

# July newsletter - France (Channel) England

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## Vote now for CobBauge - RegioStars finalist!



Vote now for CobBauge! It has been selected as a finalist in this year's DG RegioStars awards, which recognise Europe's most innovative regional projects.

CobBauge was one of 24 finalists chosen from nearly 200 applications for the awards, and features in the category *Connecting the green, blue and grey*.

[CobBauge](#) promotes the construction of 'cob' houses in the Channel area by developing a walling material using an ancient method of building that uses earth and fibres.

Project representatives were presented with a certificate at a ceremony in Brussels this month.

Category winners will be announced at the [EU week of Cities and Regions](#) in Brussels in October. In addition, a People's Choice award will be decided by public votes.

[Vote for CobBauge here](#) before September 9!

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## Flooding event success

It was absolutely buzzing at our themed event on flooding in London earlier this month, with more than 40 experts from across the UK and France sharing ideas for potential projects.

It gave a fantastic opportunity for people to explore potential solutions to flooding issues based on three themes:

- Coastal Protection
- Blue Green Infrastructure
- Flood Resilience



Thanks to everyone who came along – there was so much enthusiasm and we're here to help with your budding partnerships and project ideas.

We're thrilled that we have at least one project idea already getting underway, with a view to making an application, so [contact one of our facilitators](#) if you're interested in being involved in a project.

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## Celebrations for our first project to complete



Congratulations to SB&WRC, our first Interreg VA France (Channel) England project to complete!

The idea of the project was to design and produce insulation prototypes for buildings, using bio-based and waste-based materials.

The 31-month project, which was approved under the specific objective of Low Carbon Technologies, had a budget of €1.8m (including €1.3m ERDF funding).

To celebrate the achievement, the project - Sustainable Bio & Waste Resources for Construction - held a closure event to showcase the innovative work of its lead partner Nomadéis Le Havre in Seine-Maritime and its four partners from France and three from the UK.

**Project SB&WRC was recognised as a good example of a project co-financed by Cohesion Policy in this year's DG RegioStars awards, and will be considered for publication on [DG REGIO's online project database](#) which shows best practice in Regional Policy.**

[Find out more about the SB&WRC project](#)

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## Tick-tock...one year to go...

The clock is ticking...our deadline for applications for Interreg VA France (Channel) England is 5 June, 2020 for regular projects, and April 8, 2020 for micro projects. Although that's next year, time flies in the world of European funding programmes.

So if you think you might have an idea that you want funding for that would meet one of our five specific objectives, drop us your idea in a few words [on our online form here](#) as soon as possible.



## Happy Summertime



As the summer sizzles across France and the UK, make the most of the finest food, drink and attractions that the Channel area has to offer at this time of year.

And if you're interested in making sustainable choices with what you eat and where your food comes from, check out the France (Channel) England project [COO-L Food](#), which is currently developing an app that will help you do just that. Watch this space.

Happy holidays!

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