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# **“Mainstreaming Peace and Sustaining Partnership”**

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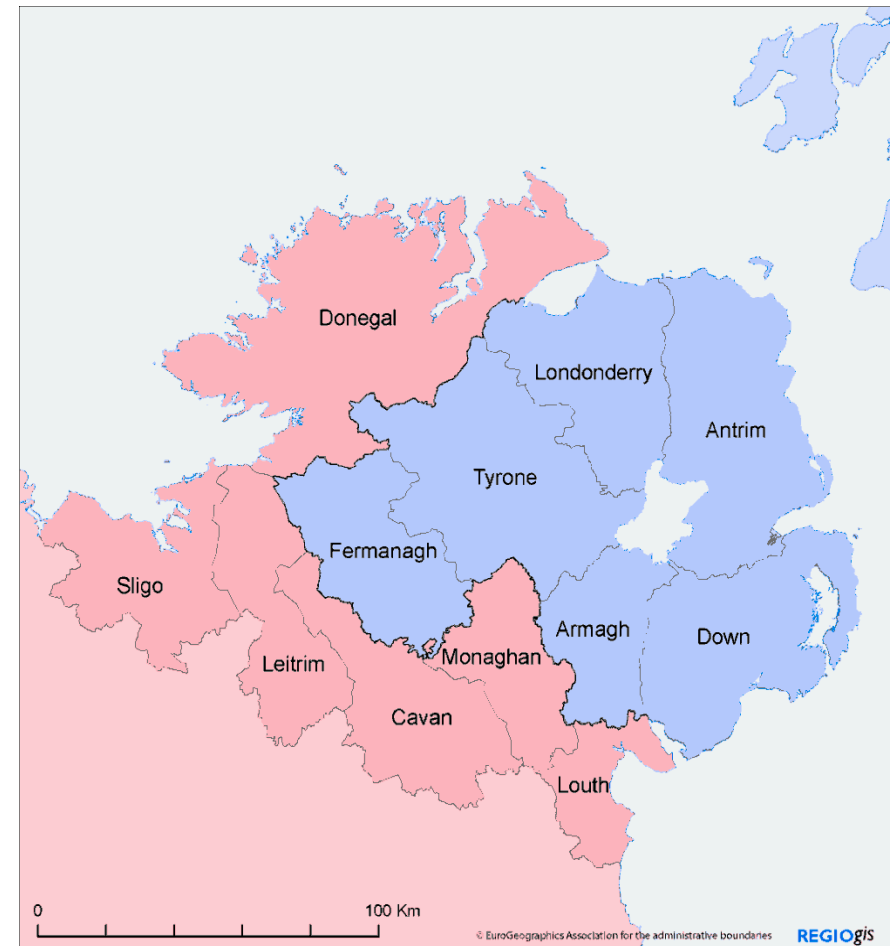
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# PEACE III Programme

**PEACE III** – 2007 to 2013: Focus on fewer number but larger scale strategic projects. Programme value €333 million.

**Objective:** “To reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and promote reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland.”

**PEACE III** - Designed to build upon success of PEACE I and II and create a legacy.



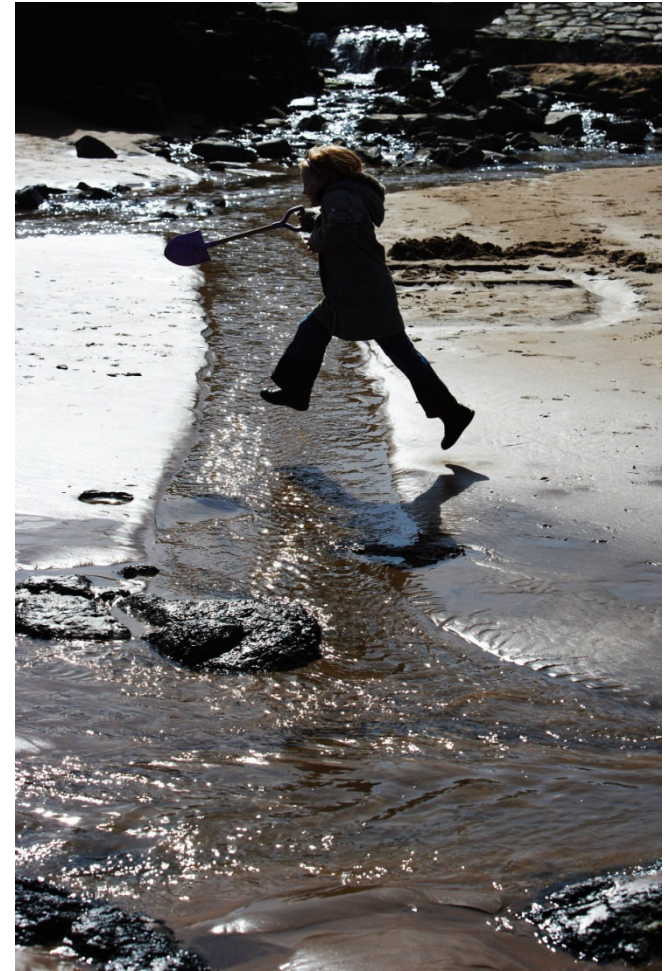
Eligible area: Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland

# What makes PEACE III different?

New strategic approach adopted:

- Creation of Local Council Clusters (8 within Northern Ireland and 6 in the Border Region of Ireland)
- Development of local 'Peace and Reconciliation Action Plans'
- Strong emphasis on a 'bottom-up' participative approach
- Local authorities working alongside social partners

Has helped establish and strengthen a localised delivery of PEACE funding.



# PEACE II - Programme Structure

**TO REINFORCE PROGRESS TOWARDS A PEACEFUL AND STABLE  
SOCIETY AND TO PROMOTE RECONCILIATION**

**RECONCILING COMMUNITIES**

**Building  
positive  
relations at the  
local level**

**Acknowledging  
and dealing  
with the past**

**CONTRIBUTING TO A SHARED SOCIETY**

**Creating shared  
public spaces**

**Key institutional  
capacities are  
developed for a  
shared society**

# Priority 1: Reconciling Communities

## Priority 1.1 – ‘Building positive relations at the local level’

- Aim: Improve trust and tolerance, reduce levels of sectarianism and racism
- Support development of strategic models of collaboration
- Delivered through partnerships operating at a local level
- Develop long-term capacity for communities to deal with diversity and difference



# Priority 1: Reconciling Communities

## Priority 1.1 – ‘Building positive relations at the local level’

- Local level (€90-100m) support available
- Regional level (€40-50m) support available
- 14 Letters of offer issued for all 14 Local Peace Action Plans
- 21 Letters of offer issued for regional level projects





# Priority 1: Reconciling Communities

## Priority 1.2 – ‘Acknowledging and dealing with the past’

- Aim: to create long-term strategies for peace and reconciliation
- Acknowledge and accept roles in the conflicts of the past
- Address the diverse needs of victims and survivors
- Implemented by the Consortium of CRC and Pobal



‘Theatre of Witness Project’ – The Playhouse, Londonderry.

# Priority 1: Reconciling Communities

## Priority 1.2 – ‘Acknowledging and dealing with the past’

- €50 million support available
- 58 applications have been approved
- 55 Letters of offer have been issued
- Representing approx €22.2 million worth of programme support



‘GOAL Project’ – put in place by Creggan Neighbourhood in Londonderry to help acknowledge the past and forge new and lasting cross-community links.



# Priority 2: Contributing to a shared society

## Priority 2.1 – ‘Creating shared public spaces’

- Aim: the creation of shared space to address issue of conflict derived segregation
- Regeneration of urban, rural and border areas
- Reclamation of public space for all sections of society
- Support provided for ‘iconic’ projects with inherent longevity



Skainos Project – creation of a new urban village in a neglected inner city area of Belfast.

# Priority 2: Contributing to a shared society

## Priority 2.1 – ‘Creating shared public spaces’

- €82 million worth of support available
- 9 applications recommended for approved
- 8 Letters of offer issued
- Representing approx €48.4 million worth of programme support.



Peace bridge – Londonderry , a new and ‘iconic’ foot and cycle bridge designed to help promote greater cross-community interaction and engagement.

# Priority 2: Contributing to a shared society

## Priority 2.1 – ‘Key Institutional Capacities’

- Aim: to develop capacity for key institutions to deliver services on a shared society basis
- create long-term synergies and promote sharing
- help strengthen a cross-community and cross-border public service infrastructure
- €40 million of programme support available
- 10 applications have been approved to the value of €10.4m
- 5 Letters of offer have been issued with a total value of €3.4m

# Mainstreaming Peace and Sustaining Partnership

- The concept of reconciliation in PEACE III
- Programme design
- Programme implementation structures
- Assessment criteria
- Evaluation strategy
- Communications strategy
- Programme monitoring and evaluation structures and strategies
- The legacy of the PEACE Programmes?



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