



PROJECT DIRECTORY 2012



GAPS

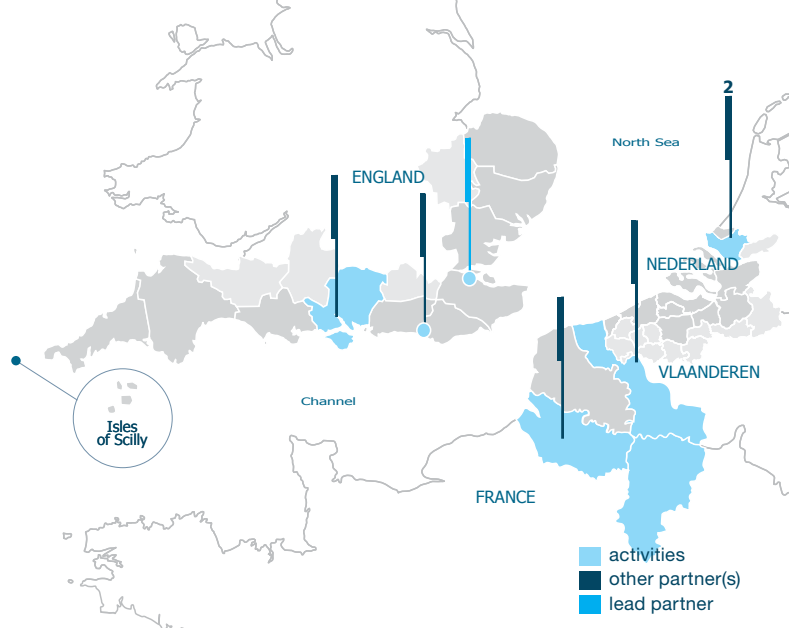


Filling the GAPS (Graduate and Apprenticeship Placement Scheme)

GAPS aims to enhance and improve employment within the 2 Seas area by developing new skills and strategies for young people. The project gathers together 3 local authorities – Brighton and Hove, Medway and Rotterdam, each facing rising youth unemployment rates. Young people in these areas risk suffering from long-term unemployment and social exclusion. Of particular note for employers across the 2 Seas area is the absence of soft/life skills in many of the young people they recruit.

The GAPS project activities will achieve the following aims through:

- closer dialogue with employers to develop innovative new strategies that address employers' skills needs and inspire confidence for employers to engage with young people.
- crossborder work placements of up to three months, which include language training, promoting the value of such an exercise to both young people and employers.
- creation of a web portal that will host and facilitate GAPS project activities, during and after its lifetime, acting as an on-line recruitment resource to advertise work placements and job opportunities.



Lead Partner	Medway Council (UK)
Other Partner(s)	(6): Hampshire Economic Partnership (UK), City College Brighton & Hove (UK), IRFA-APISUP (FR), ADICE – Association pour le Développement des Initiatives Citoyennes et Européennes (FR), ROC Aldeba College (NL), Stichting voor educatie en beroepsonderwijs Zadkine (NL)
Location of the activities	Brighton and Hove (UK), Nord (FR), Somme (FR), Aisne (FR), Medway (UK), Hampshire CC (UK), Southampton (UK), Isle of Wight (UK), Groot-Rijnmond (NL)
Total Budget	€ 4,505,395
ERDF	€ 2,252,697 (50%)
Duration	37 months (01/06/2011-30/06/2014)
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