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# Bridging the Gap: Working together to tackle invasive non-native species in Europe

## An introduction to SEFINS

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# The Two Seas

SEFINS is delivered through the framework of the Interreg IVA Two Seas programme with support of ERDF

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The INTERREG 2 Seas programme has been allocated a budget of €161 million (£108 million) from the ERDF for 2007-13 to fund crossborder projects between partners in:

**France**

(Nord Pas de Calais)

**Belgium**

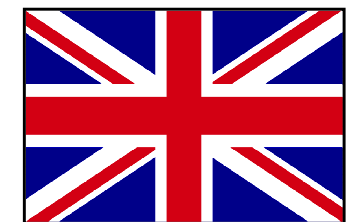
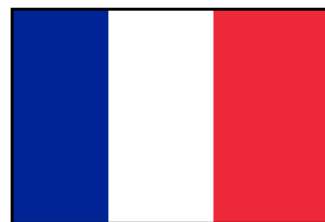
(Flanders)

**The Netherlands**

(South-West)

**UK**

(South and East coasts)



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The Two Seas programme has made funding available for 'cluster' projects to bring together partners from previously approved Interreg projects.

These clusters should 'consolidate, valorise and disseminate the current programming period achievements'.



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SEFINS brings together key partners  
from three previous Interreg projects:

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Reducing the Impact of Non-native Species in Europe

## MEMO

*Mnemiopsis* Ecology, Modelling and Observation

## INVEXO

Tackling invasive plant and animal species in  
Belgium and the Netherlands

# SEFINS



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minder invasieve planten en dieren

## Cluster projects are split in to two phases:

### Phase 1 (Approved)

Compulsory outputs: - Brochure summarising activities  
- Event

The overarching theme for the SEFINS cluster reached by discussions between the partners. Focus was directed on filling in missing information and breaks in knowledge on invasive species:

## 'Bridging the Gap'

## Cluster projects are split in to two phases:

### Phase 2 – Bridging the Gap (in development)

Estuarine ecosystems have been identified as a habitat overlooked by previous projects.

They form an area of common ground between different projects and partners – a place where freshwater, terrestrial and marine environments merge



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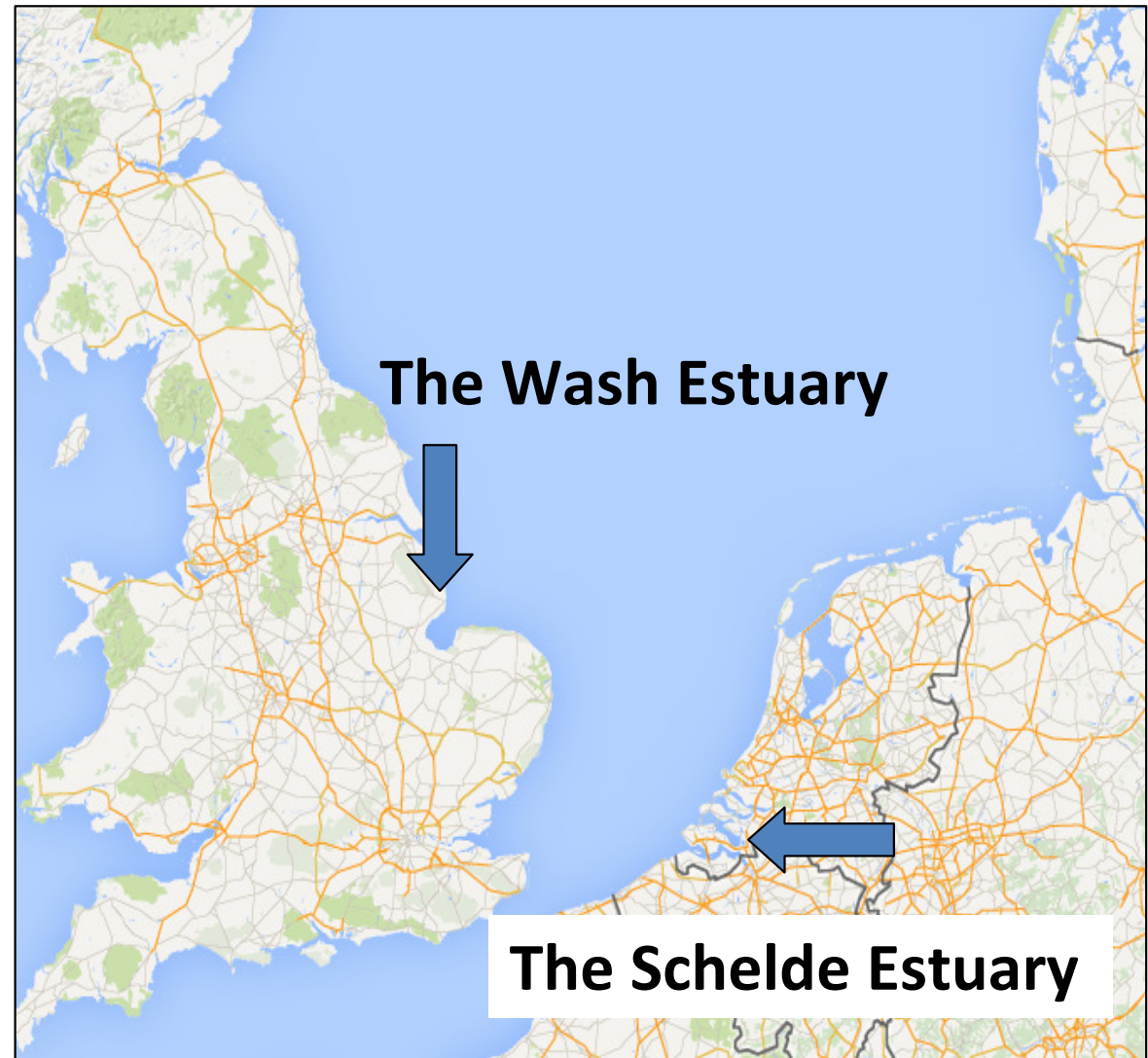
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## Phase 2 Bridging the Gap (in development)

The SEFINS study areas:

Wash Estuary

Schelde Estuaries.



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The SEFINS study areas will be the Wash (UK) and Schelde (NL) estuaries. Work could include:

- Identifying problematic species and pathways of dispersal
- Improving data availability and access
- Testing data compatibility and comparability
- Trialling new methodology and technology



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**Phase 2 – Bridging the Gap (in development)**

**We need YOUR help to make SEFINS as useful as possible**

**Information gained from the workshop sessions will be used to shape Phase 2**

**The outputs of Phase 2 will help us build a larger and more ambitious project**



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# Thank you for your attention



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