

2021

CITIZENS' SUMMARY

Annual Implementation Report



Innovation

€ 128.3M allocated

44 projects approved



Low carbon

€ 165.3M allocated

35 projects approved



Resource and materials efficiency

€ 82M allocated

23 projects approved

EXPECTED RESULTS

337.443 tonnes of material recovered, reused and recycled

491 technologies, products, services and processes developed and tested in real life conditions

1.000 jobs created

130.724 tonnes / year of CO2 equivalent saved

7.679 households with an improved energy class

31,5 MW of additional renewable energy capacity

The Interreg North-West Europe programme 2014-2020 supports cooperation across the borders of eight European countries and tackles common challenges in the area.

The NWE Programme is proud of the milestones achieved together with its funded projects in 2021:

- NWE Member States reached an agreement on the draft NWE Programme 2021-2027
- 25 projects were approved from the 2nd call for capitalisation, with 25.5M ERDF allocated
- Launch of the publication *NWE making an impact - Cooperation in action*
- Two online thematic networking events organised with 720 participants in total

Following nine calls for projects, one targeted call on renewable energy and two calls for capitalisation, the NWE Programme has reached the following implementation figures:

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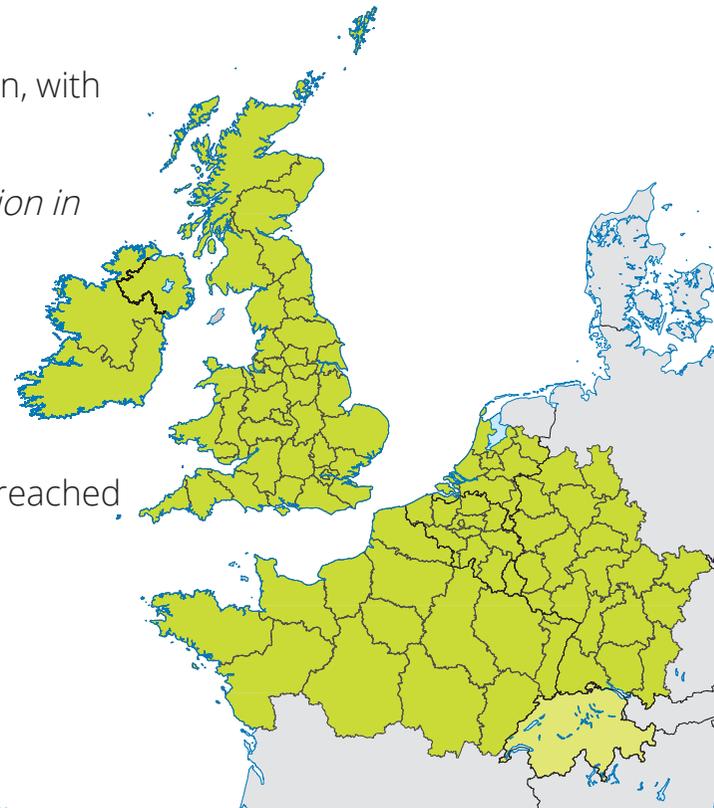
APPROVED PROJECTS

€ 376M

ERDF ALLOCATED

1078

PARTNERS



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projects at a glance

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Investing in Opportunities



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€ 3.1M
TOTAL
BUDGET

Transforming agricultural residues into bioactive compounds for industry use

Currently, the majority of natural assets used in cosmetic or nutraceutical formulations are imported to Europe, whilst a great diversity of resources is present in the North-West Europe regions.

AGRIWASTEVALUE transforms agricultural residues from NWE regions into bioactive compounds to be used in key industrial sectors.

Achievements so far

Mapping of agricultural waste stream; 5 promising molecules/extracts identified to be used by companies in the cosmetic and food industries; an interactive map for industry use with the location, type and quantity of available bioactive compounds; 10 agro-industry companies involved in a sustainable value chain.

www.nweurope.eu/agriwastevalue

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Care-Peat
European Regional Development Fund
BE | FR | IE | NL | UK



€ 6.2M
TOTAL
BUDGET

Restoring the carbon storage capacity of peatlands

Peatlands are not only habitats with a highly specialised flora and fauna, they also play an important role in global climate regulation. Northern hemisphere peatlands count for 3 to 5% of total land area and contain approximately 33% of global soil carbon.

Care-Peat reduces carbon emissions and restores the carbon storage capacity of different types of peatlands in North-West Europe.

Achievements so far

Raised awareness on restoring peatlands and on existing strategies in all 5 involved countries; prevented about 7,808 tonnes of CO₂ emissions per year stored in its 5 pilot sites (BE, FR, IE, NL, UK, in total approx 630 ha).

www.nweurope.eu/care-peat

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Smart Circular Bridge
European Regional Development Fund
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€ 6.8M
TOTAL
BUDGET

Smart Circular Bridge for a circular built environment

The construction industry needs to make a shift in material use. However, reliable alternative solutions for improving material efficiency and natural resource use are lacking. In NWE, a 0.5% yearly replacement of just pedestrian and cyclist bridges, equals to 95.000 tonnes per year of primary raw material saved.

Smart Circular Bridge promotes circular infrastructure through development and uptake of a smart circular pedestrian/cyclist bridge infrastructure system as an alternative to the traditional industry, avoiding the use of fossil raw material.

Achievements so far

Developed a fully functioning set-up for the bridge structural monitoring system; inaugurated the first bridge for the city of Almere (NL); avoided the use of over 80 tonnes of fossil raw material.

www.nweurope.eu/smartcircularbridge