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Press release

**LET'S COOPERATE ACROSS THE CHANNEL!
8 and 9 November in Torquay, England**

What do projects aiming at implementing an integrated maritime policy, at creating a network of business centres or at developing social housing eco-refurbishment have in common? What brings together key players in the fields of integration of workers with disabilities, street arts, contemporary dance and waste management?

It's the **European INTERREG IV A France (Channel) – England programme**, which will hold its **Annual Event in Torquay, England, on 8 and 9 November 2010**, around the issue **“Let's cooperate across the Channel!”**.

This event is a key date on the European agenda: it will focus on how to prepare, select and manage Anglo-French cross-border cooperation projects. Several project partners will be there to share their experience in this field. An interactive forum of projects will allow participants to learn about the France (Channel) – England cooperation area, from the Finistère to the Baie de Somme and Pas-de-Calais on the French side, and from Cornwall to Norfolk on the English side. “Speed meetings” around issues such as economic development, social inclusion, culture, tourism and the environment will open networking opportunities for potential project partners. In this respect, two essential tools for cooperation will be officially launched at the event: the **complete guide for project partners** and the **new programme website** www.interreg4a-manche.eu.

With 60 projects approved and nearly half of the ERDF 173,5 million euros grant package committed, the France (Channel) - England programme is already supporting numerous cross-border partnerships. Up to 2013, many more cross-border initiatives could also benefit from the support of the programme: this is precisely what the event “Let's cooperate across the Channel!” is aiming at.

Practical information:

Event venue: Barcelo Imperial Hotel - Park Hills Road - Torquay, Devon - TQ1 2DG.
Speeches and debates in both French and English, with simultaneous translation.

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