

## Funding Opportunities for Green Transport and Mobility Projects in the North Sea Region

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The Interreg VB North Sea Region Programme (NSRP) funds projects that focus on one of four main priorities. Priority 4 focuses on green transport and mobility. Transport is a special theme in the North Sea region because the area is the international trade hub for most of Europe thanks to its deep-water ports. This sector makes a major contribution to the region's economy, but it also has an impact on the environment due to its reliance on fossil fuels. North Sea Region Programme projects develop innovations to reduce emissions, improve air quality, and relieve the congestion that threatens the efficient flow of goods and people around the region and beyond.

The NSRP is currently preparing for its next round of expressions of interest (EOI). An EOI is the first step of a two-step application process; successful EOIs move on to the next step, which is the development and submission of a full application. EOIs can already be drafted in the programme's online monitoring system, and the call for their submission will be open from **30 June to 28 August 2017**.

To help and encourage potential project partnerships interested in submitting an expression of interest in the next call, the NSRP is organising a seminar in cooperation with the North Sea Commission's Transport Working Group. The seminar will be held in Aberdeen on Thursday, 2 March 2017. Programme staff will explain in detail Priority 4, highlight current projects, and give guidance to those considering or planning to submit an expression of interest. The North Sea Commission representatives will present their views on green transport and mobility and also provide interventions for project ideas presented during the seminar.

### Programme

12.30 Registration and light lunch

13.00 Welcome and introduction

- Introduction to the Interreg VB North Sea Region programme and its priority on green transport and mobility

- North Sea Commission's Transport Working Group's perspectives on green transport and mobility
- Examples of successful projects in the North Sea Region Programme under Priority 4
- Guidelines on the North Sea Region Programme's open call and two-step application process

14.30 Coffee break

15.00 Presentation of project ideas – including interventions from the North Sea Commission's Transport Working Group

16.00 Final conclusions

16.15 End of seminar

## **Please register for the seminar here**

<http://www.northsearegion.eu/about-the-programme/events/transnational-seminar-on-green-transport-and-mobility/>

## **Recommended materials**

The programme's Citizen's Summary which includes detailed background about the green transport and mobility priority: <http://northsearegion.eu/key-documents/background-documents/cooperation-programme/>

The Programme Manual, which is an online overview including information about the programme's two step application process: <http://northsearegion.eu/project-information/programme-manual/>

Overview of already approved projects in the green transport and mobility priority: <http://projects.northsearegion.eu/vb/overview/>

Overview of project ideas for the green transport and mobility priority: <https://vb.northsearegion.eu/vb/home/priority/&tid=4>

The North Sea Commission's 2020 strategy: <http://cpmr-northsea.org/policy-work/north-sea-region-strategy-2020/>

The North Sea Commission's Transport Working Group: <http://cpmr-northsea.org/policy-work/increasing-accessibility-clean-transport/transport-working-group/>