

PARTNER SEARCH

<p>Funding Call</p>	<p>INTERREG IV B - NORTH WEST EUROPE Link for more information: http://www.nweurope.eu Deadline for response to search: as soon as possible, but no fixed deadline. Call Submission deadline: April 2010.</p>
<p>Proposal</p>	<p>Project Title: Utilising Open Source in the Public Sector (working title)</p>
<p>Project details</p>	<p><u>Stevenage Borough Council</u>, a local authority in the UK, is looking for partners interested in developing an INTERREG IVB NWE project on the use of Open Source technology in the public sector.</p> <p>Aim, The aim of the project is to identify options and develop the use of existing Open Source technology to deliver IT solutions specifically for the public sector that can be made freely available and re-used elsewhere.</p> <p>These solutions should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ support public engagement and participation ▪ facilitate service improvement and efficiency ▪ assist the sharing of information between partner agencies and aid joint working. <p>Specific Objectives,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reduction in expenditure on software procurement and implementation costs ▪ Provide access to IT solutions that more closely meet public sector requirements ▪ Develop a public sector community to support the adoption, enhancement and use of Open Source solutions / technologies ▪ Pilot use of different Open Source technology to identify what works and the capacity required to support the solutions. <p>Planned activities, Planning and project meetings. Feasibility and option evaluation. Requirement definition and solution design. Evaluation and results conference / seminar.</p>

	<p>Expected results, Working and adopted open source software. Range of software tested in different countries. Efficiency and budget savings on procurement.</p> <p>Project timetable/duration, Start October 2010. 2 Year project.</p> <p>Estimated total cost, To be decided.</p> <p>Estimated (INTERREG) funding sought - 50%</p>
Lead Partner	Stevenage Borough Council may be prepared to lead the project, but would prefer to be a partner.
Partners sought	<p>Local Authorities, Universities, Research Institutions, SMEs.</p> <p>An expertise in designing, procuring or using open source software would be welcomed, but this is not a requirement.</p> <p>For NWE eligibility map see: http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/atlas2007/transnational/north_west_europe_en.htm</p>
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