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# *1st Call: overview*

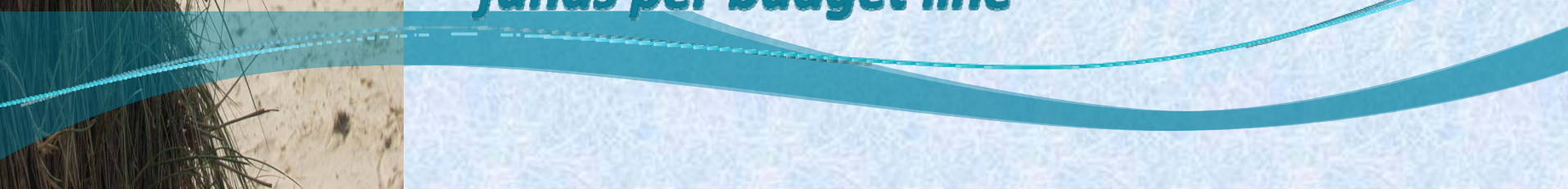
- **23 projects were submitted**
- **Large variety of topics: tourism, ports, regeneration, environment, culture and heritage, public service, social inclusion**
- **Priority 1 = 13 projects**
- **Priority 2 = 3 projects**
- **Priority 3 = 7 projects**
- **13 projects with a UK Lead Partner**
- **Largest partnership: 30 !**
- **Highest ERDF request: 8 600 000€**





# *Strengths of the 1st Call*

- ***Variety of projects and all of them in line with the OP***
- ***Balance between maritime and non-maritime projects***
- ***Quality of partnership in general***
- ***Majority of the projects is well written***
- ***No real pattern regarding allocation of funds per budget line***







# *Weaknesses of the 1st Call*

- ***Level of cross border cooperation not sufficient (shopping lists)***
- ***Lot of follow-on projects from IIIA FR-UK***
- ***Lack of totally new partnerships comparing to Interreg IIIA although many projects expanding towards B & NL***
- ***Lack of innovation***
- ***Lack of focus: some projects would have been stronger with some costs left out***
- ***High budgets = difficulties to justify Value for Money***
- ***In some cases, lack of additionality***





# Key messages

- **Explain your project**
- **Do not try to do everything: focus**
- **Cross border partnership is not enough: ideas & activities must be cross border too**
- **If the partnership/budget/activities are unbalanced: explain why**
- **Just follow-on is not enough**
- **Additionality**