



**Northern
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Periphery for a sustainable
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Call for Preparatory Projects

At its most recent meeting the PMC decided to continue a call for preparatory projects from **20th of December 2010** as outlined in this paper.

The PMC especially welcomes preparatory project applications in the following theme:

- *“maritime safety in relation to remote areas with arctic, harsh conditions”.*

All other themes are open for preparatory project applications.

However, the PMC expects all preparatory projects to outline main project ideas that are focusing on investments facilitating economic return, which could be measured by demonstrating the expected “pay off time” of the NPP investment, or the expected increase in turn over or similar.

In addition, the PMC expects a strong focus on job creation and the creation of indirect jobs as an effect of the project. Safeguarding of sustainable jobs in an organisation or company can be viewed as a strong outcome if it is clear and well demonstrated how the project's intervention will lead to business efficiency, increased competitiveness and added value to their current product and or service portfolio.

All the targets above should be met by creating a product and/or a service in a main project through main project activities, which is expected to be developed, tested, implemented and made into a viable solution during main project implementation. In a preparatory project application, a clear indication of the intended products/services should be outlined.

Note: There is a limited amount of preparatory funding left, but the NPP Secretariat will continue to approve preparatory projects as long as there is funding available. All project applications will be assessed against the criteria outlined above.

The application form and guidance can be downloaded from the [Preparatory Project Call Page](#) on the programme website.

