



**LIVERPOOL
CITY REGION**

EU Funding Latest

Update accurate as of 12/12/2017

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- Brexit implications
- Current funding opportunities
- Finding partners
- Shared Prosperity Fund
- LCR EU funding groups and upcoming events

Brexit and EU funding

Positives

- Government underwriting UK involvement in:
 - All funds where GA signed before Brexit
 - Horizon 2020 where projects submitted before Brexit date
- Government conscious these guarantees are nearing end
- 'Divorce bill' agreement and/or transition deal may mean UK remains eligible for all current funds
- Third countries can buy into EU funds; UK clear it wants to do this for FP9 (and other funds?)

Negatives

- Govt underwriting doesn't resolve eligibility issues
 - Where UK is lead partner
 - Where project just meets minimum partnership requirement
 - BUT progress on divorce deal may help
- Restrictions on future buying into funds
 - On free movement grounds (FP9)
 - Where eligibility is geographically limited (Interreg)

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Programme 2014-2020	Overview	2018	2019
Interreg Europe	Multi-sector fund for sharing of and developing good practice then embedding lessons into mainstream Structural Funds programmes	Deadline spring – if there is unallocated funding from previous call	
Atlantic Area	Multi-sector fund (innovation, resource efficiency, civil protection, biodiversity, culture) for projects delivered with partners drawn from Atlantic seaboard of Europe. Practical projects possible with mix of capital and revenue.	Deadline spring – early indication suggests that there will be another call but if 2-stage bidding risk GA may be post-Brexit	
Northwest Europe	Multi-sector fund (innovation and R&D, low-carbon, resource efficiency) for projects delivered with partners drawn from NW quadrant of Europe. Practical projects possible with mix of capital and revenue.	Deadline stage 1 26 April – but due to two stage application risk GA may be post-Brexit	
URBACT	Multi-sector fund for sharing of and developing good practice in urban areas. Themes: economy, environment, governance, inclusion.	10 January for Transfer Networks. Other calls may not be open to UK due to two stage application.	

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Horizon 2020	The EUs premier research and innovation fund encompassing a large range of instruments and topics. “Societal Challenges” section allows for more applied projects; has major ringfences on transport, the environment, clean energy, ‘blue growth’, health...	Various calls and deadlines - mix of single-stage and two-stage, all of which are safe	Various calls and deadlines already known UK participation subject to EU/UK negotiations. Early submission also possible solution
LIFE	Dedicated EU environment fund: biodiversity (site and species management), climate change, wider environmental priorities	Deadlines likely autumn 2018 – with GAs post-Brexit	
UIA	Supports highly innovative projects implemented in single cities (i.e. without trans-national partners) across a range of themes. Next call’s themes are climate adaptation, air quality, housing, local jobs and skills.	Deadline likely late March/early April – GA in autumn 2018	

Horizon 2020

- New work programmes for 2018-2020 published end Oct
- Societal challenges: energy, health, agriculture and marine, mobility, **environment...**
- What to do?
 - Look at relevant work programme contents page [here](#).
 - Click to interesting topics and check topic description, note the code.
 - X-ref to 'call conditions' table for deadlines and overall budget for your code.

Call code	Description	Action type	Budget/project	Budget overall	Deadlines
LC-CLA-02-2019	Land-use based climate-change mitigation	RIA	€5-7m	€22m	19/2/19 then 4/9/19
LC-CLA-04-2018	Resilience and sustainable reconstruction of historic areas to cope with climate change	RIA	€5-6m	€18m	27/2/18 then 4/9/18
LC-CLA-06-2019	Inter-relations between climate change, biodiversity and ecosystem services	RIA	€5-7m	€25m	19/2/19 then 4/9/19
SC5-11-2018	ICT for water management, TRL 5-7	IA	€5m	€14m	27/2/18 then 4/9/18
SC5-13-2018-2019	Nature-based solutions for restoring and rehabilitating urban ecosystems (N.B. with international cooperation)	RIA	€5m	€10m	27/2/18 then 4/9/18
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SC5-14-2019	Integrated (including nature-based) solutions for urban public spaces in order to improve health and well-being	IA	€10m	€43m	19/2/19 then 4/9/19

Interreg NW Europe

- Innovation
- Low-carbon
 - *“ToA5 focuses on implementing combined mitigation and adaptation solutions, relating to the effects of climate change. The NWE area is highly urbanised with extensive infrastructure and a high population density. This makes the area highly vulnerable to climate change events. NWE must therefore develop and introduce innovative territorial solutions for mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change.”*
- Materials and resource efficiency
- Deadlines:
 - 26 April 2018 for stage 1
 - 8 months later for stage 2?
- What to do next?
 - Link to ‘co-operation programme’ [here](#) and check detail of your theme.
 - Flag up your ideas to Brussels Office

Interreg Atlantic Area

- Innovation and competitiveness
- Resource efficiency
- Resilience to risk
 - Coastal and climate change
 - Risk prevention actions, public awareness, environmental management systems, on-the-ground demonstration, monitoring
- Biodiversity and natural and cultural assets
 - Protecting biodiversity and enhancing ecosystem services
 - Developing ecosystem services and GI; preserving and protecting species, landscapes and sites; pilots for biodiversity protection and restoration
- Final call:
 - €50m available across all priorities
 - Call opening and closing in spring 2018 with quick turnaround, possibly single stage
- What to do next?
 - Link to 'co-operation programme' [here](#) and check detail of your theme.
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Urban Innovative Actions

- Climate adaptation
 - *“Projects addressing innovative and integrated nature-based water management solutions (flood management and water retention) and development of green and blue infrastructure (forests, parks, wetlands, green walls/roofs, floodplains)”*
- Air quality
- Housing
- Local jobs and skills
- Next call:
 - Deadline likely late March/early April
- What to do next?
 - Check full topic description for climate adaptation [here](#).
 - Flag up your interest to Brussels Office ASAP

Partner searches

- Interreg NW Europe
 - <http://www.nweurope.eu/projects/project-ideas-search/>
- Interreg Europe
 - <https://www.interregeurope.eu/search/>
- Interreg Atlantic
 - <http://www.atlanticarea.eu/idea>
- Urbact
 - <http://urbact.eu/projects>
- Horizon
 - http://cordis.europa.eu/guidance/services/partners_en.html
 - https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/partner_search.html
- LIFE & UIA – most projects do not require partners

Shared Prosperity Fund

- New fund designed to replace EU regional funding
- ...*“designed to reduce inequalities between communities”*
- ...*”help deliver sustainable, inclusive growth”*
- Based on Government’s new Industrial Strategy
- Formal consultation anticipated late Autumn
- Fund due to start late 2018
- Single pot, integrated with other funds?
- Overall value and geographic distribution?

Upcoming events

- Horizon 2020 and transport session
 - In Manchester in March, targeting LCR and GM
 - With Innovate UK
- Interregs NW Europe and Atlantic Area
 - Possible joint session in Liverpool late January/early February
 - With CLG

Two LCR EU Groups

- Local European Issues Forum
 - All aspects of Brexit
 - ESIF update
 - Policy developments of general interest
- EU Funding Group
 - Blue, green, health, mobility
 - Remaining trans-national funding opportunities
 - Inter-sectoral networking and project genesis
 - Brexit implications for funding, including Shared Prosperity Fund
 - Domestic funding sources?
 - New sectors?
- 2 groups will meet back-to-back every quarter: March, June, September, December 2018



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