

Key principles and potential beneficiaries



The implementation of the Programme is guided by the following principles:

- Co-ownership
- Partnership
- Common benefits
- Co-financing
- Sustainable development
- Equality of opportunities, non-discrimination and respect of human rights
- Coordination with other national and local initiatives
- Support to local governance

Potential beneficiaries of Programme grants include among others:

- Ministries
- National authorities
- Local and regional public administrations
- Universities
- Research centres
- Organisations representing the civil society and socio-professional interests
- NGOs
- Companies

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ENPI CBC MED PROGRAMME

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Programme in brief

The 2007-2013 ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme is a multilateral Cross-Border Cooperation initiative funded by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). The Programme objective is to promote the sustainable and harmonious cooperation process at the Mediterranean Basin level by dealing with the common challenges and enhancing its endogenous potential.

It finances cooperation projects selected through calls for proposals. The Joint Managing Authority (JMA) is the Autonomous Region of Sardinia (Italy). Official Programme languages are Arabic, English and French.

A first call was launched in May 2009. Around 600 proposals were received. The selected projects involve the 14 participating countries and cover topics such as urban development, territorial planning, climate change, local governance and cultural dialogue.

A call for strategic projects focusing on 6 topics was published in May 2011 while a second call for standard projects will be opened by the end of 2011.



Cooperation area

The Programme cooperation area includes 76 regions belonging to 14 countries and representing 110 million people.

| EU Mediterranean Countries | Mediterranean Partner Countries |
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| Cyprus | Egypt |
| France | Israel |
| Greece | Jordan |
| Italy | Lebanon |
| Malta | Palestinian Authority |
| Portugal | Syria |
| Spain | Tunisia |

ELIGIBLE TERRITORIES

Regions from the EU and partner countries placed along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea are eligible under the Programme.

The full list of eligible regions can be consulted on the Programme website.

- EU regions
- Regions from partner countries



Priorities

The strategy is based on 4 Priorities and 10 Measures.

1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories
2. Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level
3. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals*
4. Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance

*The participation of actors coming from Egyptian and Tunisian eligible territories to projects related to Priority 3 is not envisaged.

Budget

Around € 173.6 million are allocated to the Programme, coming from the European Regional Development Fund and the Heading 4 of the EU budget - EU as global partner.

Grants cover up to 90% of the projects total eligible costs, while the remaining balance (at least 10%) has to be provided by the Beneficiary and its partners as co-financing at project level.

Projects

The Programme finances two types of projects.

1. Standard projects

They concern the 4 Priorities and 10 Measures identified in the Joint Operational Programme. They differ from strategic projects mainly in terms of budget, partnership and selection procedure.

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| Budget | Minimum: € 500.000* Maximum: € 2.000.000 |
| Partnership | Minimum of 3 partners representing at least 1 EU country and 1 partner country |

* The minimum ceiling for project proposals is reduced to € 200.000 for up to 50% of the resources allocated to Priority 4.

2. Strategic projects

They concern issues of strategic interest selected beforehand by the Joint Monitoring Committee taking into account the main challenges of the cooperation area and the needs of the eligible territories.

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| Budget | Minimum: € 2.000.000 Maximum: € 5.000.000 |
| Partnership | Minimum of 4 partners representing at least 1 EU country and 1 partner country |

Joint structures

The Programme is managed by the following joint structures:

Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC)

The JMC, composed of the delegates of the 14 participating countries, is the Programme decision-making body.

Joint Managing Authority (JMA)

The JMA is responsible for the overall Programme operational and financial management.

Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS)

The JTS assists the JMA in the daily Programme implementation, notably projects management.

Two Branch Offices

Respectively located in Valencia (also acting as Liaison Office with the Med Programme funded under the European Territorial Cooperation objective) and Aqaba, they ensure a closer proximity with potential beneficiaries.

Projects Selection Committee (PSC)

Formed by 14 voting members representing the 14 participating countries, the PSC is in charge of projects evaluation.

