

Fact Sheet ENPI CBC Karelia Programme

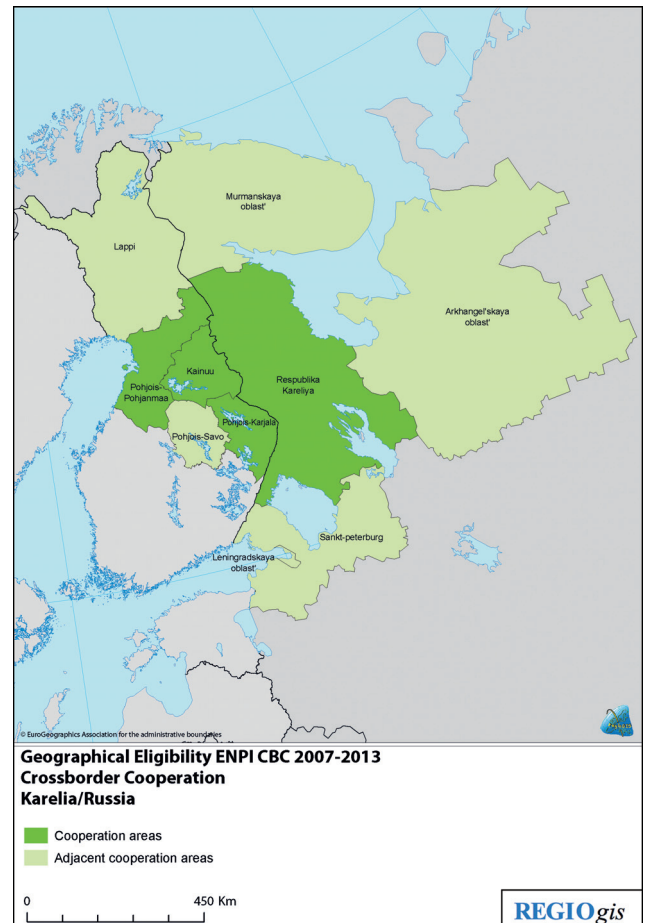
TOTAL EU ALLOCATION (2007-2013):
23.203 million EUR

ELIGIBLE REGIONS:

Finland: Kainuu, Northern Ostrobothnia, North Karelia; adjoining areas: Lapland, Northern Savo

Russia: Republic of Karelia; adjoining areas: Murmansk Oblast, Arkhangel'skaya Oblast, Leningrad Oblast and St. Petersburg

The strategic objective of the programme is to increase wellbeing in the programme area through cross-border cooperation. To achieve this goal, the objective is to strengthen strategic guidance for programme implementation and to pursue concrete cross-border results and visible impacts on strategically important fields of activities.



Source: European Commission

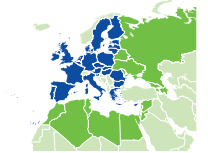
PRIORITIES:

1. Economic development.

The programme builds primarily on economic cooperation activities. The objective is to strengthen cross-border economic co-operation and increase cross-border business. The important cornerstones of economic co-operation in the programme area are the forest and wood sectors and the tourism sector.

2. Quality of life.

The objective is to improve the quality of life in the programme area through cross-border activities. Positive economic development creates a firm foundation to increase wellbeing, but it only forms one part of the whole picture. Issues such as health, clean and pleasant environment, functional and practical structure of society and services also increase the well-being effectively.



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STATE OF PLAY:

The programme was submitted to the Commission end of June 2008. A Commission decision is expected to be taken before the end of 2008 pending the final approval of the programme document by the partner country. Thereafter a call for proposals will be launched by the Joint Managing Authority. The first projects are expected to start in 2009 provided the partner country has signed the Financing Agreement.

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