Meeting of the international Steering Committee for PA Safe on 6-7 November 2018

Agenda item 5: Update on EU Funds and Seed Money

Please be informed that EuroAccess Macro-Regions has been launched which is an online info point and search tool for EU funding. More information is available here**.**

Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme

- Next call / deadline: there are no regular project calls open. Interreg does not plan to open any more of these calls within the current funding period.
    - However, there is still the Seed Money program for projects that want to prepare a full application in any funding program. The project budget and seed money project is up to 50,000 € and the funding rate is 85 %.
    - The next Seed Money call is planned to be open in 2019.
- Topics to be funded
    - The projects co-funded by Interreg Baltic Sea Region are built around three thematic priorities: strengthening capacity for innovation, managing natural resources and sustainable transport. Each priority has its specific objectives.
- Links: https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/apply-for-funds/seed-money-calls.html

Interreg Baltic Sea Region Project Platform

- Next call / deadline: the 2nd call for project platforms is open and closes on January 31 2019.
- Topics to be funded
    - Project platforms is a framework for cooperation between core partners of already established projects funded by Interreg BSR. In addition, coordinators of the EUSBSR and partner organisations from other Interreg projects and other funding programmes are invited to join.
    - Project platforms must be thematically in line with the three thematic priorities:
        - Priority 1, "Capacity for innovation", offers support for e.g. development of innovation infrastructures, implementation of smart specialisation strategies and development of non-technological innovations.
        - Priority 2, "Efficient management of natural resources", highlights the need to manage natural resources more efficiently. Resource efficient blue growth, renewable energy sources, energy efficiency and clear waters are areas that receive support.
        - Priority 3 concentrates on "Sustainable transport". Here projects covering themes such as interoperability, accessibility of remote areas, maritime safety, environmentally friendly shipping and urban mobility are supported.

- Budget:
  - The total budget for a project platform can be up to 1.000.000 €. Funding rate is between 50-85 %.
- Links: https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/fileadmin/user_upload/how-to-apply/Project_platforms/2017.09.11-Project_platform_fact_sheet_final.pdf + https://www.interreg-baltic.eu/about-the-programme/priorities.html

Interreg South Baltic Programme

- Next call / deadline: the 6th call opened on 1 October and closes on **18 December 2018**
- Topics to be funded may include development/promotion of energy-efficient vessels, reduction of noise and pollution, adaptation of ships to small, and medium ports infrastructures in the Baltic Sea.
- Budget:
  - **2.2 Green technologies / 5,22 million EUR**
  - **3.1 Transport / 2,15 million EUR**
  - 4.1 Skilled labour force / 1,23 million EUR
  - 5.1 Capacity building / 0,4 million EUR
- Special conditions: Details of the call, as well as documents and application form will be available on the website closer to the call.
- Link: https://southbaltic.eu/call-for-proposals + https://southbaltic.eu/

Interreg Central Baltic

- 4th Call has been launched!
- In total, at least 8m euros are available in four priorities. The exact amount of available funding is influenced by returning funds from implementing projects. The 4th call is targeted and only the following Specific Objectives are available:
  - Priority 1, SO 1.1. and SO 1.3. (€3,2m)
  - Priority 2, SO 2.1 (€2,1m)
  - Priority 3, SO 3.1 (€1,8m)
  - Priority 4, SO 4.1 (€1m)
- The programme aims to fund at least one project in each opened Specific Objective. There is funding for a few projects in each Specific Objective.
- Potential applicants are encouraged to start developing their project idea right now!
- The eMonitoring System (eMS), in which the application is filled in, is open between **15.10.2018-16.11.2018.**
- Link: http://centralbaltic.eu/content/fourth-call#overlay-context=content/4th-call-launched

Horizon 2020

- Next call / deadline: Currently no calls are open. Next call is expected in 2019.
- Topics to be funded: Smart, Green and Integrated Transport Challenge
- Budget: Awaiting information
- Link: https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/calls/h2020-mg-2018-2019-2020.html#c,topics=callIdentifier/t/H2020-MG-2018-2019-2020/1/1/1/default-group&callStatus/t/Forthcoming/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Open/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Closed/0/1/0/default-group&+identifier/desc

BONUS → BONUS 2

BONUS does not have funding calls open in the near future. BONUS are aiming for opening next calls as soon as possible within the future BONUS programme (the name of this programme is unknown) and this probably will happen in 2021. Topics or conditions for applying will be defined together with relevant stakeholders, funding agencies and other involved parties during the years 2018-2020.

The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

- Next call/deadlines: The 'blue call' is open now until November 9 2018.
- Topics to be funded: The purpose of this call for tenders is to select a service provider to set up and operate an "Assistance Mechanism (AM)" that will support access to finance for SMEs, start-ups, early stage businesses and scale-ups in the blue economy
- Link: https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/european-maritime-and-fisheries-fund
- The new calls will be published on this website: https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/funding-opportunities

Swedish Institute – Seed funding for cooperation projects in the Baltic Sea region

- Next call/deadlines: The next call will be launched in the beginning of November 2018 and close on 5 February 2019.
- Topics to be funded:
    - Swedish organisations can apply for funding from the Swedish Institute in order to cooperate with organisations in the Baltic Sea region countries and organisations in the EU's Eastern Partnership countries. The project activities that the Swedish Institute supports via 'seed funding' must be clearly linked to one or more of the challenges identified in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea region. Projects including countries in the EU Eastern Partnership must also relate to this framework. Furthermore, projects should help create conditions for long-term, sustainable relations in the region.
- Budget: A project can apply for SEK 100,000 to SEK 500,000
- Special conditions:

    - The main applicant has to be based in Sweden
    - The application must include at least three actors in three different countries eligible for support, one of which is Sweden (as main applicant)
    - A project can run for no longer than 18 months
- Link: https://si.se/en/apply/funding-grants/pi/?utm_source=rule&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=new%20calls%3A%20Funding%20for%20Baltic%20Sea%20Region%20cooperation