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Programme update

Welcome to the June edition of the France (Channel) England programme newsletter.

This edition features an **update from TIGER**, **spotlight on SMARTHEALTH**, **upcoming events**, project **media coverage**, and our **website survey**. Please do **complete our website survey**, it should only take 5 minutes of your time and will help us to improve our website.

We are extremely pleased to see all of the positive updates from projects over the past three months and its great to see so many of you sharing your activities and achievements.

Coming up this month is the final Selection Sub Committee meeting on Tuesday 15 June. Its a bittersweet moment closing the door to applications, but we look forward to seeing the results of your projects and the legacy that our programme and projects will deliver for the Channel area and its inhabitants.

Keep sharing your highlights and achievements so we can continue publicising on our channels.



TIGER is on a mission to drive growth for tidal stream energy

Teo van der Kammen from Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult, Lead Partner for TIGER, talks about the projects latest achievements on the Society for Underwater Technology podcast.

Despite the challenges presented by Covid-19, TIGER (Interreg's biggest ever project) has already made an impact for the industry attracting private investment and demonstrating genuine collaboration between technology developers.

Over the summer the team plan to secure further consent for test sites, to develop the evidence and knowledge base they need to kick start commercialisation and prove the sector can significantly contribute to Net Zero targets.

Read more on our [website](#) and listen to the podcast [here](#). TIGER is also running a [Meet the Buyer event series in June](#): French sites webinar on 10 June & UK sites webinar on 15 June.



EU Regions Week event – speakers wanted

Earlier this year we applied for the Interreg France (Channel) England programme to be a partner at the EU Regions Week event 2021 (running from 11-14 October), and we have been selected among 400+ applications!

The EU Regions Week event (#EURegionsWeek) is the biggest Brussels-led annual event dedicated to cohesion policy, bringing together regions and cities from all over Europe, including politicians, administrators, experts and academics. This year due to Covid-19 the event will be run entirely online.

We will be running a 90-minute Participatory Lab with the title 'Digital transitions in a post-Covid World: Lessons from the Interreg (FCE) Programme' – there will be three breakout rooms covering: 1 Digital Inclusion; 2 Innovation in the Digital Economy; and 3 Sustainability in the Digital Economy.

If you're interested in taking part as a speaker or a moderator, please get in touch by Friday 11 June.

Upcoming project events

- **IMPULS** project is running a webinar on Cross-border collaboration & innovation in Life Sciences and Nutrition on 28 June. [Register here.](#)
- **CobBauge** project will be presenting a 'Live Lab' at Plymouth University Research Festival (online) on 1 July 2021. [Register here.](#)
- **FLOWER** project will be presenting at the First European Summer School on Bio-Based Composites running 6-8 July. [Register here.](#)

Please [get in touch](#) to have your events featured on our website and in our newsletter.



Project Spotlight – SMARTHEALTH drives e-health innovation

In May, we published our second project spotlight interview with SMARTHEALTH project partners: Kathy Vuillaume, Founder of Europe Project Management Consultancy (EPM) and Annika Brogaard Maczka, Project Manager at South East Health Technologies Alliance (SEHTA).

The micro project has achieved a huge amount in the 2 years it operated, opening doors for SMEs to meet large healthcare providers which in turn has helped to drive innovation in digital health. Read the full interview [here](#).

If you would like your project to be featured in a Project Spotlight interview please [get in touch](#).



Share your opinion: Website survey

We recently refreshed the homepage of the Interreg France (Channel) England website to move away from our call for funding and focus on celebrating project results.

We're now looking ahead at making wider changes to the website functionality to make it easier for projects to find relevant information.

We would welcome your thoughts and feedback on proposed changes. You can complete the 5 minute survey [here](#).



Welcome to our two new IVY reporters

We are extending a warm welcome to our two IVY reporters Alessia Baratto and Laurence Moureh-Ledig. They will be with us for 4 months as part of the EU IVY volunteer scheme, aimed at supporting cooperation across regions and empowering young people through civic engagement.

Alessia said: "I am an Italian student of European and International studies, with a background in Political Science. I am passionate about sustainability and social innovation for the green transition, I am happy and excited about this new experience within the Interreg FCE community, as it represents a unique opportunity to understand how European cooperation projects can improve citizens' lives, while boosting innovative and sustainable ideas!"

Laurence said: "As a young European convinced of the key role played by territorial cooperation to build a more cohesive Europe I am really grateful and excited to be joining the Interreg France Channel England Programme as an Interreg Reporter and to be able to discover how a part of the European Cohesion Policy is being implemented on the ground".



In the news

Conseil departemental du Finistère held a press conference to promote projects ABCD, PPP and C-CARE. There was media coverage in [Ouest-France](#), [RCE](#), [Le Telegramme](#) and [Terra](#).

EXPERIENCE project was featured in local media outlet the [Falmouth Packet](#), promoting its new arts commission for Penzance-Marazion Coast Path.

TIGER project was spotlighted in trade publication [Offshore Wind Biz](#), highlighting the progress its made over the last 18 months.

VISTA AR project was featured in [Mirage News](#) promoting its use of virtual reality at heritage sites in France and the UK, helping to create new tourism experiences in lockdown.

Has your project also been featured in the media? [Let us know](#) so we can share the news across our network.