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## Channel News



### **Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noël!**

With the festive season upon us, now is a good time to reflect on highlights from the past year and look ahead to what 2021 has in store.

Despite the backdrop of Covid-19 this year, 13 projects were approved. A huge congratulations to all the partners involved in France and the UK!

Over the coming year, we're looking forward to celebrating your success and project developments, as well as welcoming more high-quality project applications - with nearly €7.7m of funding still available before the March 2021 deadline.



### **Project COO-L FOOD wins gold at EU awards**

We're delighted to share that Cool-L-Food won gold at the Regiostar awards 2020, making it the second year running that an FCE project has won this prestigious award.

The Regiostars are Europe's award to EU-funded projects which demonstrate excellence and new approaches in regional development.

Cool-L-Food, an FCE micro-project, won the 'Circular Economy for a Green Europe' category and was recognised for its fun, smart and innovative approach to encouraging citizens to make more sustainable food choices.

Read more about the award win [here](#).



### **100% intervention rate confirmed**

Against the backdrop of Covid-19, projects have faced unprecedented challenges this year. As such, we have been working behind the scenes to secure additional support for projects.

The FCE programme team is pleased to announce 100% intervention funding for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 for claims paid by the Certifying Authority within that period. This is subject to eligibility conditions including state aid, de minimis and in kind.

We are also launching a call for any capitalisation projects, which will be 100% funded, specifically focused on Covid-19 related recovery activities.

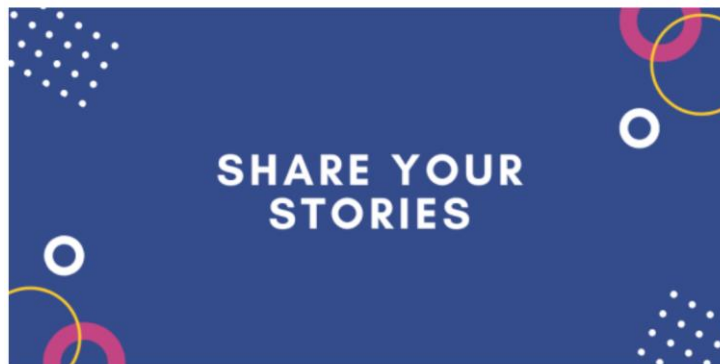
If you are interested in participating in a capitalisation project or have any questions about the 100% intervention funding please contact your [local facilitator](#).



### Five new projects approved

Five new projects were approved by the English and French delegations at the September committee meeting, which brings us to a total of 44 projects approved over the lifetime of the programme. The latest projects are highlighted below:

- **Water for Tomorrow** – will design and implement new management systems to increase climate change resilience in water stressed catchments in East Anglia, Bretagne and Hauts-de-France.
- **Revert** – the cross-border project, combining world-leading experts in Amiens and Cambridge, will develop innovative medical tools to rapidly and accurately diagnose patients with a form of dementia known as normal pressure hydrocephalus.
- **Circle** – will develop a new type of permeable surface, which is cost effective and has low environmental impact, to improve water drainage in towns and cities increasingly at risk of flooding
- **Fire drone** – aims to increase the safety, speed and accuracy of firefighters' response to industrial fires and wildfires by developing a compact airborne robotic system to monitor dangerous smoke emissions in real-time
- **UNESCO Sites Across the Channel** – will introduce a sustainable model of tourist development to UNESCO sites on both sides of the Channel, to manage increased tourism demand and create new business opportunities and jobs.



### Call for stories and project updates

We want to celebrate your project success and achievements by sharing the news on our website and social media. This is a great way to show off your hard work and inspire other projects.

Specifically, we would like to hear about any important progress towards project objectives, breakthroughs, best practice resources that could benefit other projects, as well as ways in which you have specifically benefited your target audiences (including the public, community or local businesses).

Please share any interesting news, videos or ideas you have with the communications team. Equally if you have any questions or require communications support please get in touch with our new Communications Manager: [Natasha.downes@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:Natasha.downes@norfolk.gov.uk).

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