

General Information Sheet on:

EU INTERREG Funding

INTERREG funding is money provided by the European Commission for cross-border regions (Inter-regional). From 1994-1999 the County of East Sussex participated in the INTERREG II Programme with the Départements of Seine-Maritime and Somme in France. This area formed a "Euro-Region", called Rives-Manche, which means literally "banks of the Channel". Projects had to have a distinct cross-border element and covered such topics as:

- Communication and mutual awareness
- Education, training, research and technology
- Economic Development
- Tourism and culture
- Environmental conservation

The Programme was very successful, all available funds were allocated, bringing in £8.5M to East Sussex and a further Programme, INTERREG III will follow, which will run until the year 2006.

A Programme Document has now been submitted to Brussels covering an enlarged area of:

*East Sussex and Kent on the UK side, and
Seine-Maritime, Somme and Nord-Pas de Calais in France*

