# 2 Seas Cooperation Programme

**Acronym:** 2 Seas

## Fund synopsis

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<th>Type</th>
<th>European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) INTERREG IVA</th>
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<td>Scale</td>
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<td>Fund amount</td>
<td>Overall budget for 2014 - 2020 projects €241 million (£180 million)</td>
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## Fund purpose

### Overview

The **2 Seas Programme** aims to develop an innovative knowledge and research based, sustainable and inclusive 2 Seas area where natural resources are protected and the green economy is promoted.

For the upcoming programming period, the European Institutions have decided to streamline funding to target a fewer number of relevant themes. It is expected that this increased thematic concentration will reinforce the impact of EU funding to contribute to the delivery of the Europe 2020 strategy, and notably towards smarter, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Programme Authorities have chosen four ‘thematic objectives’ amongst the eleven defined by the European Union, and one ‘investment priority’ related to each objective. The work has led to the definition of common needs, challenges and opportunities for the Programme area that have, in turn, fed the development of the Programme strategy. In the Programme strategy, the thematic objectives have been articulated into four priority axes and six specific objectives.

### Aims and objectives

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### Priorities

There are four Priority Axes: (with cross cutting themes to support SME’s and Maritime dimension)

- **Axis 1** (€107.8 million = £81 million): Technology and social innovation
- **Axis 2** (€51.3 million = £38.5 million): Low carbon technologies
- **Axis 3** (€38.5 million = £29 million): Adaptation to climate change
- **Axis 4** (€43.6 million = 37.7 million): Resource efficient economy

(N.B. all above currency conversions from http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/)

### Proposed supportable activities

The newly formulated **Cooperation Programme** follows **Europe 2020 Strategy guidelines** closely, and each Axis, above, has a set of descriptors about the types of projects and sub-objectives that will be considered. Please read the **Key Information** document to obtain full details of these work areas. The aquaculture industry will be interested in the economic elements and innovation that all look to develop the Blue Economy as far as possible.

### Aquaculture Funding Guidance Sheets
### How it works


### Grant (the full UK grant will be confirmed in 2015)

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<th>Size of grant</th>
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<td>Restrictions</td>
<td>Please visit the 2 Seas website for detailed information about any restrictions on individual funds.</td>
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<td>Match funding</td>
<td>You will be expected to contribute to any project, however, this might be through in-kind contributions. Industry partners are likely to need to contribute direct funding.</td>
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### Guide to eligibility

#### Overview

The 2 Seas Programme will enlarge its eligible areas. The geographical area covered is still a maritime border along the southern North Sea and the Channel. The coastal areas of the Dutch Province of Noord-Holland and a few additional English territories (Swindon, Peterborough) will join the 2-Seas Programme. The Programme was prepared in close cooperation with the neighbouring maritime “France (Channel)-England” Programme. As for the previous programming period 2007 – 2013, all English territories, and several French territories, belong to both Programme areas.

#### Exceptions and restrictions

The detailed information on any exemptions and restrictions from this fund are still being finalised, but the Cooperation Programme can be found, here, for a comprehensive overview of the 2014 – 2020 Programme, as it now stands.

#### Industry involvement

You will need to operate within a partnership to access these funds.

#### Stakeholder involvement

Each project will be collaborative and will need partners from within the 2 Seas region. No project can go ahead without partners from across the 2 Seas region. More details on how many partners you will need, and where they need to be from, can be found on the 2 Seas website.

### Contact details for applicants

#### Managing authority

Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)

[https://www.gov.uk/european-territorial-cooperation-programmes](https://www.gov.uk/european-territorial-cooperation-programmes)

#### Contact details

Contact Department for Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU


### Useful websites and where to go for other information

#### 2 Seas Programme

[Cooperation Programme](https://www.gov.uk/european-territorial-cooperation-programmes)

[Key Information](https://www.gov.uk/european-territorial-cooperation-programmes)

[Main website](https://www.gov.uk/european-territorial-cooperation-programmes)

#### European Commission

[Beginners Guide to EU Funding](https://www.gov.uk/european-territorial-cooperation-programmes)