

# ENTRY CRITERIA GUIDELINES

## Language

All entries must be written in English.

## Age categories

Entries can be submitted in the two age categories:

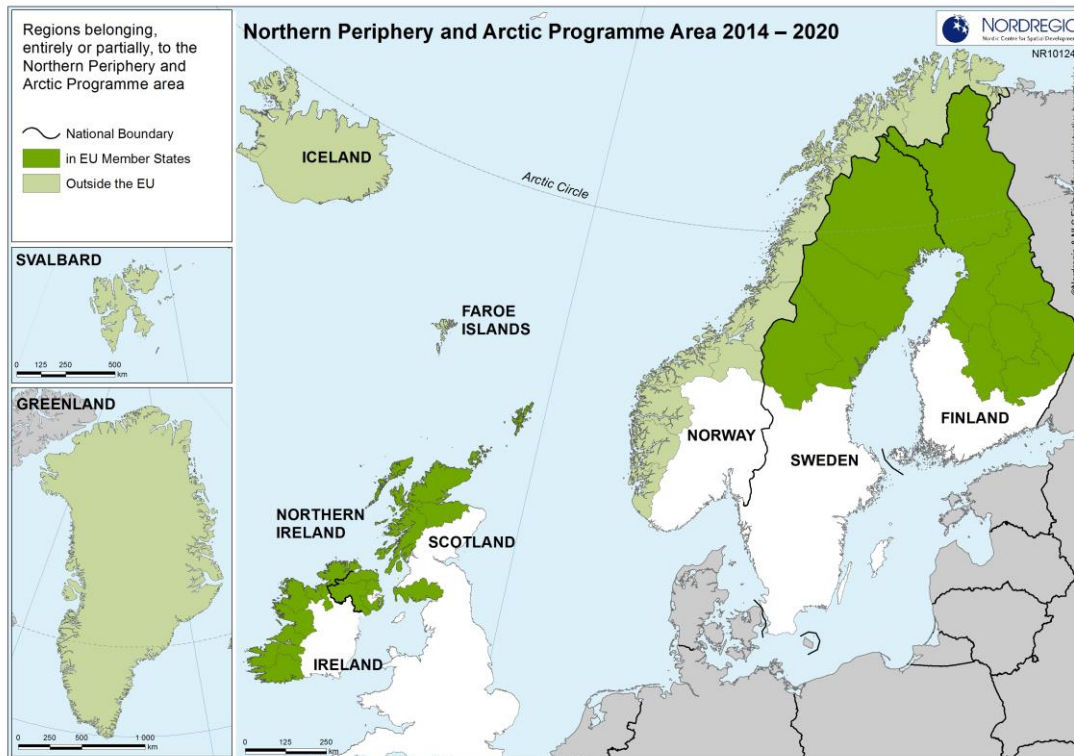
- Under 25-years-of-age
- 25-years-age-of-age or older.

In order to qualify for the under 25 years-of-age category individual entrants and/or all team members must be less than 25-years-of-age at the moment of submitting the entry. No evidence is required at the application stage.

Note: To receive awards, the winners of the under 25 years-of-age category will need to show evidence of the date of birth of individuals and/or team members by submitting a scan of passports or social security cards or driver's licenses or official student cards from a higher education.

## Geographical scope

Entry solutions need to focus on or be applicable to implement for the Northern Periphery and Arctic (NPA) region (see map below). Entries can be submitted from anywhere in the world but need to be relevant to the NPA region. "Despite geographical differences, the large programme area shares a number of common features, such as low population density, low accessibility, low economic diversity, abundant natural resources, and high impact of climate change. This unique combination of features results in joint challenges and joint opportunities that can best be overcome and realised by transnational cooperation."



More specifically solutions would need to be implementable within the following areas within the NPA:

**EU Member States**

**Finland**

FI19 Länsi-Suomi (Keski-Suomi)  
FI1D Pohjois-ja Itä-Suomi

**Ireland**

IE01 Border, Midland and Western (County Donegal, County Galway, County Leitrim, County Mayo, County Sligo)  
IE02 Southern and Eastern (County Clare, County Cork, County Kerry, County Limerick)

**Northern Ireland**

UKN0 Northern Ireland (excluding Belfast and Outer Belfast)

**Scotland**

UKM32 South Western Scotland (Dumfries and Galloway)  
UKM6 Highlands and Islands

**Sweden**

SE32 Mellersta Norrland  
SE33 Övre Norrland

**Non EU Member States**

**Faroe Islands**

FO Faeroerne

**Greenland**

GL Greenland

**Iceland**

IS Island

**Norway**

NO43 Rogaland  
NO05 Vestlandet  
NO06 Trondelag  
NO07 Nord-Norge  
SJ Svalbard and Jan Mayen

## Evaluation of Proposals

The judging process will take place as follows:

The organisers of the Circular Ocean Innovation Award 2018 will check eligibility and completeness. Ineligible entries rejected.

Each accepted entry will be reviewed by 3 expert judges drawn from the panel. Entries will be reviewed for appropriateness to the NPA region and will be rejected if they are inappropriate for the region. Entries will then be rated out of a total score of 100.

There are five areas of assessment:

A. Quality of Solution to the Challenge

[1 (very poor) to 20 (excellent)]

B. Clarity of Visualisation of the Solution

[1 (very poor) to 20 (excellent)]

C. Sustainability

[1 (very poor) to 20 (excellent)]

D. Innovation

[1 (very poor) to 20 (excellent)]

E. Commercialisation

[1 (very poor) to 20 (excellent)]

One entry in each age category with the most points will be selected as winners of the Circular Ocean Innovation Award 2018 and four additional commendations will be made in each.