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Beslut om stöd

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Region Västerbotten beviljar BioFuel Region BFR AB stöd för att genomföra projektet Sustainable SMEs enligt ansökan inkommen 2024-09-26. Stödet uppgår till 30,00 % av faktiska kostnader och 30,00 % av total finansiering, dock med högst 1 149 327.

Beslutet har fattats med stöd av förordning (2003:596) om bidrag för projektverksamhet inom den regionala tillväxtpolitiken och i förekommande fall förordning (2015:210) om statligt stöd för att regionalt främja små och medelstora företag. Medel disponeras ur anslaget 1:1.

För stödet gäller allmänna villkor enligt Bilaga 1.

Beslutet kan inte överklagas.

Motivering till beslut

Region Västerbotten beviljar stöd av följande skäl: Projektet ligger i linje med intensionerna i RUS prioritering 1 Västerbotten – en region med platsbaserad hållbar näringslivsutveckling och delprioritering 2.2 Växande, starkare företag och nya livskraftiga företag.

Projektet uppfyller kraven fastställda i Region Västerbottens Agenda för hållbar regional finansiering och bedöms i hög grad bidra till de prioritetshöjande aspekterna Sammanhållen region och Hållbar regional tillväxt.

Projektperiod

2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31

Projektbeskrivning

Syfte: In the EU, large and listed companies must prepare comprehensive sustainability reports (ESG reporting) alongside financial statements by 2025, requiring documentation from all supply chain operators, including SMEs. A Finnish survey (OP, 2024) revealed that over half of large companies have changed suppliers due to ESG-reporting obligations.

SMEs account for around 90% of global business. Therefore, it is crucial that SMEs are equipped with the knowledge, tools and resources required to commit to and accelerate climate action, while ensuring long-term business viability.

In the NPA area, SMEs already face challenges accessing value chains due to rural locations. Now, they must also prepare sustainability documentation to access public and private supply chains and finance, impacting their competitiveness and market reach.

This project helps develop SMEs capacity and skills for sustainability reporting and raises awareness among SMEs and their supporting organizations. The partnership includes organizations that support SMEs or collaborate within regional and national networks for sustainable business and skills development.

The project approach to the identified common challenges and opportunities:
The project aims to enhance SMEs competitiveness, market reach and sustainable growth. It improves SMEs sustainability reporting capabilities to fulfill ESG-reporting requirements for value chain operators and prepares SMEs for the coming SME reporting framework.

- Encouraging and sharing knowledge: Why report? When? What sort of information is valid? Where to find the information? How to take-up the existing solutions and the newest technologies (GAI, Data analyses etc.)? How to benefit the information in daily management, marketing and accessing in present and new value chains?
- Transferring, and developing the sustainability reporting solutions and best practices for ESG reporting as a whole (e.g. ESG-tool/ Interreg BSR;) or part of that (e.g. ESF/ maternity tool; Generic AI; Data Analysis)
- Improving SMEs skills and supporting the take-up of use the solutions (e.g. tools) and best practices
- Inspiring SME to benefit from practical reporting solutions and best practices across NPA area

Vad projektets aktiviteter ska leda till för målgruppen på kort sikt:

WP1 aims to activate and engage SMEs and SMEs' multi-level stakeholders in sustainability reporting and building up SMEs reporting capacities. It improves SMEs and SMEs multilevel stakeholders awareness about

- the current and upcoming sustainability reporting related regulations (Corporate sustainability reporting directive (CSRD) and related standards (ESRS); up-coming SME reporting framework)
- how the regulations impact on SMEs access in value chains
- how SMEs can benefit from reporting capabilities and sustainability transition

The WP1 summon-up the SMEs sustainability reporting capabilities, related needs and practices. This information will be used in developing Communication plan (D1.1), creating Piloting roadmap (D2.1) and benefitted in Sustainability reporting guide (D3.4) development as well as in the outreach activities (A3.1).

In addition, the information gathered and analysed will also be the basis for WP2 piloting, and solution development.

Communication objective WP1:

Increase SMEs and SME stakeholders engagement to look for opportunities and solutions of sustainability reporting and sustainability transition (by raising awareness about the existing and coming sustainability regulations and frameworks.) and to develop new business models.

WP2

At the moment, there is a large number of sustainability reporting solutions under development in different EU projects and to fulfill SMEs needs to meet the reporting requirements of their customers and the coming SME reporting framework, e.g. ·

· materiality analysis tool (regional ESF, FI)

· ESG-tool for SMEs prepared in Interreg Baltic Sea project SUSTOOL that will be available in be available in spring 2025

· Generative artificial intelligence

· System analyses (e.g. IoT, data analyses)

It is complicated for SMEs to find the solutions and to know what solutions they could benefit the most. Therefore, WP2 aims to gain understanding how well the experimented sustainability reporting solutions (tools, best practices) support SMEs to meet the customers and EU sustainability reporting requirements. This will be benefitted in WP3 outreach activities (A3.1; A3.2; A3.3) and in guidebook (D3.4) preparation

Communication objective WP2:

To commit SMEs to experience and develop jointly the sustainability reporting tools and best practises

In WP3, the aim is to encourage SMEs and SME multilevel stakeholders across NPA area to

- get familiar with the requirements and opportunities related sustainability reporting
- develop their reporting capabilities
- look for end experiment the suitable solutions to take up in reporting
- benefit reporting results in daily management and business development towards more sustainable business

These capabilities motivation, knowledges & skills - improve SMEs market reach, competitiveness, and sustainable growth.

The objective will be achieved through multichannel communication attracting and involving SMEs and SMEs multilevel stakeholders, such as associated organisations, by benefitting the findings of WP1 & WP2.

Communication objective WP3:

External: To inspire and tool SMEs and SME stakeholders across NPA area to take advantage of the solutions that enable SMEs access in value chains (large companies, public procurements), wider market reach, and sustainability transition in general; It also enables sustainability communication, which can attract job seekers and help the company grow.

Koppling till RUS (prioritering 2.2):

Projektets aktiviteter stärker SMEs konkurrenskraft så att de blir mer livskraftiga. Genom att vara en nyckelspelare i omställningen till en mer hållbar utveckling, med nya globala utmaningar, får de möjligheten att utveckla sin affärsmodell för att möta kommande krav på hållbarhetsrapportering. Genom att vara snabba på bollen och tidigt erbjuda tydlig hållbarhetsinformation till kunder och de leveranskedjor de försörjer kan de fortsätta att växa och vara konkurrenskraftiga.

Vilka effekter ska projektet uppnå på lång sikt:

Projektet bidrar tydligt till måluppfyllelsen i större delen av EUs nya paket av lagar för den gröna omställningen inkl Fit for 55, Green Deal och bioekonomistrategin mm.

European Green Deal

The project encourages SMEs to become more aware of the importance of business sustainability. It makes possible development targets more visible. The project encourages SMEs towards more sustainable business by introducing the benefits and tools to manage sustainability transition.

EU bioeconomy strategy

EU's bioeconomy strategy and action plan: The project enhances sustainability within the bioeconomy sectors in line with the EU Bioeconomy Strategy and its Action Plan. The project responds especially to one of the key actions of the EU Bioeconomy Strategy Action Plan, as the project activates stakeholders (SMEs) to test and implement new sustainability reporting solutions to their businesses.

Globala hållbarhetsmål

Projektet bidrar tydligast till globalt mål 9. Hållbar industri, innovationer och infrastruktur - genom att stärka småföretags förutsättningar och möjligheter på marknaden via utvecklad miljörapportering. Det bidrar också tydligt till mål 13, att bekämpa klimatförändringarna.

Långsiktiga effekter i målgrupperna:

SME

Genom att tidigt börja rapportera hållbarhetsdata får de en konkurrensfördel som gör att de får vara del av leveranser till större företag som redan nu har krav på sig att spåra och visa upp hållbarhetsinformation om deras produkter och tjänster. SME som inte har denna kunskap riskerar att missa affärsmöjligheter.

Stora Företag

Med fler SME som kan erbjuda standardiserad och tydlig hållbarhetsinformation får de bättre möjligheter att leva upp till egna rapporteringskrav och får fler leverantörer som kan erbjuda den spårbarhet som krävs. Detta ger fler valmöjligheter av leverantör och i slutändan en bättre konkurrensutsättning i deras leveranskedjor. Detta borde också kunna pressa ner kostnaderna för de större företagen.

Företagsstödjande organisationer

Blir bättre rustade att stödja regionala SME och andra aktörer i affärsutveckling. Ökad förståelse och kapacitet kring hållbarhetsrapporteringen för att bättre kunna möta företagets framtida behov.

Regionala myndigheter

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Koppling till RUS (prioritering 2.2):

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Koppling till regionala styrkeområden (RIS bilaga1).

Projektet stärker främst området skoglig bioekonomi som är det område där vi söker stödja SME i rapporteringskrav, men kan också stärka SME inom andra styrkeområden t ex hållbara energisystem el livsmedelsproduktion. Projektet har redan nu knutit associerade organisationer till sig från regionala sågverksverksamheter i Brattby, Ostvik och Tväråbäck.

Indikatorer

Namn	Värde	Måttenhet	Kommentar
Antal deltagande företag	22	Företag	

Tid- och aktivitetsplan

Aktivitet	Beskrivning	Startdatum - Slutdatum	Kostnad
Encouraging and engaging SMEs and multi-level stakeholders to sustainability transition	<p>WP1 aims to activate and engage SMEs and SMEs' multi-level stakeholders in sustainability reporting and building up SMEs reporting capacities. It improves SMEs and SMEs multilevel stakeholders awareness about</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · the current and upcoming sustainability reporting related regulations (Corporate sustainability reporting directive (CSRD) and related standards (ESRS); up-coming SME reporting framework) · how the regulations impact on SMEs access in value chains · how SMEs can benefit from reporting capabilities and sustainability transition <p>The WP summon-up the SMEs sustainability reporting capabilities, related needs and practices. This information will be used in developing Communication plan (D1.1), creating Piloting roadmap (D2.1) and benefitted in Sustainability reporting guide (D3.4) development as well as in the outreach activities (A3.1).</p> <p>In addition, the information gathered and analysed will also be the basis for WP2 piloting, and solution development.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	
Co-create transnational strategic communication and dissemination plan (transnational & regional)	<p>The activity provides the strategic communication and dissemination plan covers the regional, transnational and NPA-area perspective. It is developed jointly with the partners during the kick-off meeting and following communication. The results of the SME and SME's stakeholder co-creation interviews are also benefitted (T1.2). The plan aims to ensure proper communication between the project and SMEs and SMEs stakeholders and the multipliers for the NPA wide outreach. The plan also focuses on the project internal communication and management practices to ensure project successful implementation. The plan is co-created in the project kick-off event in Finland (M6). P1 is the activity leader and prepares the platform (e.g. Teams) for internal and document share and NPA</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924

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	website for external communication. All partners provide content behalf of their region and networks, provide content for NPA area and comment the communication plan.		
SME and SME stakeholder interviews about sustainability transition and reporting needs	<p>This activity provides more specific and accurate information about SMEs needs related to sustainability reporting. It is carried out by interviewing in Finland, Sweden and Ireland at least 10 SMEs and 10 SME stakeholders (e.g. business developers, business networks, regional developers, reporting related entities (e.g. large companies, accountants, banks), reporting experts and researchers) about sustainability transition and sustainability reporting. The aim is to increase insight in target group needs, reporting requirements and state of play and support communication plan (D1.1) and the roadmap (D2.1) development. Furthermore, the SMEs are encouraged to take part in project activities.</p> <p>Jointly partners develop the interview template and summarize interviews (D1.2). Other partners, except P5, involve regional SMEs and their stakeholders in the co-creation interviews and document the results. Relevant AOs participate in the interviews.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924
Transnational encouragement webinars	<p>This task aims to raise SMEs and SMEs stakeholders awareness about a) emerging trends and regulatory changes related to sustainability transition to activate SMEs (e.g. SMEs reporting framework) b) reporting and sustainability transition benefits for business and management c) how connected systems (IoT) and generic artificial intelligence (e.g. Chat GPT, Copilot) can be benefitted in sustainability transition? The first 3 webinars promote SMEs and SMEs stakeholders engagement to the project activities (e.g. workshops in WP1; pilots in WP2) and the last 3 webinars update the information. The webinars are recorded and disseminated (e.g. YouTube channel). The contents are localised for regional encouragement events (A1.4) and webinar language is English. P1, P2 and P3 all are responsible to arrange 2 transnational webinars. The webinars are planned jointly and marketed jointly according to the communication plan (D1.1) together with relevant AOs, e.g. Norwegian WoodWorks! cluster.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924
Regional encouragement sessions	<p>This activity aims to engage the regional SMEs especially in WP2 activities by encouraging to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · familiarize SMEs in the reporting requirements essential for the business · gain understanding how to benefit reporting results in business and management · look for solution (tools, best practise, new technologies) to support the reporting · promote sustainability in their business <p>These sessions are arranged for groups of SMEs, along some events for target groups, or direct contacts with SMEs. The materials of international encouragement webinars (A1.3) are benefitted for these.</p> <p>The target is to commit SMEs in WP2 activities, at least 50 SMEs in each region, but 10 in Iceland. The number of sessions vary in each region depending on the success to achieve the target. The findings are used to provide essential contents for blogs and articles produced in A1.7.</p> <p>PA1 is responsible to arranges the sessions in Finland, P2 in Sweden, P3 in Ireland and P5 in Iceland.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924
Regional co-learning workshops of sustainability reporting experiences,	<p>The activity aims to summon-up the regional sustainability reporting experiences, challenges, and existing good practices to support the roadmap (D2.1) development the outreach activities in WP3, especially in the guidebook (D3.4) preparation. the encourage SME stakeholders to participate in transnational co-creation workshop (A1.6) The workshops are targeted to SME stakeholders (e.g.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924

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challenges, and good practices	business networks, associations and clusters, chambre of commerce, customers, reporting experts). The SMEs may participate but are not expected to participate in large extent. The regional workshops are arranged along regional encouragement session (A1.4) when possible. The workshops are planned jointly and arranged and marketed regionally. Each organiser is responsible to prepared documentation about the workshops for transnational knowledge exchanges and to upgrade the format for the transnational workshops (A1.6) and to prepare contents for A1.7. AOs are invited to the workshops.		
Transnational online co-creation workshop; sustainability report, experiences, challenges & existing good practices	<p>The activity aims to inspire and share transnationally sustainability reporting experiences, challenges, and existing good practices. It also aims to provide contents for the roadmap (D2.1) development and the outreach activities in WP3, especially in the guidebook (D3.4) preparation.</p> <p>The workshop is target especially to SMEs stakeholders, such as business networks, cluster representatives, business field associations, chambre of commerce, applied universities and other entities having good understanding about the topic. Also, SMEs are welcome.</p> <p>The transnational workshop is arranged along regional encouragement sessions (A1.3) when possible.</p> <p>The results are processed and documented in A1.7 to encourage SMEs to participate in WP2 activities, and for the outreach activities (A3.1; A3.3; A3.4).</p> <p>The workshop is planned and marketed jointly and implemented transnational. PA2 is responsible to arrange and prepare documentation.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924
Prepare regional encouragement blogs and articles	<p>This activity aims to inspire SMEs and SMEs stakeholders to gain capabilities. It offers teaser on the topic, such as blogs, popular articles, press releases. It supports the engagement of SMEs in WP2 activities and the realisation of D1.4. Furthermore, it provides content for the outreach activities</p> <p>(A3.1) and to ensure the fresh documentation of the A1.4; A1.5 and A1.6. finding for guidebook preparation (D3.4).</p> <p>P1, P2, P3 & P5 key messages planned jointly and produce the final content in local language or English</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-02-29	218 924
Develop, experiment and evaluate jointly sustainability reporting solutions	<p>At the moment, there is a large number of sustainability reporting solutions under development in different EU projects and to fulfil SMEs needs to meet the reporting requirements of their customers and the coming SME reporting framework, e.g. · materiality analysis tool (regional ESF, FI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · ESG-tool for SMEs prepared in Interreg Baltic Sea project SUSTOOL that will be available in be available in spring 2025 · Generative artificial intelligence · System analyses (e.g. IoT, data analyses) <p>It is complicated for SMEs to find the solutions and to know what solutions they could benefit the most. Therefore, WP2 aims to gain understanding how well the experimented sustainability reporting solutions (tools, best practices) support SMEs to meet the customers and EU sustainability reporting requirements. This will be benefitted in WP3 outreach activities (A3.1; A3.2; A3.3) and in guidebook (D3.4) preparation.</p>	2025-10-01 - 2027-09-30	
Co-creating roadmap to transfer and develop solutions	This activity forms a piloting roadmap for sustainability reporting solutions (tools, best practises) that are transferred in NPA regions (A2.2) or are developed and experimented (A2.3; A2.4). It takes in consideration the results of WP1 (e.g. reporting challenges;	2025-10-01 - 2027-09-30	229 870

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	opportunities; best practices), other identified best practices and tools (e.g. reporting templates, guidebooks, etc.) and existing trainings (incl. MOOCs). The roadmap also includes the evaluation framework that is benefitted in SME sustainability reporting guide (D3.4) development. The piloting roadmap is prepared jointly with all partners. P1, P2 and P3 are collecting information about the existing reporting practices and trainings. The management group follows and evaluates the progress along implementation. Also, Norwegian AO is delivering information about the existing Norwegian sustainability reporting solutions among their stakeholders.		
SMEs pilot existing sustainability reporting tools and best practices in regional and transnational workshops	<p>This activity aims to pilot and gain experience of existing sustainability reporting solutions (tools, best practises), e.g.</p> <p>a) EU framework for SMEs (developed by EFRAG, available in 2026) b) ESG-tool for SMEs (developed in Interreg BSR, available in spring 2025) c) EU Taxonomy tool d) Materiality analysis (developed in ESF by Lapland UAS) e) Carbon footprint calculations f) Other relevant best practises or tools that are not available yet.</p> <p>In these workshop, SMEs and SME stakeholders are introduced the tool and testing it out. Then they will be collected feedback about the using experiences. Each tool is piloted at least in two different regions.</p> <p>All pilots are planned jointly. The regionally implemented are marketed, arranged and documented by P1, P2 and P3. The transnational pilots are implemented online and marketed by all partners. P1 follows the progress and the evaluation is carried out jointly according to the evaluation framework.</p>	2025-10-01 - 2027-09-30	229 870
Developing transnational workshop on gathering and analysing data for ESG reporting by leveraging IoT capabilities	<p>This activity aims to develop and pilot a workshop concept that enhanced SMEs technological and methodological capabilities to collect and analyse data for sustainability reporting. The workshop consisting practical exercises improves SMEs understanding · how IoT devices can be used to gather data for generate data ESG reporting · advanced data analytics techniques to process and interpret data gathered through IoT systems · using AI and machine learning to analyse patterns, detect anomalies, and predict future ESG performance P3 jointly with other partners create and develop a half-a-day workshop online and face-to-face concepts for 5-7 SMEs, market and organize the transnational workshop. The regional workshops are planned jointly with P3 and the regional partners.</p>	2025-10-01 - 2027-09-30	229 870
Piloting the use of generative AI (e.g. ChatGPT, Copilot) in sustainability transition and reporting transnationally and regionally	<p>The activity aims to offer a platform for SMEs to develop their skills and knowledge to benefit generative artificial intelligence (GAI) in their sustainability transition and sustainability reporting. It improves skills to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · prompting in practise with GAI · identifying clear objectives · choosing proper tools · evaluate the data quality · consideration of ethical and legal issues <p>The regional and transnational workshop concept is developed for online and face-to-face implementation.</p> <p>P1 jointly with other partners create and develop the workshop online and face-to-face concepts, market and organize the transnational workshop. The regional workshops are planned jointly with P1 and the regional partners.</p>	2025-10-01 - 2027-09-30	229 870
Preparing evaluation framework for SME	<p>This activity aims to collect, summarize and processes the experiences of the transferred and developed solutions according to the evaluation framework introduces in the roadmap D2.1.</p>	2025-10-01 - 2027-09-30	229 870

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sustainability reporting solutions	<p>The result will be used in SME sustainability reporting guide (D3.4) development and GAI Guidebook (D2.4) development. Bases on the feedback, the SMEs are committed for the testimonials for the outreach activities (3.1).</p> <p>PA3 prepares the evaluation framework in collaboration with PA1, PA2 and PA5.</p>		
Multiply the impact by transferring the best solutions across NPA area	<p>In WP3, the aim is to encourage SMEs and SME multilevel stakeholders across NPA area to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · get familiar with the requirements and opportunities related sustainability reporting · develop their reporting capabilities · look for end experiment the suitable solutions to take up in reporting · benefit reporting results in daily management and business development towards more sustainable business <p>These capabilities motivation, knowledges & skills - improve SMEs market reach, competitiveness, and sustainable growth.</p> <p>The objective will be achieved through multichannel communication attracting and involving SMEs and SMEs multilevel stakeholders, such as associated organisations, by benefitting the findings of WP1 & WP2.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	
Outreach activities	<p>This activity aims to deliver across NPA area the solutions that support SMEs in sustainability reporting and towards sustainability. It bases on sharing findings in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Social media (using existing channels of the partners, associated organisations and other relevant entities, e.g. LinkedIn, YouTube) (20/ region) b) Business network and cluster platforms (Chamber of Commerce, business networks, associations) (2 platforms/region) c) Sustainability networks (e.g. regional or national networks promoting sustainability or responsibility in business) (2 networks/region) d) Wikipedia (contents about sustainability reporting and reporting solutions in English, Swedish, Finnish) e) Presentations seminars, webinars & podcasts and other events targeted to SMEs, regional developers, HEIs, authorities or another target group in Finland, Sweden, Ireland, Iceland, Norway, e.g. NPA programme annual event(s) (3/ region) f) Other publications (articles, blogs, press releases) (5/ region) 	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	191 559
Experts mentoring SMEs in sustainability reporting solutions	<p>This mentoring program aims to make sustainability reporting tools better accessible for SMEs. It is designed to address the specific challenges and pain points faced by SMEs and in total 35 SMEs are mentored across NPA area.</p> <p>Each participating SME will be allocated approximately two hours to introduce the specific sustainability challenge and to get tailored advice and support based on the challenge. The mentor decides after learning the challenge, if another session is needed. If needed, the mentor can use the project network to meet the expectation of SMEs support and advice need. The programme offering small advisory and is not replacing existing consultant services.</p> <p>This mentoring approach will help SMEs to understand current best practices and prepare them for upcoming regulations and reporting frameworks, enhancing their capacity to contribute to a more sustainable future.</p> <p>All partners are mentoring SMEs in their region. P3 is responsible for follow-up and documentation.</p>	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	191 559

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Transnational and regional multiplier events	The activity aims to spread out the reporting solutions and results of the project wider in partnering region, across NPA area, neighbouring INTERREG regions and EU networks (e.g EFRAG). The events are arranged along transnational webinars (A1.3) backgrounding well the SMEs reporting requirements, and opportunities. The multiplier events introduce the convenient contents of the Sustainability reporting guide for SMEs (D3.4). It also markets the guide and other available materials to encourage and support SMEs in the reporting. The events are arranged in local languages, if needed. The project also participates in the annual Lead partner NPA events to transfer the experiences and knowledge. The partners are developing the multiplier event format jointly. The regional events are carried out in local language and partly in English, if convenient, transnational in English targeting across NPA area and introducing the perspectives from different regions.	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	191 559
Preparing sustainability reporting guide for SMEs	The activity aims to provide practical information package for SMEs to overcome typical challenges with sustainability reporting. It sums up the information and solutions that support SMEs in sustainability reporting. It also stresses out how SMEs can benefit sustainability reporting and sustainability transition in the business management, in market reach and how it can increase competitiveness of SMEs. The guidebook is created jointly by partners, localised by the regional partners, and published virtually in different languages (ENG, FIN, SWE, IS). It widely marketed through the partners networks, AOs and other relevant entities along outreach activities (A3.1; A3.2; A3.3). Irish may adapt the guidebook for the regional use, like other partners also localise the content.	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	191 559
Planning, evaluating and developing project implementation (workshops, meetings etc.)	This activity aims to ensure proper coordination (incl. risk management) and monitoring of project activities to achieve successfully the expected results and impact. It consists daily management meetings and discussion among partners. The internal and AO communication practises are agreed in D1.1. The partners plan and implement jointly the transnational workshops for partners and AOs (1-2/region) focusing on: M6 (9/25) - Developing co-learning workshops & creation of piloting process (Finland) M15 (6/26) - Evaluating and developing piloting process (Sweden) M26 (5/27) - Completing evaluation framework of piloted solutions and planning multiplying activities (distant workshop) M32 (11/28) - Last steps of the project, arranged along multiplier event (XX) (Ireland/ Iceland) All partners lead the contents they are responsible for. The practical arrangements and costs of the meeting are covered by the partner that hosts the event.	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	191 559
Reporting, inc. Impact evaluation	The activity aims to monitor and evaluates the success and impact. The reporting information for NPA is collected along implementation under the information share platform (e.g. Teams) prepared by the Lead Partner. The impact of the project is assessed the quality questionnaire to SMEs and SMEs' stakeholders who have participated in the project activities. They are asked about the transferred and developed solution up-take. The information is used for the indicators and the impact evaluation in general. PA1 lead the coordination of the monitoring and evaluation. Jointly partners create impact questionnaire, collect feedback from local SMEs, analyse the questionnaire results.	2025-04-01 - 2028-03-31	191 559

Budget (Kostnads- och finansieringsplan)

Kostnad

Kostnadslag	2025	2026	2027	2028						Totalt
Personal	634 942	943 250	970 280	241 597						2 790 069
Externa tjänster	51 000	51 000	51 000	51 000						204 000
Resor och logi	95 241	141 488	145 542	36 239						418 510
Schablonkostnader	95 241	141 488	145 542	36 239						418 510
Summa kostnader	876 424	1 277 226	1 312 364	365 075						3 831 089
Projektintäkter										
Summa faktiska kostnader	876 424	1 277 226	1 312 364	365 075						3 831 089
Bidrag i annat än pengar										
Summa bidrag i annat än pengar										0
Summa totala kostnader	876 424	1 277 226	1 312 364	365 075						3 831 089

Finansiering

Finansiär	2025	2026	2027	2028						Totalt
Offentligt bidrag i annat än pengar										
Totalt offentligt bidrag annat än pengar										0
Offentlig kontantfinansiering										
Interreg NPA, LÄNSSTYRELSEN I VÄSTERBOTTENS LÄN	569 676	830 197	853 036	237 299						2 490 208
Total offentlig kontantfinansiering	569 676	830 197	853 036	237 299						2 490 208
Total offentlig finansiering	569 676	830 197	853 036	237 299						2 490 208
Privata bidrag i annat än pengar										
Totalt privat bidrag annat än pengar										0
Privat kontantfinansiering										
BioFuel Region AB	43 821	63 861	65 618	18 254						191 554
Totalt privat kontantfinansiering	43 821	63 861	65 618	18 254						191 554
Totalt privat finansiering	43 821	63 861	65 618	18 254						191 554

Stöd

Finansiering	2025	2026	2027	2028						Totalt
19.1.1 Regionala utvecklingsåtgärder Regionalt projekt	262 927	383 168	393 710	109 522						1 149 327

Sammanställning (Stödprocent)

Stödandel av faktiska kostnader:	30,00 %
Stödandel av stödgrundande finansiering:	30,00 %
Stödandel av total finansiering:	30,00 %

Andel annan offentlig finansiering: 65,00 %

Andel privat finansiering: 5,00 %

Rapportering och begäran om utbetalning

Rapporteringsperioder synkroniseras med EU-programmet. Stödet utbetalas i efterhand efter redovisning av faktiska utgifter

Sista datum för slutrapport

Synkroniseras med EU-programmet.

Allmänna villkor för stöd

Se bilaga

Särskilda villkor

Region Västerbottens beslut är avhängigt bifallsbeslut från EU-programmet.

Beslutsgång

Beslut i detta ärende har fattats av regional utvecklingsdirektör Patrik Sällström efter föredragning av strateg Mikael Johansson Åberg.

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