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INTERREG AURORA

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THE GOAL OF INTERREG AURORA 2021-2027

To encourage cross-border collaboration, and thereby strengthening the competitiveness, sustainability and attractiveness of the programme area through social inclusion, digitalisation and just green transition.

SUB-AREA AURORA

FINLAND

Lappi
Pohjois-Pohjanmaa
Keski-Pohjanmaa
Österbotten/Pohjanmaa
Etelä-Pohjanmaa
Kainuu
Pohjois-Karjala

SVERIGE

Norrbotten
Västerbotten
Västernorrland

NORGE

Finnmark
Troms
Nordland

SUB-AREA SÀPMI

FINLAND

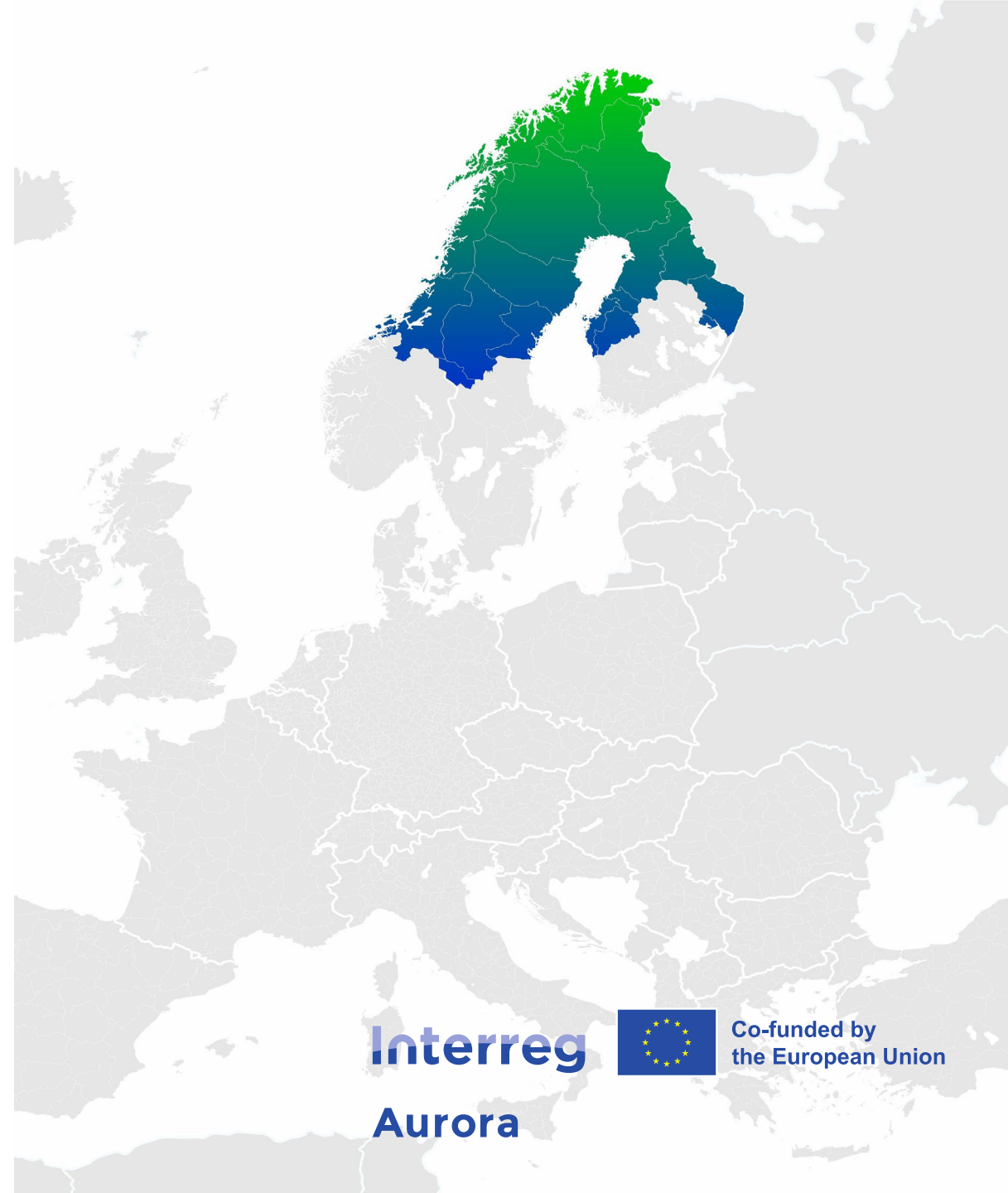
Lappi
Pohjois-Pohjanmaa
Keski-Pohjanmaa

SVERIGE

Norrbotten
Västerbotten
Västernorrland
Jämtland
Idre Sameby, Dalarna

NORGE

Finnmark
Troms
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Trøndelag
Innlandet (Elgå Reinbeitedistrikt)



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GREAT IDEAS **KNOW NO BORDERS**

Get to know all Interreg Aurora funded projects
and how cross-border cooperation improves the daily
lives in our Programme area.



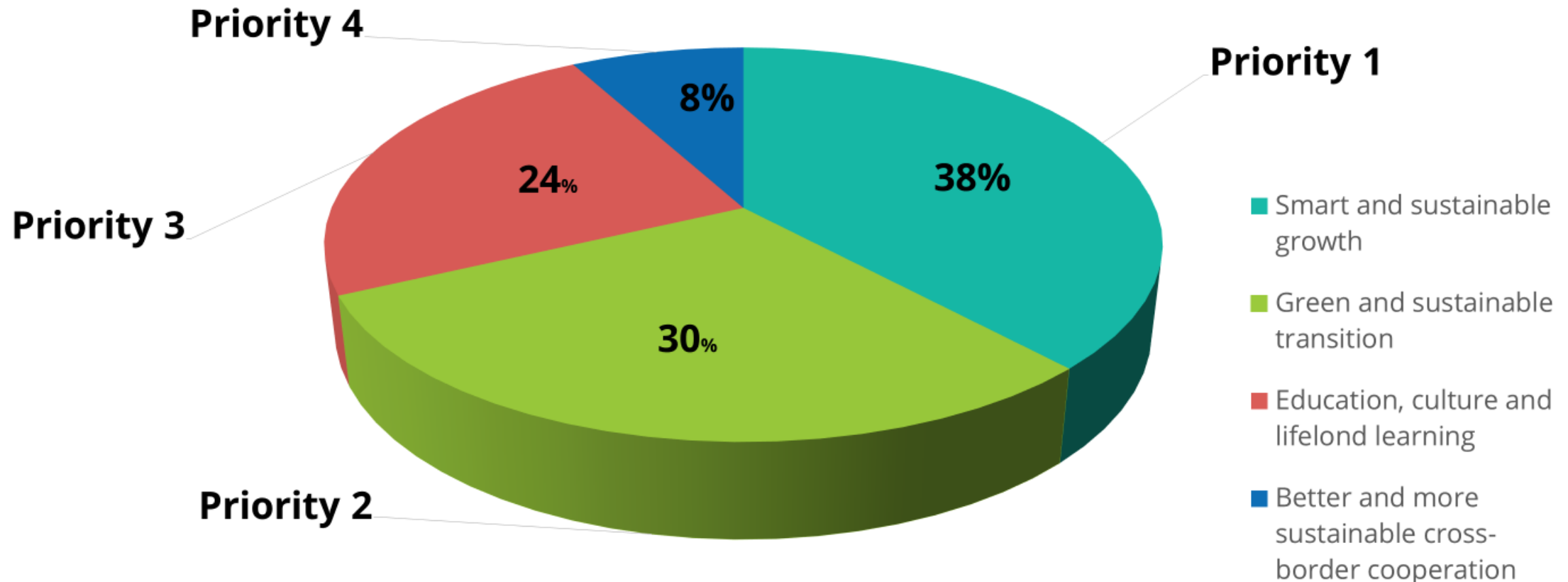
[Project Bank - Interreg Aurora](#)

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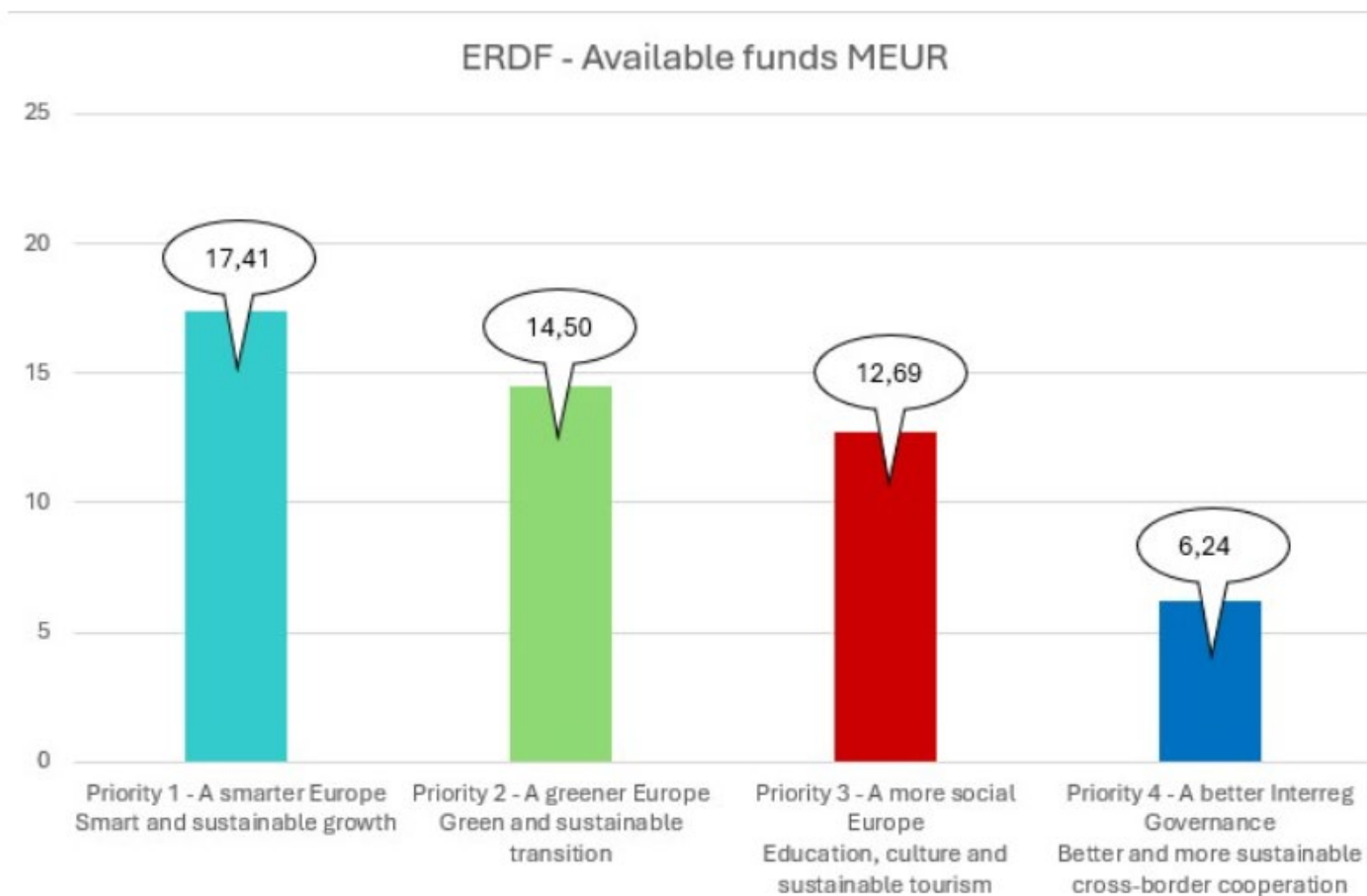
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Budget Allocation 205 M€, ERDF appr. 125 M€



Available funding



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SMART & BEYOND



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PRIORITY 1

Smart and sustainable growth

Specific Objective 1.1

Smart specialisation, research and innovation

Building new knowledge networks and skills between higher education institutes, businesses and the public sector to promote the transition to a just green and sustainable economy.

Specific Objective 1.2

Competitiveness of SMEs

Improving micro, small and medium-sized companies' competitiveness.

SMART SPECIALISATION



- **Industry**
- **Space
technology**
- **Energy
technology**
- **Test activities**
- **Health and
healthcare**
- **Digitalisation**
- **Transport**

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GREEN & BEYOND



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PRIORITY 2

Green and sustainable development

Specific Objective 2.1

Climate change adaption

Increasing awareness of climate change and find methods to be able to prevent/mitigate and adapt.

Specific Objective 2.2

Nature protection and biodiversity

Protecting nature areas/habitats and biodiversity. Plans, strategies and methods to restore, conserve and share best practices.

Specific Objective 2.3

Sustainable mobility

Finding solutions to enable lower carbon dioxide emissions from the transport system.

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SOCIAL & BEYOND



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PRIORITY 3 **Education, culture and** **sustainable tourism**

Specific Objective 3.1

Education and lifelong learning

Meeting the needs of the labor market and increasing the level of education.

Specific Objective 3.2

Culture and sustainable tourism

Strengthening sustainable tourism, culture and business opportunities through knowledge exchange between research and educational institutions, society, business and the non-profit sector.

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COOPERATION & BEYOND



PRIORITY 4

Better and more sustainable cross-border cooperation

Specific Objective 4.1

Cross-border cooperation capacity
building

Overcoming border barriers and
reducing administrative and legal
obstacles. Producing coherent
development strategies and establishing
reliable datasets. Trust building by
people-to-people actions.

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Summary of the Interreg Aurora Programme document



What signifies a good Interreg Aurora project?

- Cross-border cooperation
- Relevance for the Programme
- Sustainable development
- The partnership
- Project logic
- Relevance to target group
- Value for money
- Results



Project Types and EU-Financing Rates

Small-scale projects

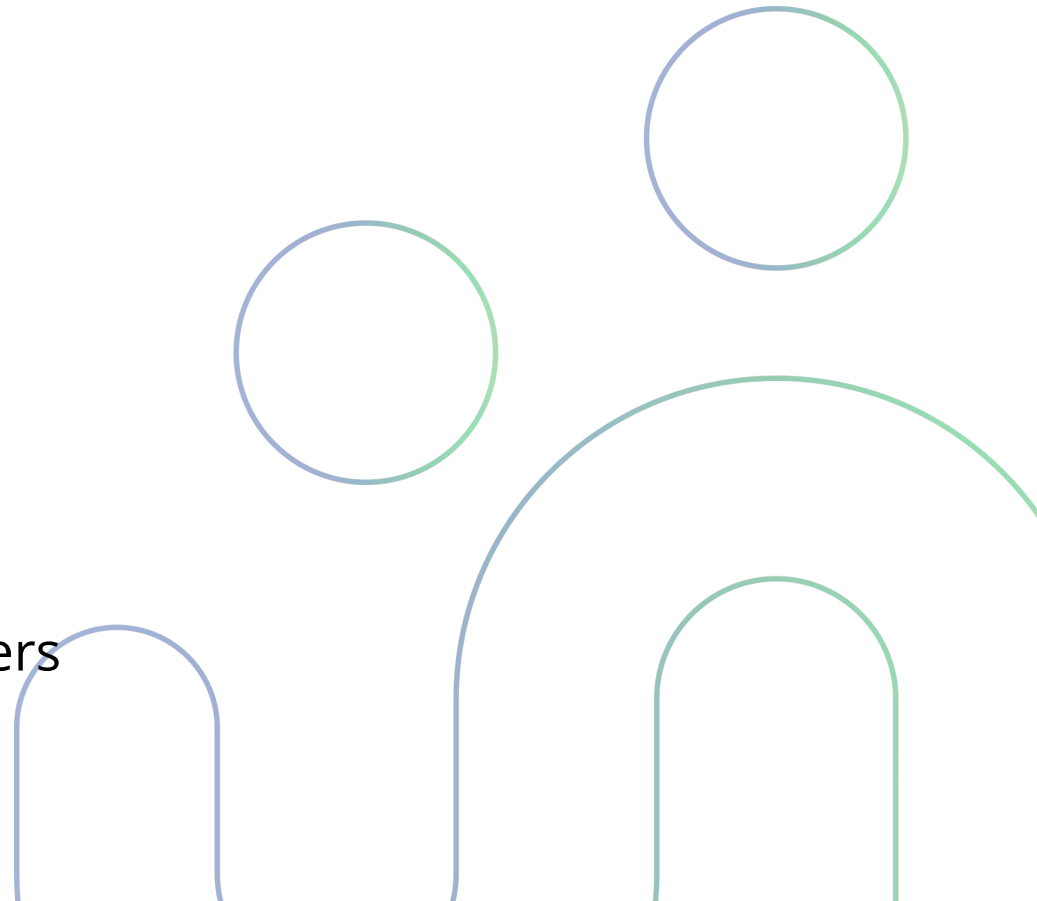
- Budget max 20 000 Euro/country
- 6-12 months

Regular Projects

- Max 3 years

Financing Rate

- 65% EU-funding for Swedish and Finnish partners
- 50% Norwegian Interreg-funding for Norwegian partners



Objectives with fewer applications

- **Priority 1; Specific objective 1.2 (Competitiveness of SMEs)**
- **Priority 2; Specific objective 2.1 (Climate change adaptation)**
- **Priority 2; Specific objective 2.2 (Nature protection and biodiversity)**
- **Priority 2; Specific objective 2.3 (Sustainable mobility)**

Upcoming calls

- Call for regular project applications

Call 7 : 8 September - 6 October 2025

- Call for small-scale project applications

SSP Call 5: 8 September - 6 October 2025 Interreg Arctic Cooperation, Clustering call

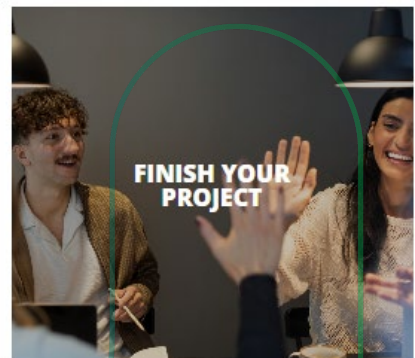
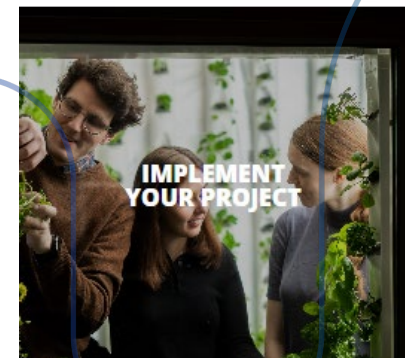
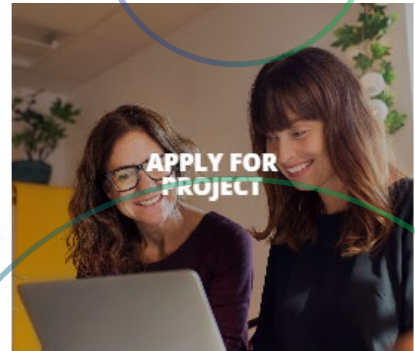
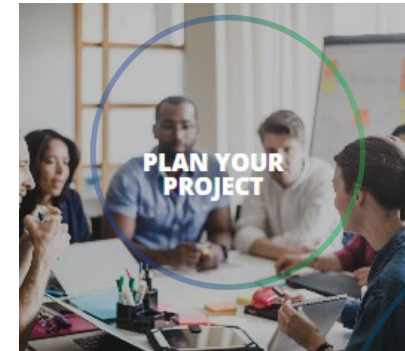
IMPORTANT! Terms of reference may differ for each call

- www.interregaurora.eu/projects/calls-for-applications/

Get prepared!

- One joint application (SE/FI/NO)
- Programme Manual
- Early project idea template/project consultation
 - June 1st-August 1st
- Contact the Joint Secretariat for questions

interregaurora@lansstyrelsen.se



Upcoming events

- **Launching webinar Call 7: June 4th, 9.00-10.30 CET**
- **Q&A webinar Call 7: September 12th**
- **Partner search event, Umeå, September 18th**



Networking and Partner search



LinkedIn



New section/page on our website

www.interregaurora.eu/support/partner-search-and-networking/

Partner search - project ideas



DEVELOPING TOGETHER – INITIATIVES FOR THE LABOUR MARKET

Partner search: Partners from Finland, Sweden and Norway for a project consortium: education providers (public and private), employers, municipalities, employment services (public and private), business

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PARTNER SEARCH



SÁMI HANDICRAFTS

Partner search for a Sámi handicrafts related cross-border project in which the purpose is to develop Sámi handicrafts education with the Sámi schools who are

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PARTNER SEARCH



STRENGTHENING CROSS- BORDER CO-OPERATION IN SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN SÁMI LANGUAGES

Partner search: In Finland, responsibility for organising social and health services was transferred from municipalities to wellbeing services counties 1.1.2023. Lapland wellbeing county has a

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PARTNER SEARCH



STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY IN CONNECTION WITH THE GREEN TRANSITION

Partner search: Partners from regions with business establishments that entail large recruitment needs: VET educators,



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A CROSS BORDER COOPERATION PROJECT REGARDING FOOD WASTE PREVENTION?

Waste Insight is a research team at the University of Vaasa developing innovative solutions for food waste prevention and



SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY NORDIC CITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Partner search: The desired urban living environment of the future supports planetary health and well-being. Northern cities have great potential to create concentrations of sustainable,



Thank you for your attention!

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