



# Annual work programme for grants 2010

Joint Managing Authority

MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN PROGRAMME 2007-2013

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## 1. Basic act and financing source

- Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument.
- Decision of the European Commission adopting the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme (n. C 4242) of 14 August 2008.
- Financed by ENPI/ERDF funds (budget line n. 19 08 02 01 and 19 08 02 02).

## 2. Objectives of the Programme, priorities for 2010 and expected results

The **general objective** of the Programme is to contribute to promoting the sustainable and harmonious cooperation process at the Mediterranean Basin level by dealing with the common challenges and enhancing its endogenous potential.

The call for proposals on standard projects (one-step open procedure) will focus on the 4 Priorities and 10 Programme Measures:

- **Priority 1: Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories**
  - 1.1 Support to innovation and research in the process of local development of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries
  - 1.2 Strengthening economic clusters creating synergies among potentials of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries
  - 1.3 Strengthening the national strategies of territorial planning by integrating the different levels and promotion of balanced and sustainable socio-economic development
- **Priority 2: Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level**
  - 2.1 Prevention and reduction of risk factors for the environment and enhancement of natural common heritage
  - 2.2 Promotion of renewable energies use and improvement of energy efficiency contributing to addressing, among other challenges, climate change
- **Priority 3: Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals<sup>1</sup>**
  - 3.1 Support to people flows among territories as a means of cultural, social and economic enrichment
  - 3.2 Improvement of conditions and modalities of circulation of goods and capitals among the territories

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<sup>1</sup> The participation of actors coming from the eligible territories of Tunisia and Egypt to the projects related to Priority 3 is not envisaged.



- **Priority 4: Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance**
  - 4.1 Support to mobility, exchanges, training and professionalism of young people
  - 4.2 Support to the artistic creativity in all its expressions to encourage dialogue among communities
  - 4.3 Improvement of governance processes at local level

The call for proposals on strategic projects (two-step restricted procedure) will focus on Priority 1 and 2:

- **Priority 1: Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories**
  - a. Definition of policies and promotion of pilot initiatives to support R&D, innovation and technology transfer, with particular attention to SMEs, and promotion of innovating SMEs clusters in the following sectors:
    - a1. Agro-food industry;
    - a2. Sustainable tourism based on the preservation and enhancement of cultural and natural heritage.
  - b. Promotion of joint planning methodologies with regard to integrated coastal management including maritime safety.
- **Priority 2: Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level**
  - c. Support to R&D, innovation and technology transfer, with particular attention to SMEs, in relation to waste treatment and recycling.
  - d. Water management with attention on:
    - Quantity and quality of supply, with a focus on alternative water supplies and wastewater re-use

*and/or*

    - Efficient use of water resources, with a focus on agricultural use.
  - e. Definition of policies and promotion of pilot initiatives to support R&D, innovation and technology transfer, with particular attention to SMEs, in the field of solar energy.

### 3. Eligibility conditions

Applicants must be located in the eligible regions (as defined by the Joint Operational Programme) of the following participating countries: Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Syria and Tunisia.

Organisations which can participate in the calls for proposals are those indicated in article 14 of Regulation (EC) No. 1638/2006 (ENPI Regulation).

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Partnerships promoting a **standard project** shall represent a minimum of **three** participating countries including at least one EU Mediterranean Country and one Mediterranean Partner Country. The total eligible costs of standard projects shall be comprised between a minimum of € 500.000 and a maximum of € 2.000.000. 50% of the budget allocated to Priority 4 "Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance" will be dedicated to projects with a minimum threshold of € 200.000.

Partnerships promoting a **strategic project** shall represent a minimum of **four** participating countries including at least one EU Mediterranean Country and one Mediterranean Partner Country. The total eligible costs of strategic projects shall be comprised between a minimum of € 2.000.000 and a maximum of € 5.000.000.

Additional information will be available in the Guidelines for Applicants for the respective calls for proposals.

#### **4. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation of project proposals will be carried out in accordance with the following documents:

- ENPI CBC MED Joint Operational Programme adopted with the Decision of the European Commission n. C 4242 of 14 August 2008;
- Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument;
- Commission Regulation (EC) n. 951/2007 laying down implementing rules for cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument;
- Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions (PRAG);
- Guidelines for applicants approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee.

#### **5. Maximum rate of Programme financing**

The maximum Programme financing rate is 90% of the total eligible costs of the projects. Co-financing at project level shall represent at least 10% of the total eligible costs.

#### **6. Indicative schedule of the calls for proposals**

- **Indicative** launch date of the call for proposals for **strategic** projects: October 2010.
  - **Indicative** launch date of the call for proposals for **standard** projects: December 2010.
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The calls for proposals will be published on the Programme official website: [www.enpicbmed.eu](http://www.enpicbmed.eu)

## 7. Indicative amount of calls for proposals

- **Indicative** amount dedicated to the call for proposals for **strategic** projects: € 37,5 million
- **Indicative** amount dedicated to the call for proposals for **standard** projects: € 33 million

