

## Interreg MED Programme 2014-2020

The overall objective of the MED programme is to promote **sustainable growth** in the Mediterranean area by fostering **innovative concepts and practices** (technologies, governance, innovative services...), **reasonable use of resources** (energy, water, maritime resources...) and supporting **social integration** through integrated and territorially based cooperation approach.

### Eligible Areas for Funding:

- Greece (entire country)
- Cyprus (entire country)
- Croatia (entire country)
- Malta (entire country)
- Slovenia (entire country)
- Albania (entire country)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina (entire country)
- Montenegro (entire country)
- France (Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Midi-Pyrénées, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Rhône-Alpes)
- Italy (19 regions – Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmonte, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Valle D'Aosta, Veneto)
- Portugal (Algarve, Alentejo, Area Metropolitana de Lisboa)
- Spain (Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic islands, Murcia, Valencia – and 2 autonomous cities – Ceuta and Melilla)
- United Kingdom (Gibraltar)

### Focus of the Programme

**Specific focus** will be put on a territorial, and more specifically on a **macro-regional dimension**. From a territorial and geographical point of view, the programme grants specific attention to four types of areas that represent important challenges due to their resources, development potential or economic difficulties they are confronted with.

1. Coastal areas with high level of attractiveness, important concentration of activities and fragility of natural and cultural resources
2. Urban areas as centers of innovation and socioeconomic activities and which are confronted to strong environmental challenges with pollution and GHG emissions
3. Islands that cover 4% of the Mediterranean and represent a major economic, environmental and cultural dimension of the MED area
4. Rural areas characterised by rural activities and low density of population. Their development is hampered by geographical isolation and/or demographic and environmental changes

### Priorities

In total, four priority axes have been selected, among those three thematic and one more strategic:

<b>PRIORITY AXIS 1: Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth</b>
<b>Thematic Objective 1:</b> Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
<b>Specific Objective 1.1:</b> To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area
<b>Investment Priority 1B:</b> Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development (...)
Available ERDF + IPA budget : <b>75Mio €</b> <b>Private</b> co-financing for ERDF partners
<b>Thematic keywords:</b> Blue and green growth, creative industries and social innovation
<b>Types of action:</b> The development of clusters and networks, development of models and tools, transfer of knowledge, as well as awareness-raising and capitalisation activities
<b>Key target groups:</b> SMEs, economic operators and structures accompanying them; public authorities and research structures

<b>PRIORITY AXIS 2: Fostering low carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories: cities, islands and remote areas</b>
<b>Specific Objective 2.1:</b> To raise capacity for better management of energy in public buildings at transnational level
<b>Specific Objective 2.2:</b> To increase the share of renewable local energy sources in energy mix strategies and plans in MED territories
<b>Specific Objective 2.3:</b> To increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them
<b>Thematic Objective 4:</b> Supporting the shift toward a low-carbon economy in all sectors
<b>Investment Priority 4C:</b> Supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use (...)
<b>Investment Priority 4E:</b> Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas (...)
Available ERDF budget : <b>46,8Mio €</b> <b>Private</b> co-financing for ERDF partners
<b>Thematic keywords:</b> Reduction of Green House Gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy
<b>Types of actions:</b> Strategy building, capacity building, awareness raising, training and changing practices; Feasibility studies and analyses, elaborating policy plans, services and tools; Possibility for small-scale investments and pilot projects
<b>Key target groups:</b> Public authorities, research structures, enterprises, NGO's/civil society structures (end user role)

<b>PRIORITY AXIS 3: Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources</b>
<b>Specific Objective 3.1:</b> To enhance the development of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED area
<b>Specific Objective 3.2:</b> To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas
<b>Thematic Objective 6:</b> Protecting and promoting natural and cultural resources
<b>Investment Priority 6C:</b> Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
<b>Investment Priority 6D:</b> Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including Natura 2000 (...)
Available ERDF budget : <b>79,1 Mio €</b> <b>Private</b> co-financing for ERDF partners
<b>Thematic keywords:</b> Strong attractiveness of coastal areas, environmental strain of urban development, geographical constraints (coastal areas, islands, mountains) and environmental consequences of climate change; Potential of new employment creation for the future
<b>Types of actions:</b> Analysis, studies, policy-planning and strategy development, but also on transfer of

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practices and policy implementing measures

**Key target groups:** Public authorities, but also associations and NGO's, research bodies, and to some extent enterprises

The MED Programme gives also the possibility, through Axis 4, to support the development of multilateral coordination frameworks with a macro-regional approach. In these territories, beneficiaries must promote an ecosystemic intervention logic based on the coordination between different fields of intervention relevant to their project (economic development, environmental impact, tourism, management of natural resources, energy, transport, etc.). Its aim is to bring valuable input from the results of MED projects to a more global "mainstreaming" level.

**PRIORITY AXIS 4: A shared Mediterranean Sea**

**Specific Objective 4.1:** To support the process of developing multilateral coordination frameworks and strengthening the existing ones in the Mediterranean for joint responses to common challenges

**Thematic Objective 11:** Enhancing institutional capacity

**Investment Priority 11:** Enhancing governance in the Mediterranean

**Available ERDF budget : 18,7 Mio €      no co-financing for private ERDF partners!**

**Types of actions:** Thematic concentration, consultation processes and studies, networks of public authorities to improve decision making processes and foster common views and strategies

**Key target groups:** Projects financed should involve various regional, national and international bodies

The next call will open on **September 2016**.

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