



# INTERREG VA France (Channel) England Programme

## Presentation to the **Economic Development Sub-Committee**

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# 1. Presentation

- NCC is the first Managing Authority in England for European Territorial Cooperation programmes
- Formal adoption of the Cooperation Programme by the European Commission in October 2015
- 209 M€ ERDF available to fund cross-border projects
- Co-funding rate up to 69% for “common projects”
- 2 stage application process
- Emphasis on impact - Importance of being able to measure long term economic impact of projects, of delivering change

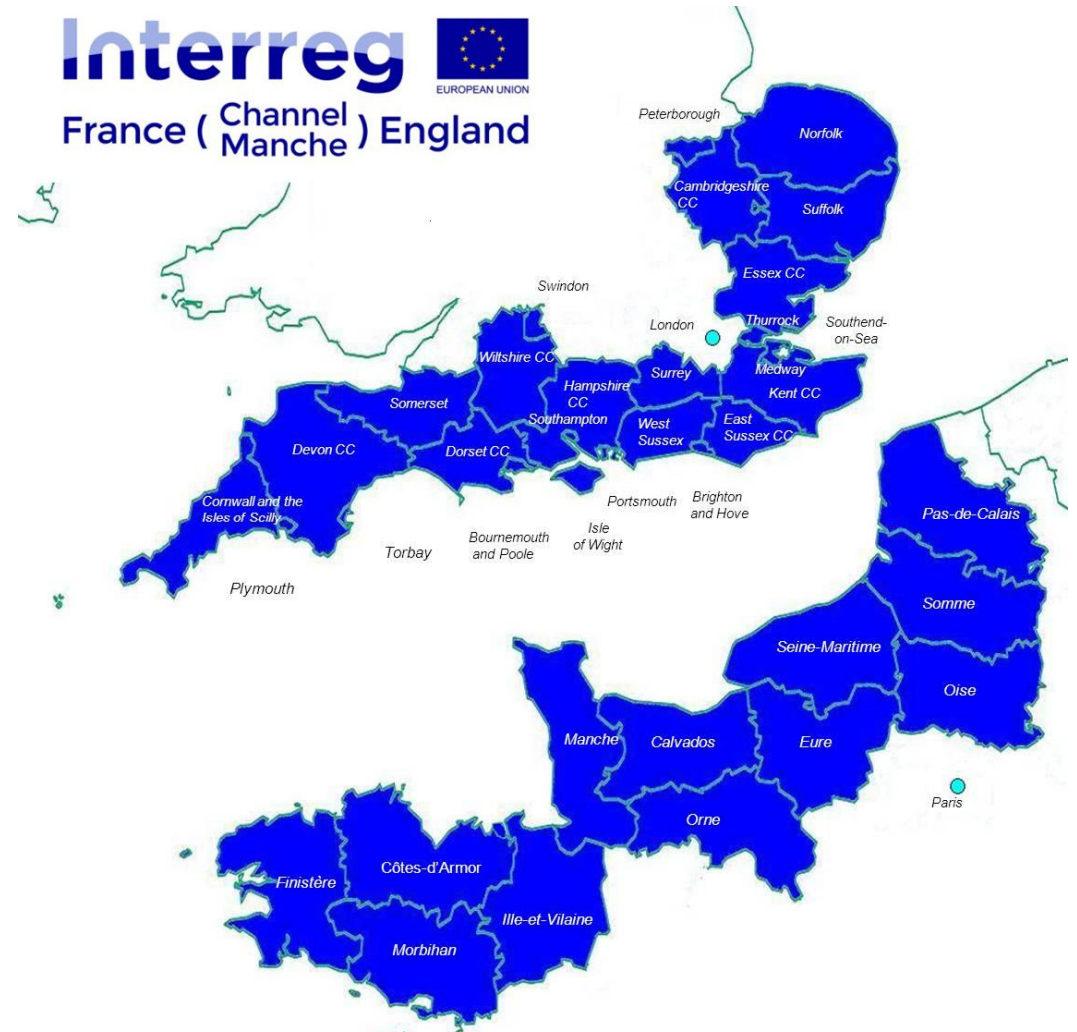


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# Eligible area

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## What the Programme wants to achieve



To support the economy of the Programme Area by building upon its existing research excellence and stimulate innovation.



To support and increase the ability of organisations that currently seek to tackle social exclusion



To support the development of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency



To develop the potential of the area's cultural and natural heritage, including through a more competitive tourism offer.



To protect the environment and its eco-systems.

# Programme Priorities



Priority 1 - “Support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the FCE area”

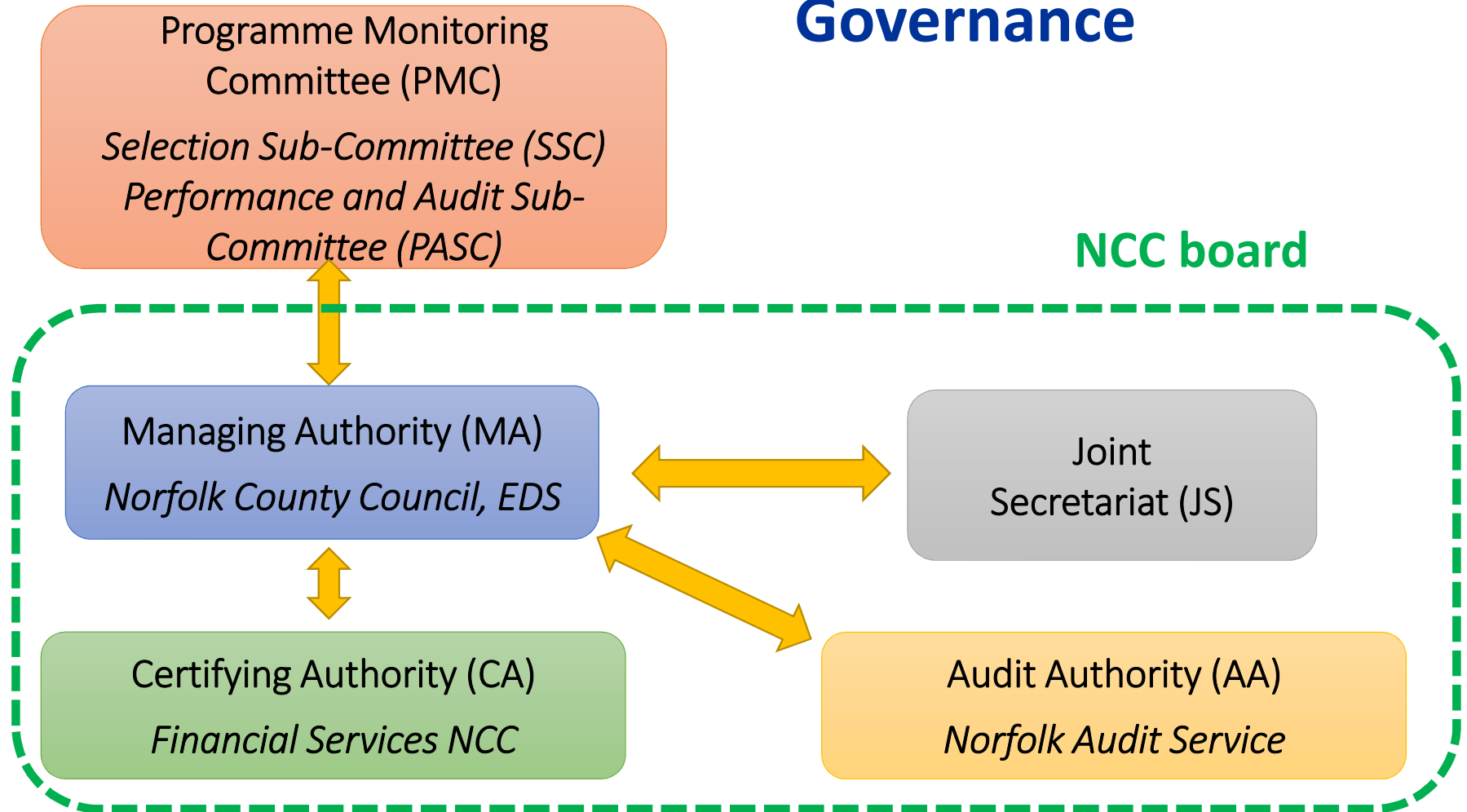


Priority 2 - “Support the transition to a low carbon Economy in the France (Channel) England area”



Priority 3 - “Enhance the attractiveness of the territories of the France (Channel) England area.”

# Governance



## 2. Programme delivery

- The first project was approved in June 2016
- 4 projects will be presented to the selection sub-committee in November 2016
- 14 projects currently developing their phase 2 applications
- 2 calls for projects per year. Next ones are:
  - 02/03/17 - 06/04/17 (5<sup>th</sup> call)
  - 05/09/17 – 12/10/17 (6<sup>th</sup> call)

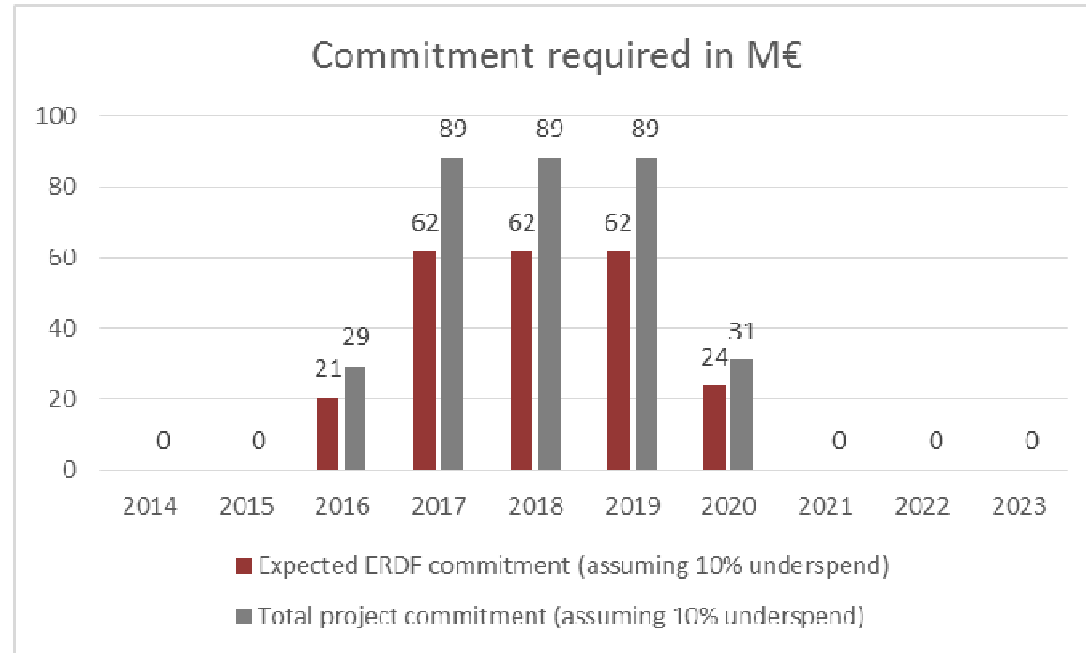


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## Commitment assumptions agreed in Dec 2015



- Commitment required in 2016 =
  - 29M€ worth of projects
  - 21M€ ERDF

# 2016 performance

(against target of 20.6M€ ERDF)

- One project was approved in June 2016 (5.5 M€)
- Four projects will be presented for approval in Nov 2016 (14.5M€)
- It is likely to have 20M€ committed in 2016 (98% of 2016 target)
- Potential forecast for 2017 (against target of 62M€)
  - 31M€ phase 2 projects currently under development
  - 25M€ projects submitted at the latest call
  - Micro-projects

### 3. Presentation of projects

- The first approved project - ICE
- The four projects submitted at Phase 2
- Further examples of projects currently developing their Phase 2 application



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# One project approved

## ***ICE – Intelligent Community Energy***

9 partners

Total ERDF : 5.5 million Euros

Total ERDF in Norfolk: 622,650€ (UEA)

Two pilot sites – the Ushuant Island in Finistere and the University of East Anglia campus in Norfolk



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## 4 projects submitted



*New model of smart electric powered wheelchair*



*Concept of housing first with unemployed young*



*Development of automated robotic systems to improve SMEs' productivity*



*Development of new clean chemical manufacturing techniques in the chemical industry*

# 12 projects under development



*Smart material to enhance Wi-Fi signals*



*Helping unemployed residents living in social housing to start and maintain micro-enterprises*



*Producing pellets and briquettes made of local green heath and wetland waste (biomass)*



*Monitoring harmful algal blooms by developing an innovative detection system using new data from a satellite*



*Creating an augmented reality open source tool to improve the visitors' experience in cultural heritage sites*

## 4. Impact of Brexit

- Reassurance was obtained on 3rd of October by HM Treasury.
- If a project is contracted whilst the UK remains in the EU, project partners from the UK will have their full funding guaranteed.
- Lobbying through the East of England partnership so that NCC is involved into the negotiations.
- Big push to get applications in.



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## 5. Communication activities planned in 2017

- 2 calls for projects in 2017
- 2017 communication plan
- Launch of micro-project scheme early 2017
- Cross-border roadshow on natural and cultural heritage
- Other communication activities: webinars, bid-writing workshops, website, social media
- Annual event

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