Priorities & themes
in the future programme
2021-2027
Pushing change, driving transitions

The Interreg North Sea Region Programme 2021-2027 funds cooperation across borders to stimulate a green and sustainable future.

Our support enables partnerships to test new ideas and address joint challenges in the North Sea Region.

Our vision is to create a vibrant North Sea Region by helping innovators get their game-changing ideas off the ground.
The North Sea Region Programme 2021-2027 centres on four thematic priorities. Each priority includes one to three specific objectives.

All projects funded by the programme must address one of the priorities and match at least one of the specific objectives.

In addition, we encourage you to consider if any of the spotlight themes apply to your project idea.

Learn more on the following pages!
Priority 1

Robust and smart economies in the North Sea Region

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1.1 Enhancing research & innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

1.2: Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship
Priority 2
A green transition in the North Sea Region

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

2.1: Promoting energy efficiency measures & reducing greenhouse gas emissions

2.2: Promoting renewable energy

2.3: Promoting smart energy systems, storage and grids

2.4: Promoting the transition to a circular economy

2.5: Promoting sustainable multimodal urban mobility
Priority 3
A climate resilient North Sea Region

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

3.1: Promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience.

3.2: Enhancing biodiversity, green infra-structure in the urban environment, and reducing pollution.
Priority 4
Better governance

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

4.1 Better cooperation governance
Spotlight themes

Spotlight themes apply across all priorities. They are additional dimensions of special importance in the North Sea Region. There are three spotlight themes:

- Digitalisation
- Rural-urban linkages
- Strengths & challenges in the North Sea basin

If a spotlight theme is relevant to your project, we recommend you pay attention to it. Projects that are not connected to spotlight themes, however, will stand an equal chance of approval.
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## MAIN FRAMEWORK 2021-2027

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### Specific objectives

1. Research & innovation
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   - 1.2 Smart specialisation

2. Energy efficiency & low emissions
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   - 2.2 Renewable energy
   - 2.3 Smart energy, grids and storage
   - 2.4 Circular economy
   - 2.5 Multi-modal urban mobility

3. Climate resilience
   - 3.1 Climate adaptation, risk & disaster
   - 3.2 Biodiversity, pollution & green infrastructure

4. Better cooperation governance

### Spotlight themes

- Digitalisation
- Rural-urban linkages
- Strengths & challenges in the North Sea basin
North Sea Region
Home to game-changing ideas