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EMDI « Espace Manche Development Initiative » is a project funded under the North West Europe INTERREG IIIB co-operation programme. Its overall aim is to foster and strengthen Franco-British cross-Channel co-operation.

This project stems from a strong political will within the Arc Manche partnership and the conviction that the Channel area is the relevant scale to address a full range of common strategic issues.

The objectives of EMDI are :

- the production of a strategic vision for the Channel area, which prepares the future European co-operation programmes post-2006 ;
- the launch of pilot actions on 5 themes: tourism, fishing resources, integrated coastal zone management, maritime safety and intermodality of transport, higher education, R&D and transfer of technology ;
- the development of a regional data tool adapted to the needs of this area stakeholders and accessible via internet.

