

ARMA meeting

Interreg projects **with** **transferable, investment-** **relevant** outputs.

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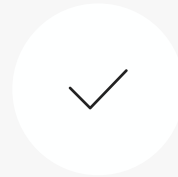
Context

Mid-term review



Mid term review introduced new priorities

ERDF & JTF regulations amended to allow investment in five highlighted priority areas. Incentives for the new priority uptake.



Reprogramming window

Mid term review was completed in 2025.



Interreg can deliver tested solutions

Interreg has already piloted solutions across these priority areas. Regional programmes can pick up tested, investment-ready outputs.

The new investment priorities

Adopted by Council — September 2025 | Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 amended

01

Competitiveness & Innovation

Boost R&I, SME competitiveness, advanced manufacturing, bio-economy

02

Defence & Civil Security

Dual-use infrastructure, natural disaster preparedness, early warning systems

03

Affordable Housing

Social & affordable housing, energy renovation of residential buildings

04

Water Resilience

Water infrastructure, drought & flood management, smart water systems

05

Decarbonisation & Energy Transition

Renewable energy, hydrogen, energy communities, offshore renewables

Interreg project mapping

Results with high transferability

During the ARMA network meeting in Galway in November 2025 it was agreed to map Interreg projects with high result transferability potential.



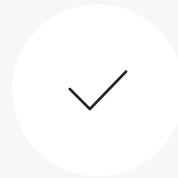
Projects with investment ready methodology

a replicable approach, standard, tool or framework that shorten the planning cycle for investment



Adaptable solutions to regional context

scalable solutions developed in regional context; experienced partnerships gives confidence in the output's viability.



Piloted and tested solutions

in live settings (farm, municipality, SME, water utility) with documented performance data which reduces risk for funders and beneficiaries.

15 Interreg examples

04 Water Resilience

Programme	Project	Key Output
SUDOE	Smart Green Water	Digital twin for irrigation; training frameworks
Atlantic Area	REDAWN	Micro-hydropower business model + financial tool
POCTEFA	Uramuga	Cross-border solutions for integrated water cycle management; feasibility studies
NWE	CarePeat	Peatland restoration toolkit (9,600 t CO ₂ /yr)
NWE	Flashfloodbreaker	Flash-flood predictive models & protocols

05 Energy Transition & Hydrogen

Programme	Project	Key Output
SUDOE	Shared H2-SUDOE	H2 integration model for rural communities
Atlantic Area	Seafuel	Pilot HRS + policy roadmaps for islands
POCTEFA	PHyrene	H2 Geoportal + Hydrogen Valley roadmap
POCTEFA	EKATE+	AI & digital twin for energy community mgmt
NWE	FORESEA / MEA / OPIN	Marine energy test network + SME framework

01 Competitiveness & Innovation

Programme	Project	Key Output
POCTEFA	GALOP	SDG SME accelerator + sustainability tools
POCTEFA	EDIT	Digital Product Passport for SMEs
NWE	BioBase NWE	Voucher model for bio-based R&I (97 SMEs)
NWE	FCRBE/PREUSE	Circular construction audit & procurement tools

02 Defence & Civil Security

Programme	Project	Key Output
POCTEFA	SPIRAL	Landslide early warning (tLEWS); 24–48h forecasts; pilot zone forecasting products

SEAFUEL

Interreg Atlantic Area

Hydrogen refuelling station in Tenerife, powered by solar electrolysis, supplying eight hydrogen vehicles.

Five renewable energy roadmaps produced. Partners continued the work in three follow-on initiatives: a hydrogen hub in the Canary Islands, a 68-authority Atlantic network planning hydrogen infrastructure, and the SH2AMROCK hydrogen valley in Ireland linking hydrogen production to transport decarbonisation.

"SEAFUEL was only the starting point of a journey to demonstrate that hydrogen can have a key role in decarbonising islands and coastal regions." Dr Pau Farràs Costa, University of Galway, SEAFUEL coordinator



Smart Green Water SUDOE

Five pilot farms across Catalonia, Andalusia, Murcia, Nouvelle-Aquitaine and Alentejo will test an open-source digital twin for irrigation management. The tool integrates real-time sensors for moisture, pressure, flow and climate data to optimise water use across different crops and irrigation types. Paired with a methodology for evaluating digital irrigation solutions and training frameworks for irrigators and water governance bodies.



SPIRAL POCTEFA

Shared early warning system for landslides across the Pyrenees. The project aims to deliver a warning service with action protocols and 24 - 48 hours forecasts using real-time meteorological and terrain data, supported by a harmonised cross-border landslide inventory and susceptibility mapping covering rainfall triggers and the aggravating role of forest fires. Local risk assessment protocols developed for authorities and infrastructure managers.



BioBase NWE

Interreg North-West Europe

Innovation vouchers gave 97 companies access to the Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant in Ghent for industrial-scale testing of bio-based processes. Over €1.5 million invested in SME innovation services. Structured support reached more than 650 companies across five countries.

"This has resulted in many innovation projects leading to new biobased products on the market, sustainable jobs and new production plants being built. The leverage effect was enormous." Wim Soetaert, CEO, Bio Base Europe Pilot Plant



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