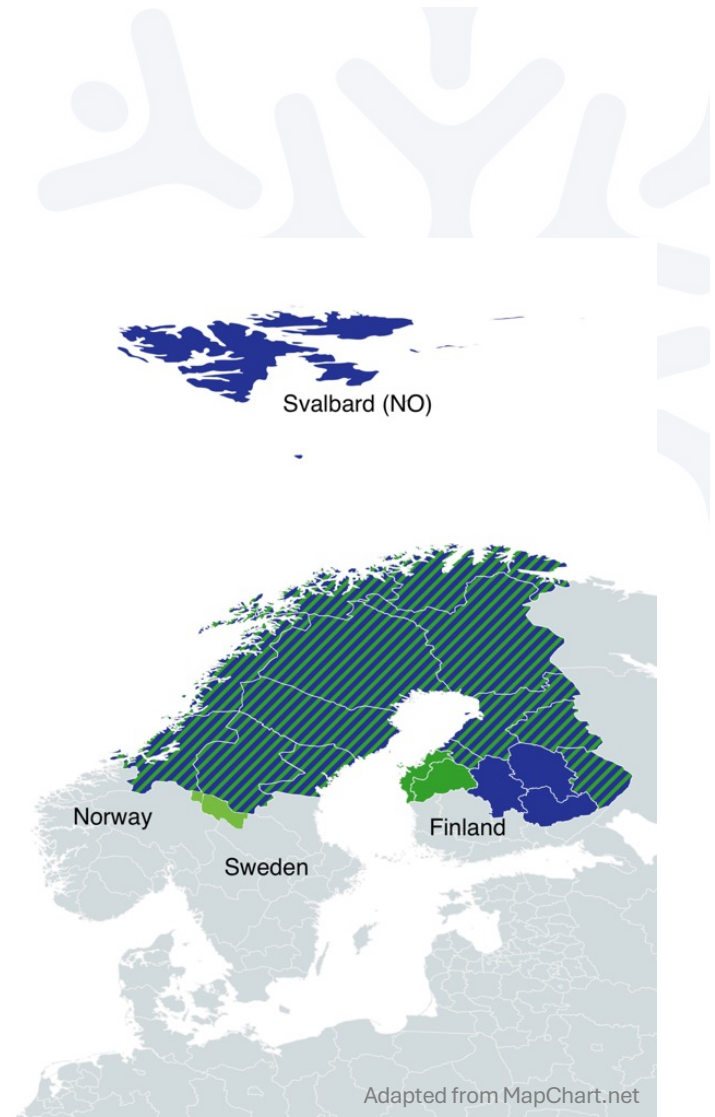
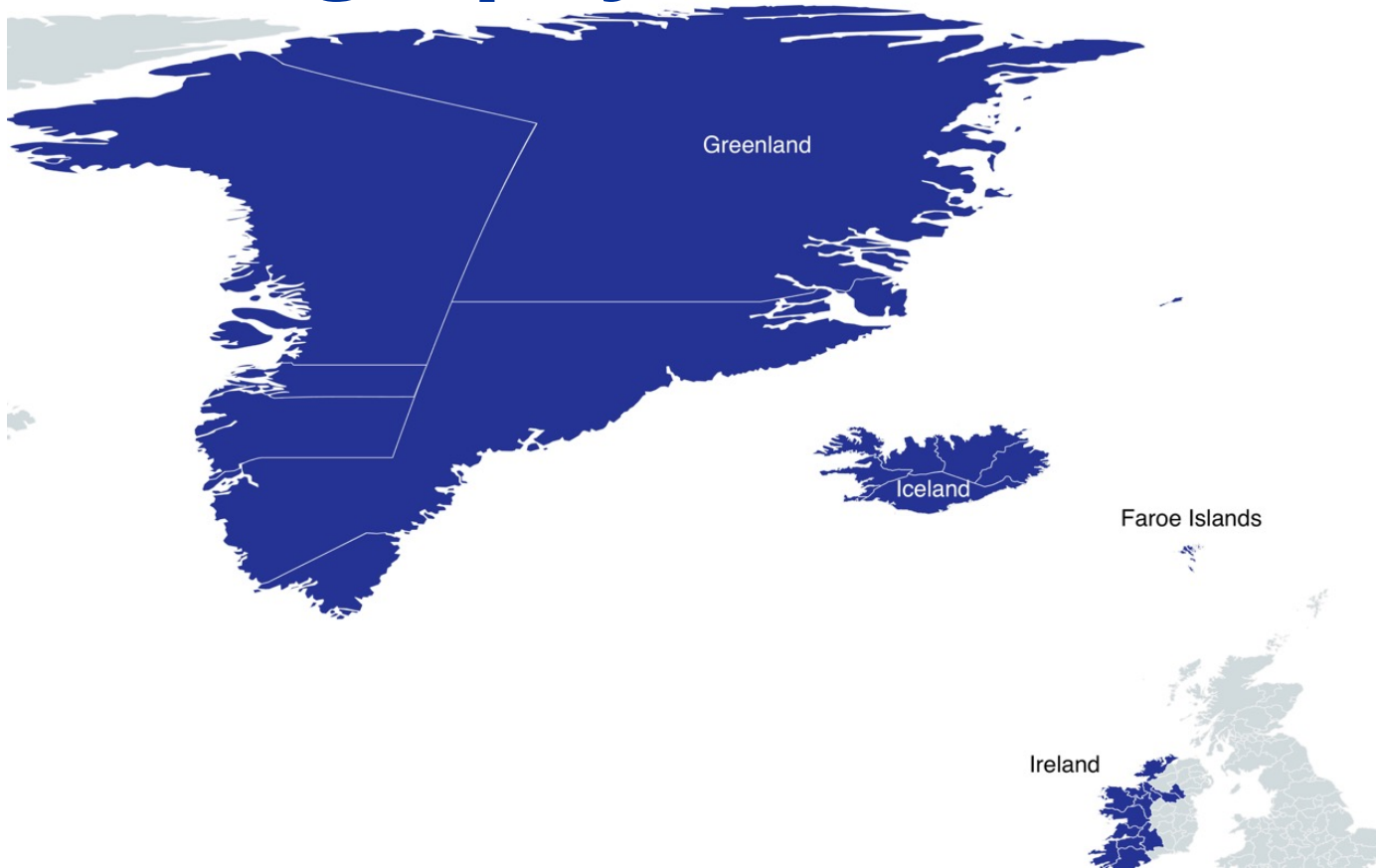


Research and innovation - including circular economy



Climate change adaptation - including nature protection and biodiversity

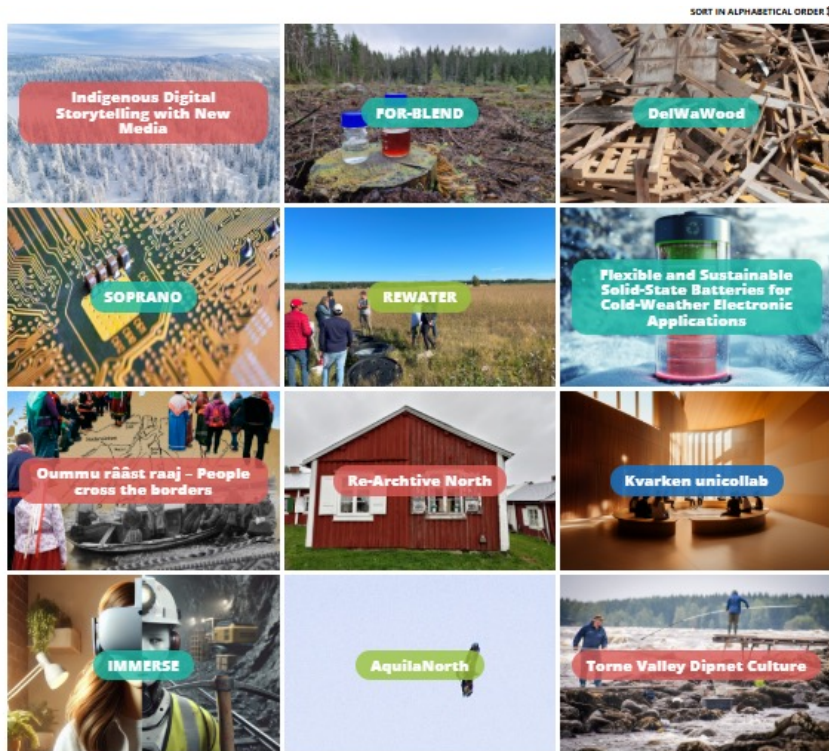
Geography



Types of projects & partnerships

	TRANSNATIONAL	CROSS-BORDER
Where	NPA regions	Aurora regions
Who	Min 3 partners 1 NPA project 1 Aurora project	Min 2 partners 1 NPA project 1 Aurora project
How much	200.000 Euro	60.000 Euro
How long	12 months	6 – 12 months

Support for project and partnership development



Get to know the Interreg Aurora projects

Project categories:

Smart – Smart and sustainable growth

Green – Green and sustainable transition

Social – Education, culture and sustainable tourism

Cooperation – Better and more sustainable cross-border cooperation

Support for project and partnership development

Get to know the Interreg NPA projects


The screenshot displays a web interface for Interreg NPA projects. On the left is a sidebar with filters: a search bar, 'PROJECT STATUS' (All, Current, Finalized), 'PRIORITIES' (Innovation, Climate change, Cooperation opportunities), and 'FILTERS' (Target Groups, Objectives, Partner Countries). The main area shows six project cards:


- ArcticFoodWhey** (CLIMATE CHANGE): Utilization of by-products of cheese-making and production of whey in Northern area. Image shows cheese production.
- Ar2CorD** (CLIMATE CHANGE): Low Carbon Concrete for Arctic Climate with Excellent Sustainability and Durability. Image shows a building under construction in a snowy landscape.
- Arctic Edge** (INNOVATION): Supply Chain Integration for Interoperability & Enhanced Resilience of SMEs in remote regions. Image shows a cargo ship.
- Cooperation Opportunities** (COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES): Image shows people at a table with a map.
- Climate Change** (CLIMATE CHANGE): Image shows a field of dry grass under a cloudy sky.
- Climate Change** (CLIMATE CHANGE): Image shows a wooden building in a snowy environment.

Support for project and partnership development

Project/partner idea template and consultations!

You can find the template on the Aurora and NPA websites

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Clustering project idea

1. Project Title	
2. Project type	Select one: 1. Cross-border clustering project (for applying to Interreg Aurora) 2. Transnational clustering project (for applying to Interreg NPA funding)
3. Theme	Select one: 1. SME competitiveness, including culture and sustainable tourism 2. Research and innovation, including circular economy 3. Climate change adaptation, including nature protection and biodiversity
4. Region / Country	
5. Contact Person	
6. E-mail	
7. Address	
8. Phone	
8.1.1	Project Description:

Support for project and partnership development

Stay tuned!

- LinkedIn group
- Follow [#InterregArcticCooperation](#)



Timeline



Strategic Importance

- The Interreg NPA has labelled clustering projects as “Operations of Strategic Importance” (OSIs)
- **Note:** this only applies to transnational clustering projects
- These projects are seen as strategic, because they can contribute to a more coordinated implementation of territorial strategies that cover multiple programme areas, such as the EU Arctic Policy.
- Specific focus will be given to communicating the projects widely and in a coordinated way.
- More visibility is a great opportunity!

Call for clustering projects

Interreg NPA and Interreg Aurora have decided to work more closely together and to facilitate synergies and clustering among Arctic and near-Arctic stakeholders.



Call outline

Projects funded by either programme during the funding period 2021-2027 are invited to join efforts and submit a clustering project application that leads to better outputs and results and a greater outreach for the dissemination of the results from the two programmes.

Clustering projects are expected to give a higher profile to topics relevant to people living in the Arctic and contribute to the practical implementation of the EU Arctic Policy in communities.

Specific Terms of reference are published on this webpage for Transnational clustering projects, outlining the conditions for funding. It is important to always read and check the terms of reference before applying!

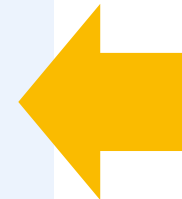
Project applications can be submitted between 8th September 2025 and 6th October 2025.



Submit your application

Applications can be submitted from 8th September 2025. Applications must be submitted through the electronic monitoring system Jems, which is available on the link: jems.interreg-npa.eu.

[Register on Jems](#) ↗





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! Please note we run server maintenance each third Tuesday in the month between 17:00 and 17:30 (CET). During this time you may experience disruptions in the functioning of Jems! Server maintenance has been scheduled for the 07.08. between 12:00 and 14:00.

Jems – Login

* Email
jems@interreg-npa.eu

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

Login

[Create a new account](#)

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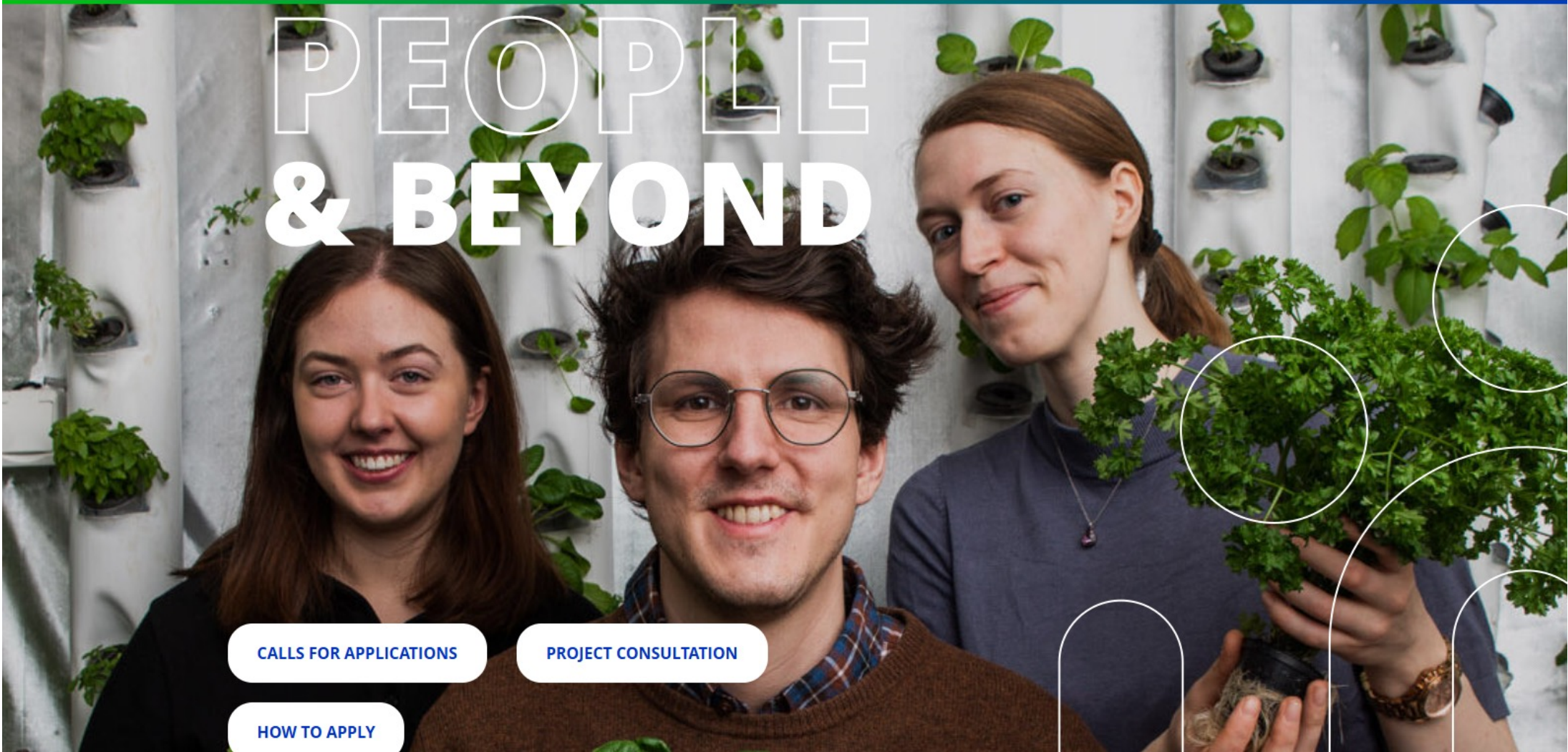


PEOPLE & BEYOND

CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS

PROJECT CONSULTATION

HOW TO APPLY



MY APPLICATION

The Interreg Aurora programme uses online application and reporting systems.

Application for support from the Programme should be submitted through the electronic monitoring system, Min Ansökan, in English.

Please read the [Calls for applications](#) for more information. To guide applicants in the application process, there are [supporting materials](#).

Reporting and application for payment for funded projects should be submitted through the electronic monitoring system, Min Ansökan for Swedish and Finnish project partners. Norwegian partners should use the electronic monitoring system, Regionalforvaltning.no (RF).

To guide beneficiaries in the implementing and finishing project process, there are [supporting materials](#).

APPLY FOR INTERREG AURORA FUNDING

One joint application for all Swedish, Finnish and Norwegian project partners in the system Min ansökan. Detailed information about the criteria for funding, who can apply and how to apply are available in the Interreg Aurora Programme document and the Programme Manual.

Ready to start?

Click here to enter the system Min ansökan to register an account and start filling in the application. Register in the system via the User Name-option.


[MIN ANSÖKAN](#) 

APPLY FOR EU-PAYMENT FOR APPROVED INTERREG AURORA PROJECTS

One joint application for Swedish and Finnish project partners. Detailed information about how to apply for payment is available in the Programme Manual and in these [tutorials](#). Please also see the other [supporting documents](#) that need to be attached to the payment application package.

Ready to start?

Click here to enter the system Min ansökan to start filling in the application for payment. You switch to English language on the bottom of the page. Register in the system via the User Name-option.


[MIN ANSÖKAN](#) 

APPLY FOR NORWEGIAN PAYMENT FOR APPROVED INTERREG AURORA PROJECTS

Application for Norwegian project partners. For detailed information about how to apply for payment you have a [tutorial](#) for support. You can also contact the Norwegian Managing Organisation.

Ready to start?

Click here to enter the system Regionalforvaltning.no to start filling in the application for payment. Register in the system via the User Name-option.

[REGIONALFORVALTNING.NO](#) 

Welcome to Min ansökan



Are you applying for project financing?

National and EU funding and co-financing for your project. The projects that receive support must contribute to regional development or a more open and secure Europe.

[Apply for project funding](#)

BankID

User name

Log in with

Email

Password

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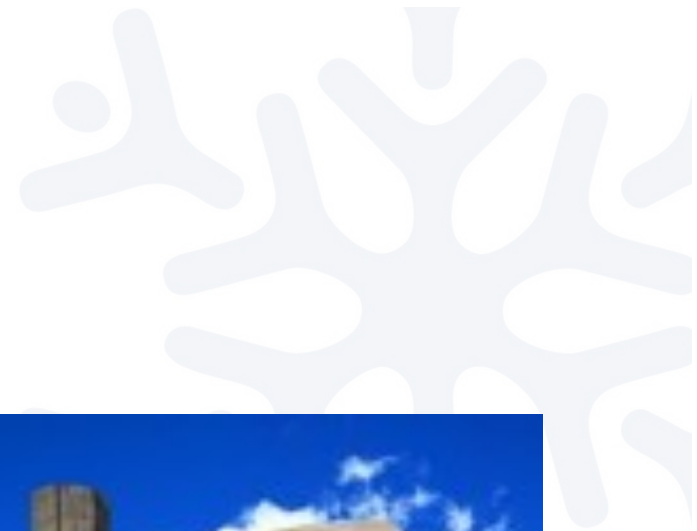
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Questions and Answers





Thank You!



Project pitches
The stage is yours!

SME competitiveness - including culture and sustainable tourism

1. Strengthening Rural Social Entrepreneurship for Societal Sustainability
2. Place Based Approach - Mobilize cooperation and public engagement for resilient communities. (MOBCOOP)
3. Promoting SME awareness of circular economy regulations and adoption of circular economy models

Research and innovation - including circular economy

1. Fostering Innovation through very low TRL Investment Ecosystem
2. RoboDemo Share – Sharing the RoboDemo Technology Transfer Model Best Practices to New Areas

Climate change adaptation - including nature protection and biodiversity

1. Transnational collaboration for Territorial impact of climate/green Transition harnessing autonomous Technology
2. Digital Action on Climate Change with Heritage Environments.

Coffee & Exhibition



Get ready for the
boat tour

Parallel Sessions

SPEED DATING

Get to know new projects
and potential project
partners!

Plenary room

ONE-ON-ONE meetings

Meet the programme staff.
Project development support
for project idea holders

Other room

Thank you for today!

Feedback survey



Rules of the game

- Find a person you have not spoken to yet.
- In turns, share your name, organisation, and briefly about your project. Keep it to **3 minutes** each!
- When time is up, find a new partner and repeat.

