



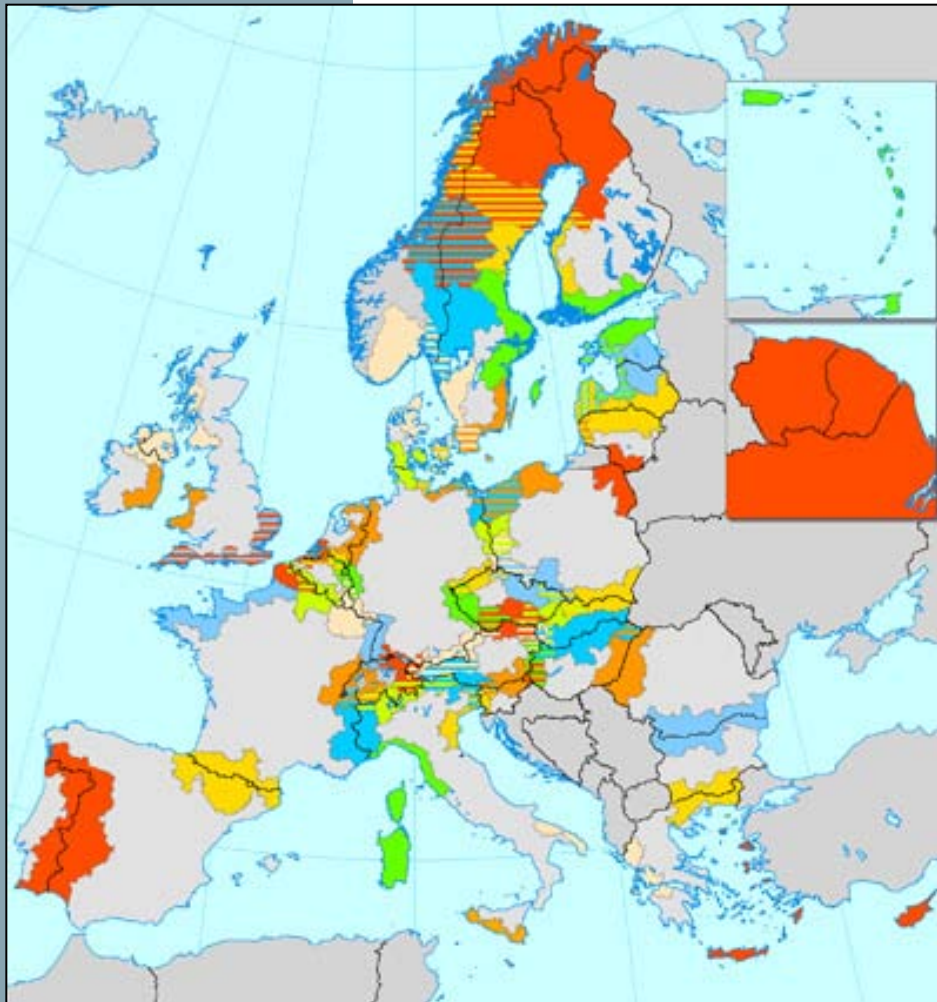
INTERREG IVA 2 Mers Seas Zeeën Crossborder Cooperation Programme 2007-2013
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Introduction to the 2 Seas Programme and State of Play

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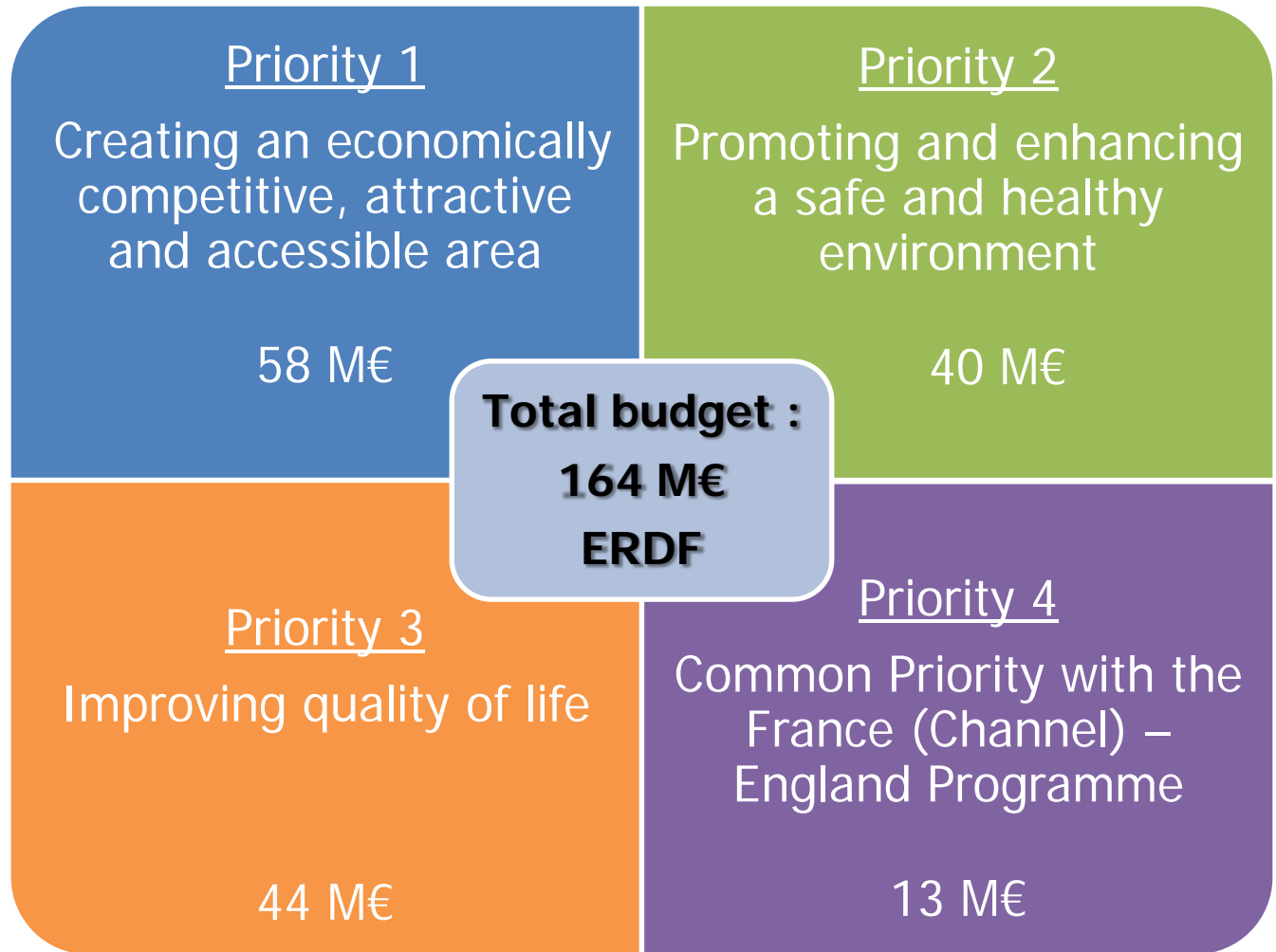
- **Strand A: crossborder cooperation**
(€5.4 billion – 52 programmes)
 - ❖ *Filling the gaps and solving problems together across borders*
 - ❖ Adjacent zones or countries whose sea border is less than or equal to 150km
 - ❖ Objective: do away with the border as an obstacle to socio-economic development
- **Strand B: transnational cooperation**
(€1.8 billion – 13 programmes)
- **Strand C: interregional cooperation**
(€0.4 billion – 1 programme)

2 Seas Programme: identity card

- Managing Authority: Région Nord Pas-de-Calais
- Joint Technical Secretariat: Lille
- New since this programming period: 2007-2013
- Cooperation between 4 MS: Belgium-Flanders, the Netherlands, France, the United-Kingdom
- Maritime border: focus on the need to develop maritime cooperation
- Common Priority with the France (Channel) – England Programme



The Programme in a nutshell



Technical assistance : 9 M€



Budget after 9 Calls for Proposals

	Operational Programme	Approved Projects/ ERDF Forecast	% used	Number of approved projects
Priority 1	58 078 710 €	58 132 861€	100,09%	28
Priority 2	40 383 674 €	40 321 756€	99,85%	24
Priority 3	44 354 587 €	44 288 636 168 €	99,85%	27
Priority 4	12 630 429 €	12 628 108 €	99,98%	7
Total	155 447 400 €	155 371 363€	99,94%	86



Projects: Maritime

- **22 projects** (25% of all projects) adding up to 29% of the committed ERDF budget across all priorities
- Total ERDF committed to Maritime projects: circa **45,5 M€** - representing **29%** of the **overall ERDF committment**
- **159 maritime** partners evenly distributed in the different Member States
 - from public to private sector,
 - from research centres to port development authorities
 - from environmental agencies to safety agencies
- Focus on interventions:

- **Integrated maritime governance**

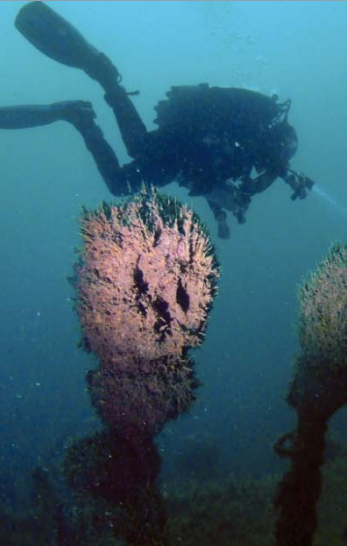
(Stakeholders involvement in maritime policy making)

- **Cross-cutting policy tools**

(Increased marine knowledge and improved quality of marine environment ; Integration of maritime surveillance)

- **Sustainable economic growth**

(Towards more efficient and competitive ports; Transferring innovation for maritime economy)



Projects: Economic development

- **28 projects** covering wide variety of themes

(Joint economic activities, including the maritime economy; Entrepreneurship and new cross-border commercial initiatives; Innovation, research and university-knowledge-business cooperation; Sustainable tourism; Entrepreneurship, employment and human capital; Accessibility of the programme area)

- **194 economic partners:**

- from public to private sector to not-for profit organisations,
- from university, to knowledge to research institutes

- Focus on Private sector involvement:

- **7 SMEs are directly involved** as partners in the project – coming from the 4 MS.
- **1 major industrial firm** contributes financially to a project
- Many others participate in “**Exploitation Committees**” or “**Users Committees**” for applied research
- Regional businesses participate and are also made aware of projects results and achievements through regional **competitiveness clusters**
- So far: **1 684 SMEs** from the 2 Seas area have benefited from advice, business trips abroad and intensive support (through 1-to-1 sessions, workshops etc.).
- To come: it is expected a further **1 196 SMEs** will benefit from activities.
- In total: this would correspond to **2 880 SMEs** supported through 2 Seas projects.



Projects: Environment



- **24 projects with a well balanced coverage of different themes**

(Coastal zones, maritime resources, estuaries, Natural/technological/human risks, Energy efficiency/renewable energies, Nature/landscape/natural heritage, Water/waste/resource management)

- **130 environmental partners**

(local and regional government, universities, knowledge & research institutes and not-for profit organisations)

- **Focus on outputs/results:**

Improved Urban Habitats sites / Development Strategies/ Awareness campaigns / Education and training packages / Teaching aids / staff learning and familiarisation days / Discovery tools / Decision making tools / Promotional material and events / Marine plans and evidence base / Combined lessons learned report on integrated marine & land planning / Coastal atlas / database with all European, national, regional and local plan policies / educational web based information source for public use



Projects: Quality of Life

- **27 projects covering wide variety of themes**

(Social inclusion/groups in society, Services/health care/mobility,
Education/language training Common heritage/cultural partnership
Leisure/infrastructure/social tourism)

- **190 partners** of which mainly local authorities and not-for-profit organisations
- Focus on outcomes/effects:

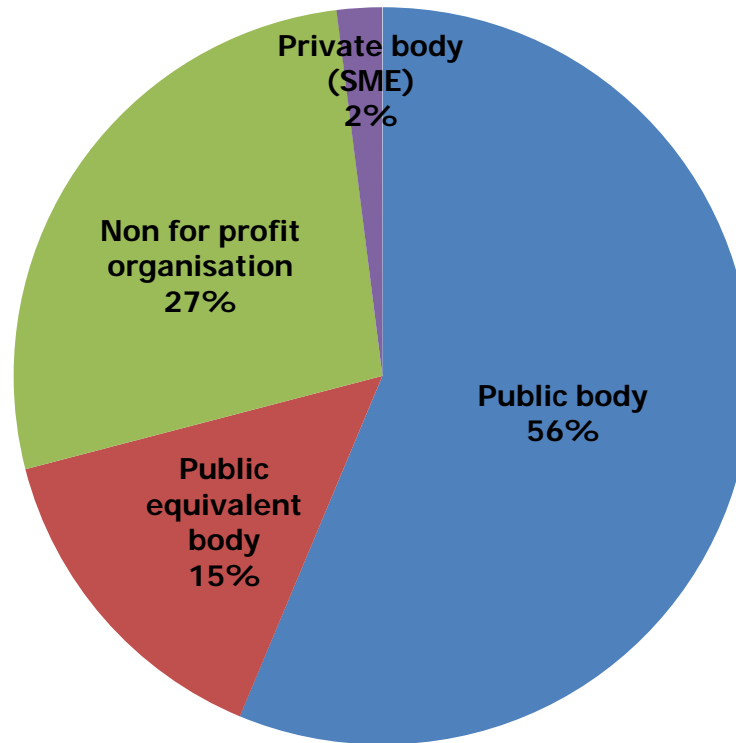


- "Beneficiaries secured jobs...which contributes to **lowering unemployment and state dependency**"
- "The young people...learned new skills and acquired qualifications that **increase their employability**"
- "...helped partners implement significant **improvements to the quality and efficiency of public services**"
- "**increase capacity and competency levels** of professionals and practitioners to deal with the current issues of social inclusion"
- "increased number of individuals benefitting from interventions relating to social inclusion and **bringing more marginal areas of society in to the mainstream**"



The typology of Partners in a nutshell

Typology of partners from approved projects



- Public body
- Non for profit organisation
- Public equivalent body
- Private body (SME)

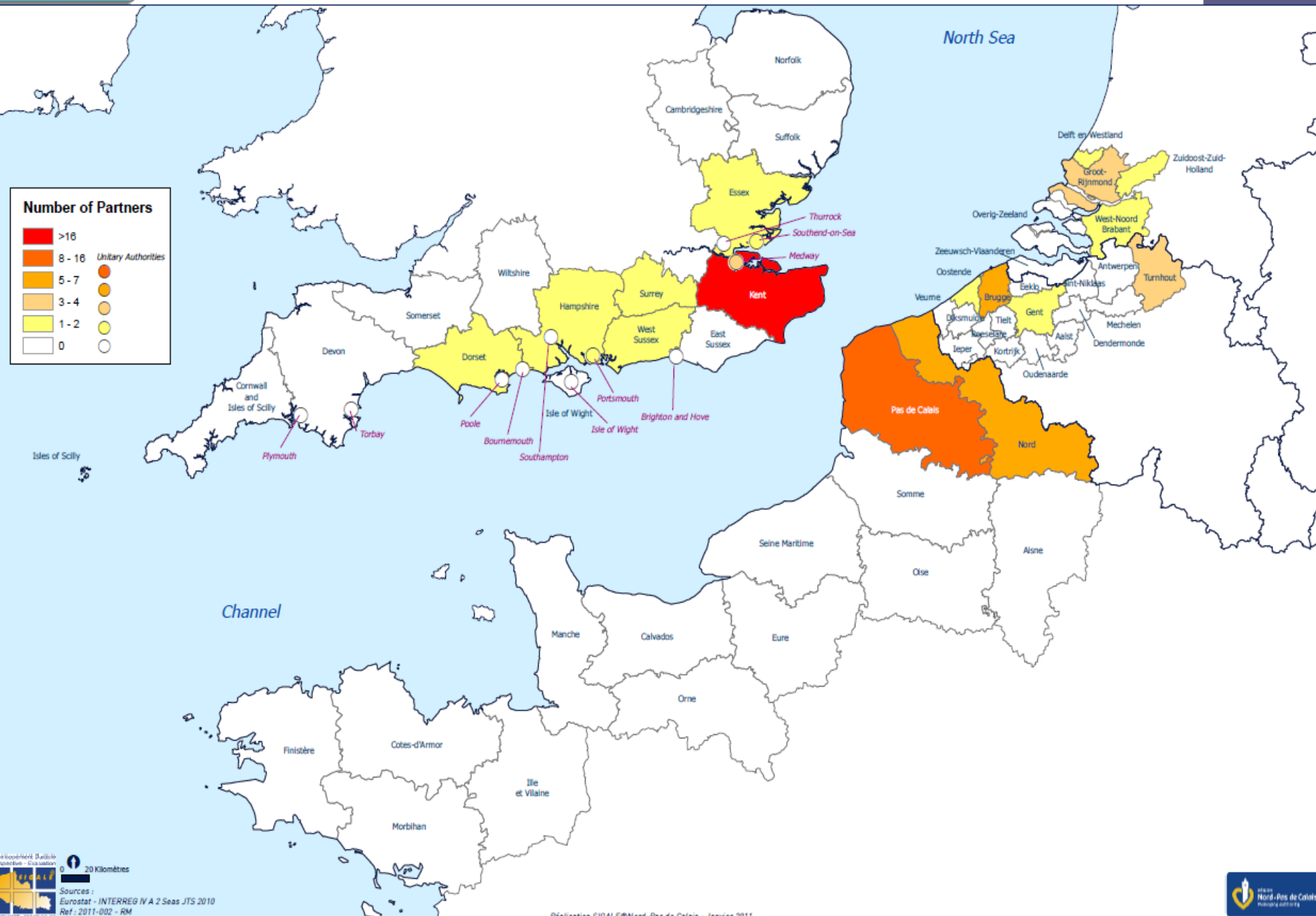
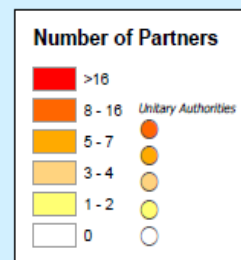


Spatial trends of Partners in the 2 Seas Programme area

Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 1 Call for Proposals

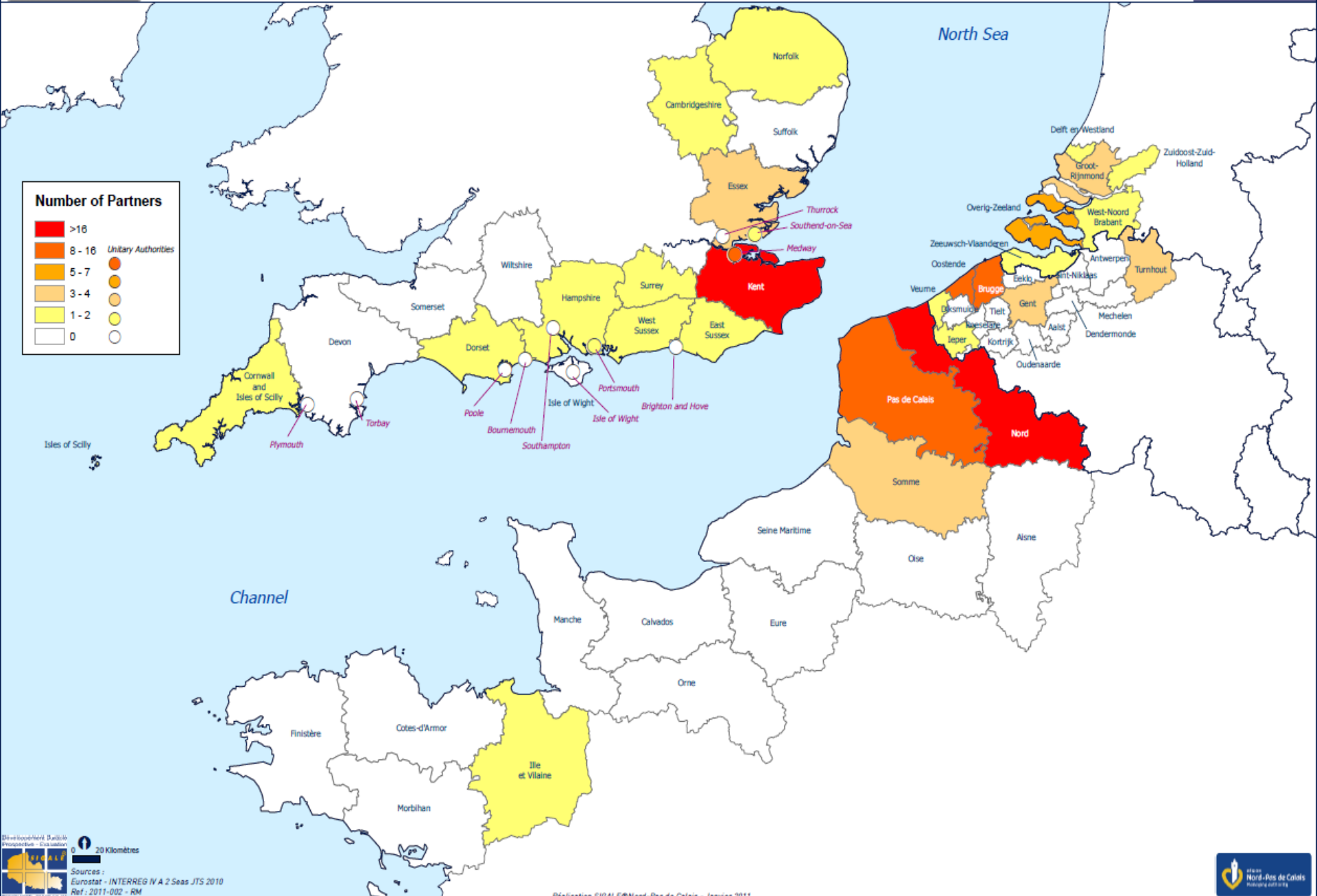
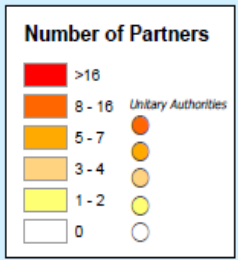


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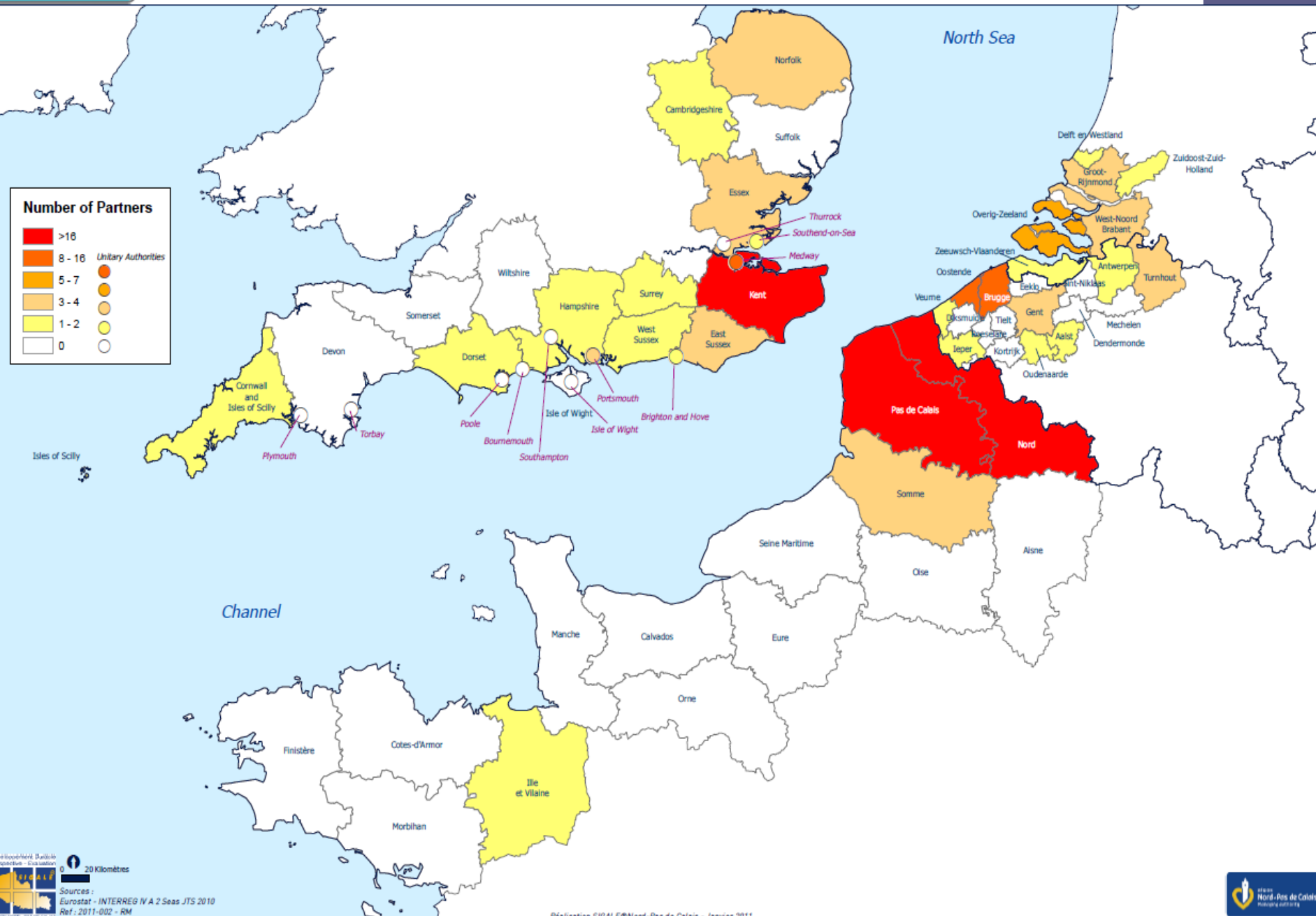
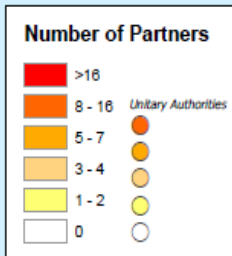
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Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 3 Calls for Proposals



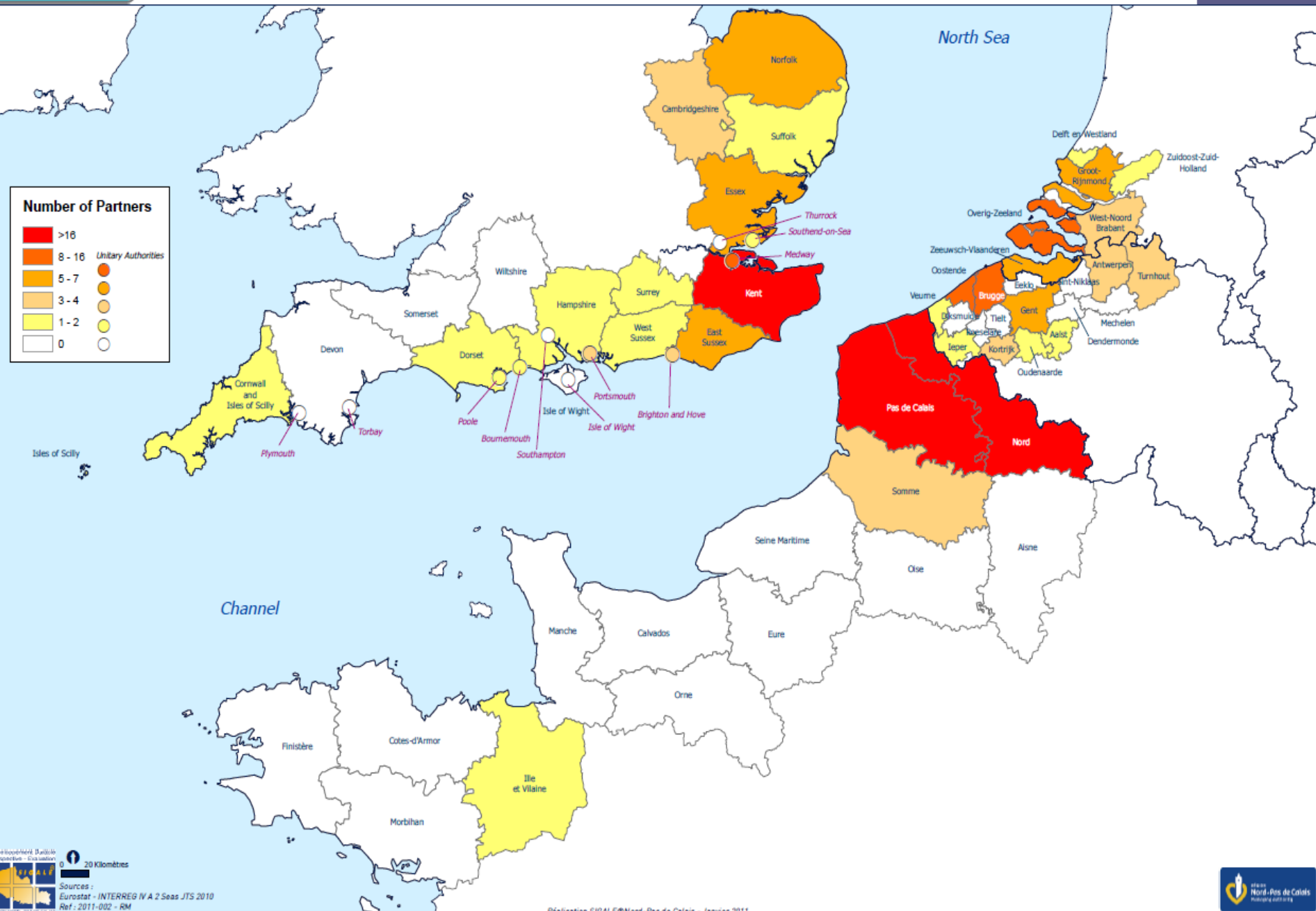
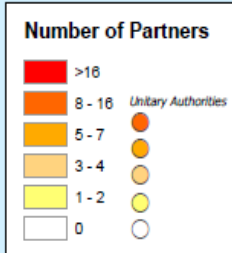
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Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 4 Calls for Proposals



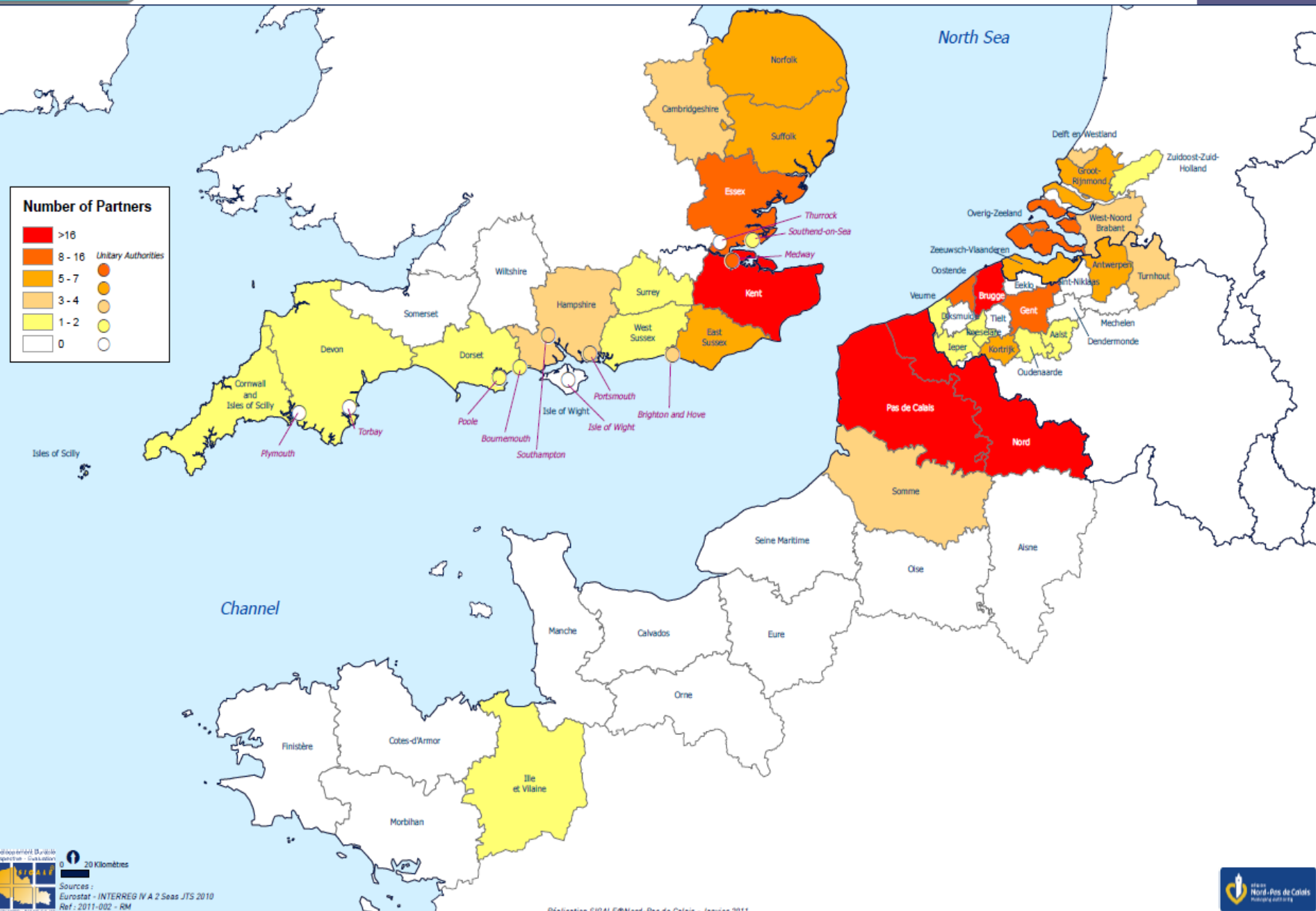
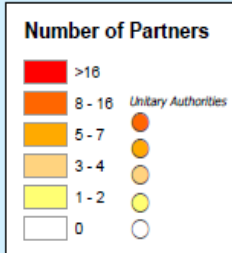
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Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 5 Calls for Proposals



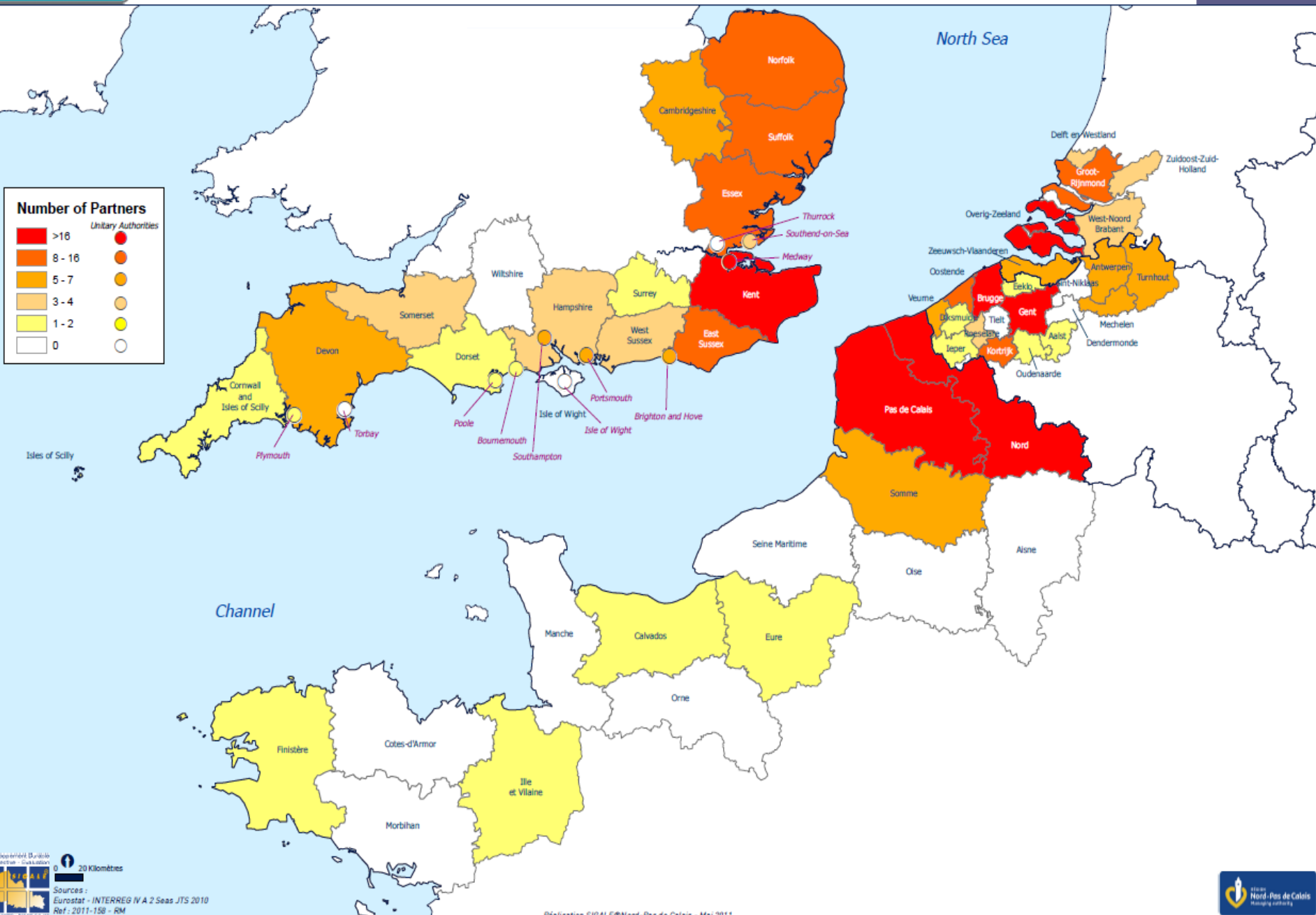
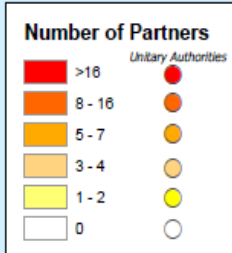
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Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 6 calls for proposals



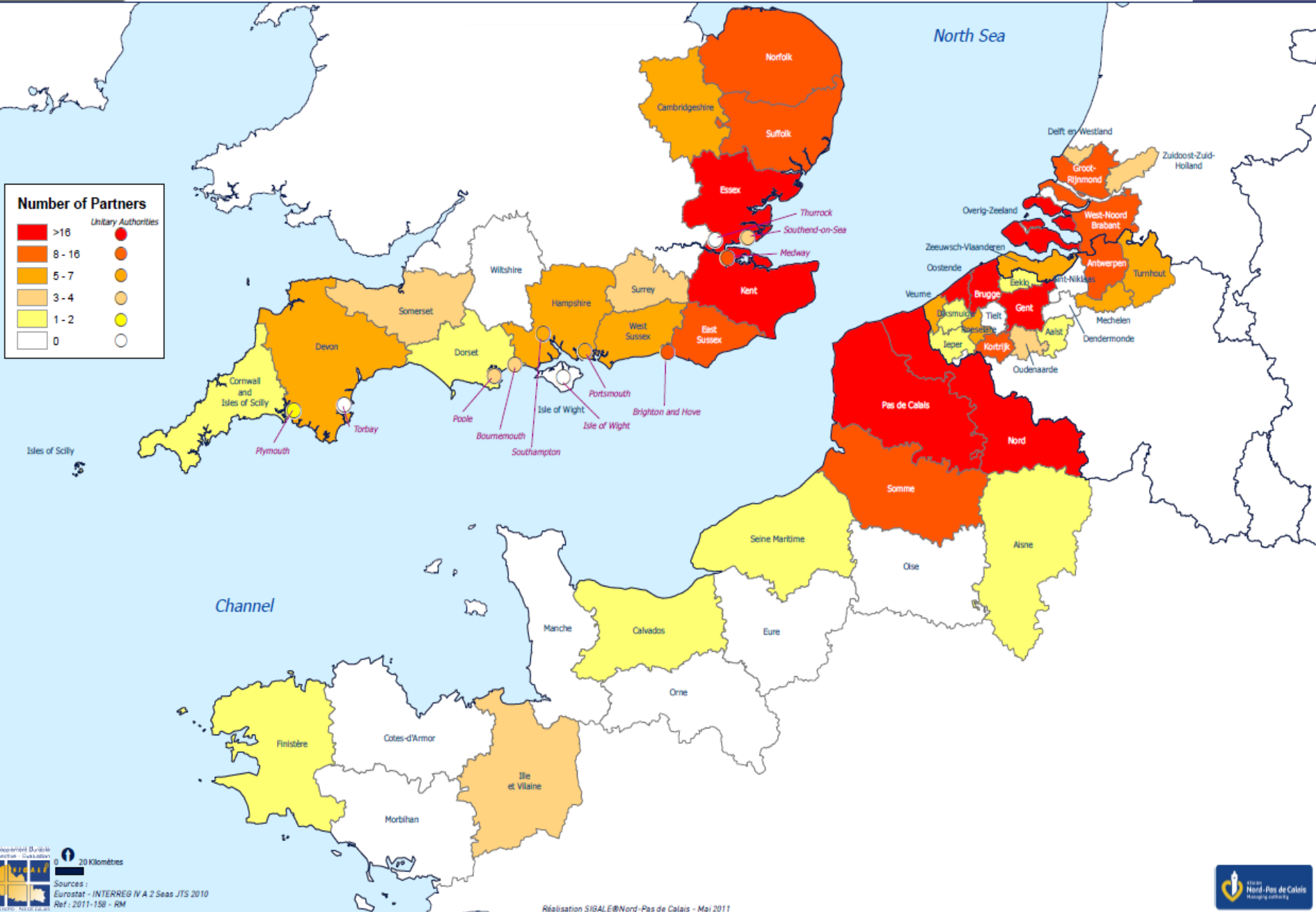
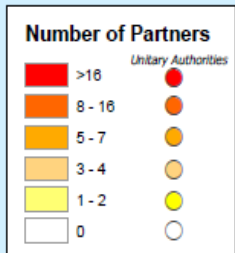
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Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 7 calls for proposals



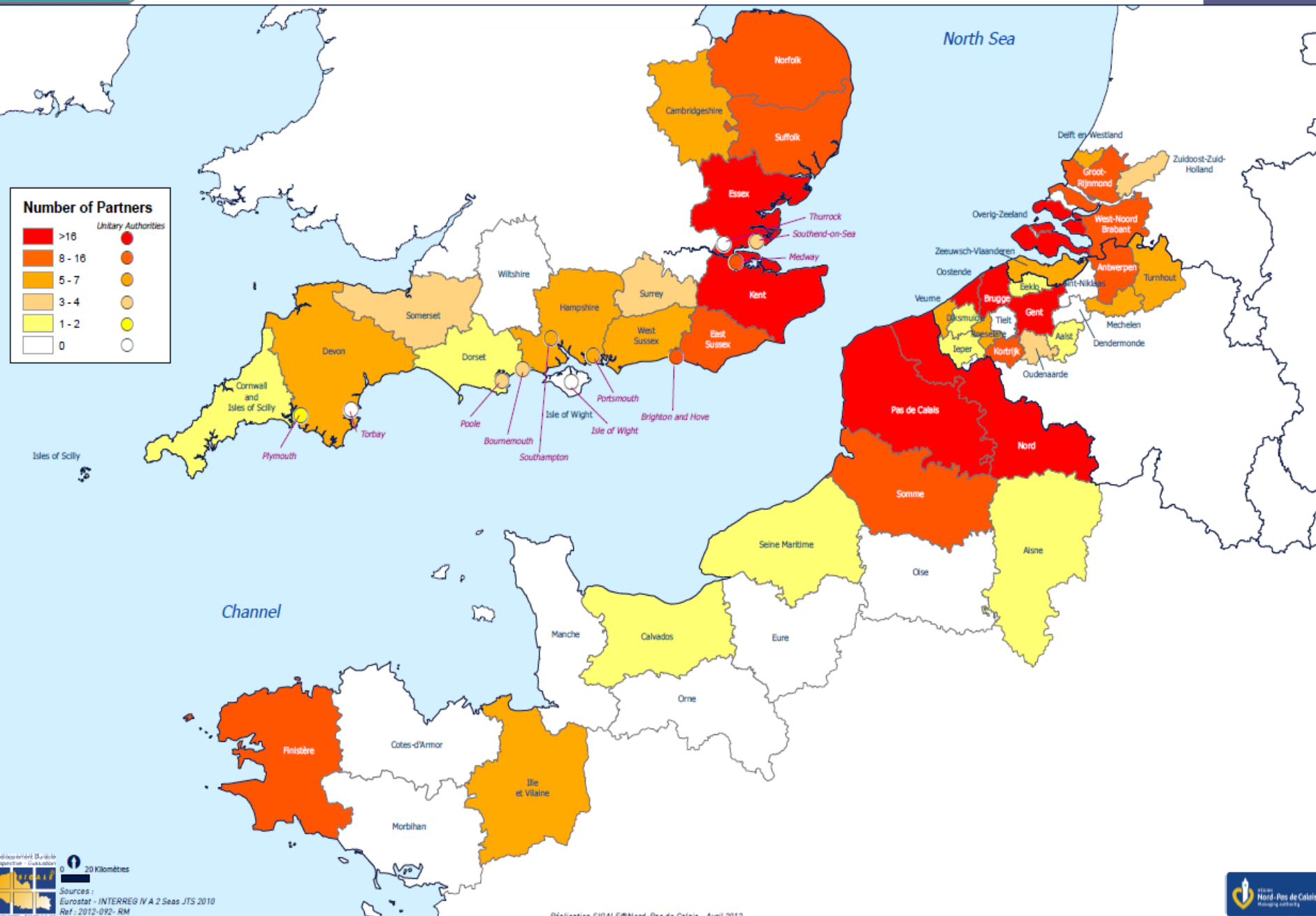
Spatial trends of Partners in the 2 Seas Programme area

Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 8 calls for proposals



Spatial trends of Partners in the 2 Seas Programme area

Overview of the number of Partners per NUTS III after 9 calls for proposals



Some first results

Programme:

- *Full Programme Commitment 2012*
Even with **late approval** of the new OP by the EC, the Managing Authority jointly with the MS representatives succeeded in giving existence to this new area and facilitating the emergence of cross-border cooperation among partners throughout the programme area
- *Good thematic and growing geographical coverage:*
OP allowed projects on many different issues and areas to develop and **appealed to a great variety of project promoters** needs
- *Strengthening Programme partnership collaboration*
The Programme decisional committees have functioned with a **good cooperation spirit**.

Projects:

- *Wide range of topics and good variety of actors*
The **bottom-up approach** to project development allowed project partnerships to emerge in an organic, demand-driven way.
- *Important maritime dimension*
The maritime dimension is well established as a **cross-cutting theme**. Most projects directly address one or more of the strategic priorities of the EU Integrated Maritime Policy as the core project issue.



Some first results

Partners:

- ***Staff benefits***
Direct employment, improved skills, job attractiveness and satisfaction, flexibility to innovate, increased effectiveness and results
- ***Organisation benefits***
Image and recognition, knowledge, expertise and investment, improved internal communication and cross unit collaboration, wider networks
- ***Target group benefits***
Policy recognition, exchanges - mobility and social skills, increased job prospects and employment, awareness and ownership, accessibility of services
- ***Area benefits***
Policy influence, attractiveness, increased organisational cooperation, wider dissemination and impact of results



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