



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear

ATISN 13401 – Ireland Wales Programme

Thank you for your request which I received on 10 September about the Ireland Wales 2014-2020 programme. The information you requested is set out below.

Please note the figures quoted below include projects which have been approved, are in the approval process or business planning stage, were rejected and those which were withdrawn unless otherwise stated.

- *How many projects have been submitted for the Interreg Ireland Wales 2014-2020 programme?*
62 projects
- *How many of these have been led by an organisation based in North Wales?*
12 projects
- *How many of these have included a North Wales partner?*
19 projects
- *How many have been approved in total?*
18 projects including one for technical assistance
- *How many approved projects have been led by a North Wales partner?*
2 projects
- *How many approved projects include a North Wales partner?*
5 projects

- *How long have each of these projects taken to:*
 - *Approve the OLT*
 - *Approve the Stage 1 Business Plan*
 - *Approve the Stage 2 Business Plan*
 - *Receive funding*



We do not hold information on the dates of an initial discussion with an organisation, however please see below table which gives approximate timelines for each approved operation with either a North Wales lead or partner.

Project Name	OLT TG Approval Date	G1 Approval Date (G1 Approval Letter)	G2 Approval Date (Offer Letter)
	23.06.2015	14.07.2016	29.11.2016
	03.02.2016	09.08.2016	07.12.2016
	26.06.2015	07.04.2016	06.03.2017
	26.06.2015	17.11.2015	05.04.2016
	16.10.2015	05.10.2016	11.01.2017
	07.10.2015	26.09.2016	15.12.2016
	01.06.2017	29.06.2018	15.04.2019

Please note I have redacted the project names from the information I am disclosing under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). This states that information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

With regards to when funding was received, a claim can be submitted following mobilisation, however this timescale would differ from operation to operation and some do not claim separate costs for mobilisation, and would include these in their first six monthly claim. The actual payment of this is dependent on the timely submission of the claim documentation and subsequent verification checks.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane,
Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely