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# IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR THE EUROPEAN TERRITORIAL COOPERATION GOAL

## PART A

### IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL/FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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**OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.**

*The Cooperation Programme was finally approved on 17 August 2015 following negotiation of the final details of the programme document. Nevertheless, the main elements of the programme were ready early in the year and on this basis it was decided to start project development work and launch a first call for proposals before formal adoption of the programme in order to avoid excessive delays in programme start-up. Project applicants were able to submit project ideas for feedback in the weeks up to the launch of the call. This resulted in a record of 81 ideas being submitted.*

*The first call was open from 27th April to 30th June. Programme documents and procedures were provisionally approved by the Programme Preparation Steering Group on 15th April 2015. These were confirmed at the first official meeting of the new programme Monitoring Committee on 20th and 21st October 2015. The programme piloted a two-step application process for the call whereby applicants first submit a short Expression of Interest and, if approved, go on to submit a Full Application for the next call. For the first call, however, it was agreed that projects which had already completed the application development process while waiting for approval of the new programme could go straight to the second step. This resulted in 28 Full Applications and 50 Expressions of Interest – these numbers are broken down by priority in section 3.*

*The first meeting of the Steering Committee was held in London on 9th and 10th November 2015. The meeting approved 12 Full Applications and 25 Expressions of Interest. All but one of the approved applications had been recommended for approval by the Joint Secretariat. Of the rejected projects, decisions on Expressions of Interest followed JS recommendations in the great majority of cases. On the other hand, the Steering Committee rejected three Full Applications which had been recommended for approval. These were offered the chance to re-apply by Written Procedure early in 2016. The principle reason for rejection of Full Applications was the weakness of project result indicators. This was also an issue – though to a somewhat lesser extent – with several of the approved projects. As a result a negotiation procedure was initiated with all approved projects after the Steering Committee meeting in order to adjust applications before contracting. This was still on-going at the end of the year.*

*In addition to formally approving the documents and procedures decided by the Programme Preparation Steering Group, Monitoring Committee meeting no. 1 also put in place the Rules of Procedure for the two programme committees, approved provisional arrangements for the second call and discussed a range of documents required for the next step of implementation including the communication plan, evaluation plan, description of management and control systems and procedures, and the detailed Technical Assistance budget. The second call was confirmed to run from 15*

*January 2016 and a project development event was agreed and held in Amsterdam on 9 and 10 December 2015.*

*There is no information to report as yet on delivered indicator achievements for the specific objectives as only one project had been approved by the end of the year. Forecast provided by two projects whose indicators had been approved by the end of 2015. Similarly, there are no evaluation results yet as the first evaluations will be launched in 2016.*

*The first months of implementation have been reasonably positive. Interest in the call was very good and the applications were in most cases relevant and of reasonably high quality (other than the result issue discussed above). There has been very positive feedback about the programme's simplification efforts and its new Online Monitoring System. The new programme website and its direct links with social media platform also raised a lot of interest. Work is well underway on the elements still needed to complete implementation arrangements. Interest in the second call seems good and although it is not possible to report many figures as yet, the JS assesses that the programme has made good first steps towards achieving its main targets.*

## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

### Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Thinking Growth: Supporting growth in North Sea Region economies	<p>Before the launch of 1st Call for Applications, the Joint Secretariat organised a project development event in Hamburg (March 2015) to help applicants prepare for the application process, provide technical guidance, facilitate feedback and networking sessions. The 1st call was open from the 27th April to the 30th June and Priority 1 received 16 Expressions of Interest and 12 Full Applications. The first Steering Committee meeting was in November 2015 and in Priority 1, 6 Expressions of Interest were approved to move on to the 2nd step and 4 Full Applications were approved. Expressions of Interest which were approved are expected to submit a Full Application in Call 2 or 3. The Full Applications were approved with conditions and it was a requirement that the Joint Secretariat initiate a negotiation procedure primarily to improve the result indicators to ensure that the results did not represent deliverables/outputs and as such failed to demonstrate the aim or ambition in terms of what the real change/benefit was expected to be. This has been a long process both for projects and the Secretariat and had not been completed by the end of 2015. However, the Joint Secretariat is committed to supporting the projects until the issues are resolved. It is expected that all issues regarding result indicators and the conditional approval will be completed in 2016. In addition to the approved projects, one Full Application was rejected but asked to re-apply by Written Procedure. This re-application is expected early in 2016. Finally, the Interwork event in Amsterdam 9-10 December 2015 provided project developers with the opportunity for feedback on project ideas and guidance on submitting an expression of interest or full application</p>

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2	Eco-innovation: Stimulating the green economy	<p>Before the launch of 1st Call for Applications, the Joint Secretariat organised a project development event in Hamburg (March 2015) to help applicants prepare for the application process, provide technical guidance, facilitate feedback and networking sessions. The 1st call was open from the 27th April to the 30th June and Priority 2 received 11 Expressions of Interest and 4 Full Applications. The first Steering Committee meeting was in November 2015 and in Priority 2, 7 Expressions of Interest were approved to move on to the 2nd step and 2 Full Applications were approved. Expressions of Interest which were approved are expected to submit a Full Application in Call 2 or 3. The Full Applications were approved with conditions and it was a requirement that the Joint Secretariat initiate a negotiation procedure primarily to improve the result indicators to ensure that the results did not represent deliverables/outputs and as such failed to demonstrate the aim or ambition in terms of what the real change/benefit was expected to be. This has been a long process both for projects and the Secretariat and had not been completed by the end of 2015. However, the Joint Secretariat is committed to supporting the projects until the issues are resolved. It is expected that all issues regarding result indicators and the conditional approval will be completed in 2016. Finally, the Interwork event in Amsterdam 9-10 December 2015 provided project developers with the opportunity for feedback on project ideas and guidance on submitting an expression of interest or full application for the second call for applications which opened in beginning of 2016.</p>
3	Sustainable North Sea Region: Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment	<p>Before the launch of 1st Call for Applications, the Joint Secretariat organised a project development event in Hamburg (March 2015) to help applicants prepare for the application process, provide technical guidance, facilitate feedback and networking sessions. The 1st call was open from the 27th April to the 30th June and Priority 3 received 13 Expressions of Interest and 7 Full Applications. The first Steering Committee meeting was in November 2015 and in Priority 3, 8 Expressions of Interest were approved to move on to the 2nd step and 5 Full Applications were approved. Expressions of Interest which were approved are expected to submit a Full Application</p>

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		<p>in Call 2 or 3. The Full Applications were approved with conditions and it was a requirement that the Joint Secretariat initiate a negotiation procedure to improve the result indicators to ensure that the results did not represent deliverables/outputs and as such failed to demonstrate the aim or ambition in terms of what the real change/benefit was expected to be. This has been a long process both for projects and the Secretariat and had not been completed by the end of 2015. However, the Joint Secretariat is committed to supporting the projects until the issues are resolved. It is expected that all issues regarding result indicators and the conditional approval will be completed in 2016. Finally, the Interwork event in Amsterdam 9-10 December 2015 provided project developers with the opportunity for feedback on project ideas and guidance on submitting an expression of interest or full application for the second call for applications which opened in beginning of 2016.</p>
4	Promoting green transport and mobility	<p>Before the launch of 1st Call for Applications, the Joint Secretariat organised a project development event in Hamburg (March 2015) to help applicants prepare for the application process, provide technical guidance, facilitate feedback and networking sessions. The 1st call was open from the 27th April to the 30th June and Priority 4 received 10 Expressions of Interest and 5 Full Applications. The first Steering Committee meeting was in November 2015 and in Priority 4, 4 Expressions of Interest were approved to move on to the 2nd step and 1 Full Application was approved. Expressions of Interest which were approved are expected to submit a Full Application in Call 2 or 3. The Full Application was approved with conditions and it was a requirement that the Joint Secretariat initiate a negotiation procedure to improve the result indicators to ensure that the results did not represent deliverables/outputs and as such failed to demonstrate the aim or ambition in terms of what the real change/benefit was expected to be. This has been a long process both for projects and the Secretariat and had not been completed by the end of 2015. However, the Joint Secretariat is committed to supporting the projects until the issues are resolved. It is expected that all issues regarding result indicators and the conditional approval will</p>

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		<p>be completed in 2016. In addition to the approved projects, two Full Applications were rejected but asked to re-apply by Written Procedure. These re-applications are expected early in 2016. Finally, the Interwork event in Amsterdam 9-10 December 2015 provided project developers with the opportunity for feedback on project ideas and guidance on submitting an expression of interest or full application for the</p>
5	Technical Assistance	<p>As part of the transition period between the Interreg IVB and the new VB programme, the Monitoring Committee decided to allocate accrued interest from IVB and previous programming periods for the purpose of covering TA costs in the transition period. As a consequence of this, the budget which had been allocated for TA in 2015 from the VB programme remained unspent. The unspent budget has subsequently been re-allocated to subsequent years in the TA budget. This re-allocation does not affect the budget tables in the Cooperation Programme. The TA budget for the '2015-2016 – Initial Phase' is listed in the programme's business plan. The plan was presented to and approved by the Programme Preparation Steering Group and subsequently confirmed by PMC 1 after the programme was finally approved by the European Commission in August 2015.</p> <p>Main TA activities in 2015 included the preparation and realization of call 1, including a transnational interwork event and guidance materials; ongoing finalization of main background and administrative materials (e.g. application forms, fact sheets) and set-up of administrative settings &amp; financial management and related processes for the new period; communication materials and promotional activities about the new programme; ongoing-development of the EMS and subsequent training of key-users; preparation of the communication strategy and drafting of the evaluation plan.</p>



## Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

### Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Thinking Growth: Supporting growth in North Sea Region economies
Investment priority	1b - Fremme erhvervslivets investeringer i F&I, udvikle forbindelser og synergier mellem virksomheder, forsknings- og udviklingscentre og sektoren for videregående uddannelser, navnlig fremme af investering i produkt- og tjenesteydelsesudvikling, teknologioverførsel, social innovation, miljøinnovation, public service-applikationer, stimulering af efterspørgsel, netværkssamarbejde, klynger og åben innovation ved hjælp af intelligent specialisering samt støtte til teknologisk og anvendt forskning, pilotlinjer, aktioner med henblik på hurtig produktvalidering, avanceret produktionskapacitet og første produktion, navnlig inden for centrale nøgleteknologier og formidling af teknologier til anvendelse inden for alle områder

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	30,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	30,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	20,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i	Organisations	20,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
		grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter				
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	230,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	230,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	2.295,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	2.295,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	1.1	Number of enterprises cooperating with new / improved knowledge partnerships	Enterprises	500,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	1.1	Number of enterprises cooperating with new / improved knowledge partnerships	Enterprises	500,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	1.2	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for businesses	Measures	21,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	1.2	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for businesses	Measures	21,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	1.3	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for public service delivery	Measures	21,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	1.3	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for public service delivery	Measures	21,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00
F	1.1	Number of enterprises cooperating with new / improved knowledge partnerships	0,00
S	1.1	Number of enterprises cooperating with new / improved knowledge partnerships	0,00
F	1.2	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for businesses	0,00
S	1.2	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for businesses	0,00
F	1.3	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for public service delivery	0,00
S	1.3	Number of improved or new innovation support measures launched for public service delivery	0,00

Priority axis	1 - Thinking Growth: Supporting growth in North Sea Region economies
Investment priority	1b - Fremme erhvervslivets investeringer i F&I, udvikle forbindelser og synergier mellem virksomheder, forsknings- og udviklingscentre og sektoren for videregående uddannelser, navnlig fremme af investering i produkt- og tjenesteydelsesudvikling, teknologioverførsel, social innovation, miljøinnovation, public service-applikationer, stimulering af efterspørgsel, netværkssamarbejde, klynger og åben innovation ved hjælp af intelligent specialisering samt støtte til teknologisk og anvendt forskning, pilotlinjer, aktioner med henblik på hurtig produktvalidering, avanceret produktionskapacitet og første produktion, navnlig inden for centrale nøgleteknologier og formidling af teknologier til anvendelse inden for alle områder
Specific objective	1.1 - Develop new or improved knowledge partnerships between businesses, knowledge institutions, public administrations and end users with a view to long-term cooperation (post project) on developing products and services

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1.1	Capacity of knowledge partnerships in the North Sea Region to deliver marketable product, service and process innovations	Qualitative analysis of capacity / potential	2.8	2015	3.3		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.1	Capacity of knowledge partnerships in the		0

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	North Sea Region to deliver marketable product, service and process innovations		

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Specific objective	1.2 - Enhance regional innovation support capacity to increase long-term innovation levels and support smart specialization strategies.

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1.2	Capacity of authorities / practitioners to increase the scope and quality of innovation in enterprises	Qualitative analysis of capacity / potential	2.6	2015	3.1		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.2	Capacity of authorities /		0

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	practitioners to increase the scope and quality of innovation in enterprises		

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Specific objective	1.3 - Stimulate the public sector to generate innovation demand and innovative solutions for improving public service delivery

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
1.3	Capacity of authorities / practitioners to increase the scope and quality of innovation in public service delivery	Qualitative analysis of capacity / potential	2.3	2015	2.8		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.3	Capacity of authorities /		0



<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	practitioners to increase the scope and quality of innovation in public service delivery		

Priority axis	2 - Eco-innovation: Stimulating the green economy
Investment priority	6g - Støtte en industriel overgang til en ressourceeffektiv økonomi og fremme grøn vækst, miljøinnovation og forvaltning af miljøfremmeforanstaltninger i den offentlige og private sektor

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	30,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	30,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	20,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	20,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	222,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	222,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	2.225,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	2.225,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	2.1	Number of green products, services and processes piloted and/or adopted by the project	Green products, services or processes developed	54,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	2.1	Number of green products, services and processes piloted and/or adopted by the project	Green products, services or processes developed	54,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
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S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00
F	2.1	Number of green products, services and processes piloted and/or adopted by the project	0,00
S	2.1	Number of green products, services and processes piloted and/or adopted by the project	0,00

Priority axis	2 - Eco-innovation: Stimulating the green economy
Investment priority	6g - Støtte en industriel overgang til en ressourceeffektiv økonomi og fremme grøn vækst, miljøinnovation og forvaltning af miljøfremmeforanstaltninger i den offentlige og private sektor
Specific objective	2.1 - Promote the development and adoption of products, services and processes to accelerate greening of the North Sea Region economy

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
2.1	Capacity of enterprises and organisations to adopt new or improved green products, processes and services	Capacity scale	2.6	2015	3.6		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2.1	Capacity of enterprises and organisations to adopt new or improved green products, processes and services		0

Priority axis	2 - Eco-innovation: Stimulating the green economy
Investment priority	6g - Støtte en industriel overgang til en ressourceeffektiv økonomi og fremme grøn vækst, miljøinnovation og forvaltning af miljøfremmeforanstaltninger i den offentlige og private sektor
Specific objective	2.2 - Stimulate the adoption of new products, services and processes to reduce the environmental footprint of regions around the North Sea

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
2.2	Capacity of authorities / practitioners around the North Sea to identify and implement new ways of reducing their environmental footprint	Capacity scale	2.8	2015	3.8		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2.2	Capacity of authorities / practitioners around the North Sea to identify and		0

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	implement new ways of reducing their environmental footprint		

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable North Sea Region: Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment
Investment priority	5a - Støtte investeringer i tilpasning til klimaforandringer, herunder økosystembaserede tilgange

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	5,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	5,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	10,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	10,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	92,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	92,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed	Organisations and	919,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.



(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
		about new solutions by project end	enterprises			
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	919,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	3.7	Number of new and/or improved climate change adaptation solutions demonstrated	Solutions	21,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	3.7	Number of new and/or improved climate change adaptation solutions demonstrated	Solutions	21,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	3.7	Number of new and/or improved climate change adaptation solutions demonstrated	0,00
S	3.7	Number of new and/or improved climate change adaptation solutions demonstrated	0,00

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable North Sea Region: Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment
Investment priority	5a - Støtte investeringer i tilpasning til klimaforandringer, herunder økosystembaserede tilgange
Specific objective	3.1 - Demonstrate new and/or improved methods for improving the climate resilience of target sites

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
3.1	Capacity of relevant authorities / practitioners around the North Sea to identify and implement solutions for improving climate change resilience	Capacity scale	2.7	2015	3.7		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
3.1	Capacity of relevant authorities / practitioners around the North Sea to identify and implement solutions for improving climate change		0

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	resilience		

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable North Sea Region: Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment
Investment priority	6d - Beskytte og genetablere biodiversitet og jordbunden og fremme tjenesteydelser vedrørende økosystemer, herunder gennem Natura 2000 og grøn infrastruktur

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	5,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	5,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	10,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	10,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	92,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	92,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	918,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	918,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	3.2	Number of sites managed using new solutions supporting long-term sustainability	Sites	35,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	3.2	Number of sites managed using new solutions supporting long-term sustainability	Sites	35,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00
F	3.2	Number of sites managed using new solutions supporting long-term sustainability	0,00
S	3.2	Number of sites managed using new solutions supporting long-term sustainability	0,00

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable North Sea Region: Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment
Investment priority	6d - Beskytte og genetablere biodiversitet og jordbunden og fremme tjenesteydelser vedrørende økosystemer, herunder gennem Natura 2000 og grøn infrastruktur
Specific objective	3.2 - Develop new methods for the long-term sustainable management of North Sea ecosystems

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
3.2	Capacity of North Sea regions to improve the quality of the environment	Capacity scale	2.9	2015	3.9		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
3.2	Capacity of North Sea regions to improve the quality of the environment		0



Priority axis	4 - Promoting green transport and mobility
Investment priority	7c - Udvikle og forbedre miljøvenlige (herunder støjsvage) lavemissionstransportsystemer, herunder indre vandveje og søtransport, havne, multimodale forbindelser og lufthavnsinfrastruktur, for at fremme bæredygtig regional og lokal mobilitet

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	10,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Enterprises	10,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	20,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	Organisations	20,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	144,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	144,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	1.445,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	Organisations and enterprises	1.445,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
F	4.1	Number of new and/or improved green transport solutions adopted	Green transport solutions	54,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.
S	4.1	Number of new and/or improved green transport solutions adopted	Green transport solutions	54,00	0,00	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO41	Produktiv investering: Antal virksomheder, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
S	CO42	Produktiv investering: Antal forskningsinstitutioner, der deltager i grænseoverskridende, tværnationale eller interregionale forskningsprojekter	0,00
F	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
S	0.1	Number of organizations / enterprises adopting new solutions by project end	0,00
F	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	0.2	Number of organizations / enterprises informed about new solutions by project end	0,00
F	4.1	Number of new and/or improved green transport solutions adopted	0,00
S	4.1	Number of new and/or improved green transport solutions adopted	0,00

Priority axis	4 - Promoting green transport and mobility
Investment priority	7c - Udvikle og forbedre miljøvenlige (herunder støjsvage) lavemissionstransportsystemer, herunder indre vandveje og søtransport, havne, multimodale forbindelser og lufthavnsinfrastruktur, for at fremme bæredygtig regional og lokal mobilitet
Specific objective	4.1 - Develop demonstrations of innovative and/or improved transport and logistics solutions with potential to move large volumes of freight away from long-distance road transportation

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
4.1	Capacity of transport and logistics stakeholders to increase the proportion of long-distance freight carried on sustainable modes in the North Sea Region	Capacity scale	2.7	2015	3.7		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
4.1	Capacity of transport and logistics stakeholders to		0

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
	increase the proportion of long-distance freight carried on sustainable modes in the North Sea Region		

Priority axis	4 - Promoting green transport and mobility
Investment priority	7c - Udvikle og forbedre miljøvenlige (herunder støjsvage) lavemissionstransportsystemer, herunder indre vandveje og søtransport, havne, multimodale forbindelser og lufthavnsinfrastruktur, for at fremme bæredygtig regional og lokal mobilitet
Specific objective	4.2 - Stimulate the take-up and application of green transport solutions for regional freight and personal transport

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
4.2	Capacity of authorities and enterprises to increase the use of green transport services	Capacity scale	3.0	2015	4.0		0	No progress on results as no projects contracted by end of 2015.

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
4.2	Capacity of authorities and enterprises to increase the use of green transport services		0

## Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	5.1	Number of project ideas advised	Project ideas	500,00	173,00	Internal monitoring at JS and NCPs.
S	5.1	Number of project ideas advised	Project ideas	500,00	173,00	Internal monitoring at JS and NCPs.
F	5.2	Number of applications received and assessed	Applications	237,00	79,00	Monitoring system.
S	5.2	Number of applications received and assessed	Applications	237,00	79,00	Monitoring system.
F	5.3	Percentage of programme output targets met	% output indicators achieved	95,00	0,00	Monitoring system.
S	5.3	Percentage of programme output targets met	% output indicators achieved	95,00	0,00	Monitoring system.
F	5.4	Number of visitors to programme website	Visitors	150.000,00	37.407,00	Count tool on website.
S	5.4	Number of visitors to programme website	Visitors	150.000,00	37.407,00	Count tool on website.
F	5.5	Number of participants at events promoting the programme and its results	Participants	10.000,00	1.267,00	Monitoring by JS and other event organisers.
S	5.5	Number of participants at events promoting the programme and its results	Participants	10.000,00	1.267,00	Monitoring by JS and other event organisers.

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2015	Observations
F	5.6	Amount of expenditure requiring follow-up and / or correction	% of total programme budget	2,32	0,00	Monitoring (baseline is 4.82%)
S	5.6	Amount of expenditure requiring follow-up and / or correction	% of total programme budget	2,32	0,00	Monitoring (baseline is 4.82%)
F	5.7	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	FTEs	12,50	14,00	Approximate number.
S	5.7	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	FTEs	12,50	14,00	Approximate number.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
F	5.1	Number of project ideas advised	0,00
S	5.1	Number of project ideas advised	0,00
F	5.2	Number of applications received and assessed	0,00
S	5.2	Number of applications received and assessed	0,00
F	5.3	Percentage of programme output targets met	0,00
S	5.3	Percentage of programme output targets met	0,00
F	5.4	Number of visitors to programme website	37.407,00
S	5.4	Number of visitors to programme website	37.407,00
F	5.5	Number of participants at events promoting the programme and its results	1.267,00
S	5.5	Number of participants at events promoting the programme and its results	1.267,00
F	5.6	Amount of expenditure requiring follow-up and / or correction	0,00



(1)	ID	Indicator	2014
S	5.6	Amount of expenditure requiring follow-up and / or correction	0,00
F	5.7	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	14,00
S	5.7	Number of employees (FTEs) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	14,00

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5.1 - To communicate the programme to relevant stakeholders and stimulate them to develop and deliver high quality projects

Table 1: Result indicators

	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
5.1	No indicator required	NA	0,00	0	0,00			

ID	Indicator	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
5.1	No indicator required		

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	5.2 - To ensure the sound financial management of the programme at all levels so that implementation happens with a minimum of errors, without delays, and in line with all applicable regulations

Table 1: Result indicators

	<b>Indicator</b>	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	Observations
5.2	Also not required	NA	0,00	0	0,00			

<b>ID</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
5.2	Also not required		

### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	EFRU	Total	93.662.224,00	50,00	14.303.918,00	15,27%	7.151.959,00	0,00	0,00%	4
2	EFRU	Total	90.317.144,00	50,00	10.219.126,00	11,31%	5.109.563,00	0,00	0,00%	2
3	EFRU	Total	73.591.748,00	50,00	25.864.720,00	35,15%	12.932.360,00	0,00	0,00%	5
4	EFRU	Total	56.866.350,00	50,00	2.968.560,00	5,22%	1.484.280,00	0,00	0,00%	1
5	EFRU	Public	14.336.054,00	70,00	14.336.054,00	100,00%	10.035.238,00	0,00	0,00%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>EFRU</b>		<b>328.773.520,00</b>	<b>50,87</b>	<b>67.692.378,00</b>	<b>20,59%</b>	<b>36.713.400,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>328.773.520,00</b>	<b>50,87</b>	<b>67.692.378,00</b>	<b>20,59%</b>	<b>36.713.400,00</b>	<b>0,00</b>	<b>0,00%</b>	<b>12</b>

**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

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**Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention**

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	EFRU	060	01	04	07	01				0,00	0,00	0,00	0
1	EFRU	062	01	04	07	01				3.244.830,00	1.622.415,00	0,00	1
1	EFRU	063	01	04	07	01				3.412.514,00	1.706.257,00	0,00	1
1	EFRU	066	01	04	07	01				5.190.008,00	2.595.004,00	0,00	1
1	EFRU	067	01	04	07	01				2.456.566,00	1.228.283,00	0,00	1
1	EFRU	078	01	04	07	01				0,00	0,00	0,00	0
2	EFRU	012	01	04	07	05				0,00	0,00	0,00	0
2	EFRU	013	01	04	07	05				0,00	0,00	0,00	0
2	EFRU	023	01	04	07	05				5.212.050,00	2.606.025,00	0,00	1
2	EFRU	069	01	04	07	05				5.007.076,00	2.503.538,00	0,00	1
3	EFRU	085	01	04	07	06				11.353.750,00	5.676.875,00	0,00	2
3	EFRU	087	01	04	07	06				14.510.970,00	7.255.485,00	0,00	3
4	EFRU	036	01	04	07	07				0,00	0,00	0,00	0

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
4	EFRU	043	01	04	07	07				2.968.560,00	1.484.280,00	0,00	1
4	EFRU	044	01	04	07	07				0,00	0,00	0,00	0
5	EFRU	121	01	04	07					10.752.040,00	7.526.428,00	0,00	
5	EFRU	122	01	04	07					716.803,00	501.762,00	0,00	
5	EFRU	123	01	04	07					2.867.211,00	2.007.048,00	0,00	

**Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area**

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
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(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.



#### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

*Work on the evaluation plan started in 2015 with initial discussions with the Monitoring Committee once the programme was adopted. The Evaluation Steering Group initiated during the previous programming period received the mandate from the Monitoring Committee to initiate work on the draft evaluation plan. Final approval of the evaluation plan will be taken in 2016. More information about the content of the evaluation plan and the process of developing a synthesis of evaluations will be covered in the next annual report (2016).*

## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### (a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

*As with any programme start-up process, there have been intensive discussions. Additional measures to those described below have been taken in 2016 and will be included in the next report. The main issues of contention have centred around:*

- *The size and most appropriate use of the TA budget. As a result the number of staff at the JS was cut and a range of proposed actions such as the annual programme conferences and programme evaluations were scrapped or severely scaled back*
- *The definition of project results and the limits for defining and monitoring them. This subject was the main discussion point regarding decisions on the first call and is still open given that it has not yet been possible to contract any projects. Many projects question how valuable and realistic some expectations about result indicators are.. Some Member States on the other hand are wary of projects that are unwilling to commit to making real progress. Too many applications were duplicating indicators for outputs and deliverables as results of the project. The project results are important for measuring the benefit for the North Sea Region as a whole. The programme launched a focused training of applicants on defining project results prior to the 2nd call, starting at the Interwork Event in December 2015. The initiative will be followed up during the 2nd call, 1st quarter of 2016.*
- *The two-step application procedure has been a subject of disagreement since its introduction and will as a result be the subject of one of the first programme evaluations. The primary question seems to be whether the delays involved in completing an additional application step are offset by quality gains*
- *Tough public spending regimes in some North Sea countries have intensified debate and revealed differences between the countries regarding the appropriate and realistic limits for Interreg projects. It has sometimes been difficult to find a common approach or to secure ongoing commitment to previous decisions. Attempts were already made to re-establish consensus at a strategy building meeting held in Denmark at the end of 2014 after an often difficult programming process. Disagreements continue, however, and often strain the consensus based approach in the programme.*
- *A number of issues with a potentially significant impact on programme implementation cannot be resolved by the programme and have required higher level agreements between the Commission and the Member States. Examples include audit sampling and use of the ARACHNE system. The programme has joined attempts to push for a resolution of these discussions.*

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

Not applicable.

## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS  
(ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

**8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**8.1. Major projects**

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations

(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

## 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Not applicable.

**Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

Not applicable.

**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Priority axis	1 - Thinking Growth: Supporting growth in North Sea Region economies
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Not applicable for 2015.

Priority axis	2 - Eco-innovation: Stimulating the green economy
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Not applicable for 2015.

Priority axis	3 - Sustainable North Sea Region: Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment
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Not applicable for 2015.

Priority axis	4 - Promoting green transport and mobility
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Not applicable for 2015.

Priority axis	5 - Technical Assistance
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Not applicable for 2015.

**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

Not applicable for 2015.

**9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

Not applicable for 2015.

**9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Not applicable for 2015.

**9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

Not applicable for 2015.

**10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

**10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations**

Not applicable for 2015.



**10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy**

Not applicable for 2015.

**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**11.1 Progress in implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme**

Not applicable.

**11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF**

Not applicable.

### 11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

Not applicable.

#### **11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation**

Not applicable.

### **13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Not applicable.

**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

Not applicable.

## Dokumenter

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