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Introduction

The "ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2007/2013" is a multilateral cross-border cooperation programme co-financed by the European Union under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

The Programme provides the framework for the implementation of cross-border and cooperation activities in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy, complementing efforts exerted within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, with the final aim of developing an area of peace, stability, prosperity and good neighbourliness involving EU Mediterranean Countries and Mediterranean Partner Countries.

Reference documents

For preparation and implementation of the strategic projects, Applicants are invited to consult the following documents:

- ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme as approved by European Commission decision C (2008) 4242 on August 14th 2008
- Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 October 2006 laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument
- Commission Regulation (EC) No. 951/2007 of 9 August 2007 laying down implementing rules for cross-border cooperation programmes
- Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions (PRAG)
- Guidelines for grant Applicants for Strategic Projects

All these documents can be consulted on the Programme website (www.enpicbcmmed.eu).

Priorities and topics

The objective of the Programme is articulated into 4 Priorities:

- 1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories:** concentrating on innovation and research in key sectors for the cooperation area, creating synergies among potentials of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries and strengthening strategies of territorial planning
- 2. Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level:** pursued through the preservation of natural common heritage, the reduction of risk factors for the environment, the improvement of energy efficiency and the promotion of the use of renewable energy sources
- 3. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals:** supporting the flows of people among territories as a cultural, social and economic plus for countries on both shores, and improving the conditions and modalities of circulation of goods and capitals among the territories
- 4. Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance:** supporting the exchange, training and professional development of young people and all forms of dialogue among the communities as well as improving the governance process at local level.

In the context of this call for proposals and according to the procedure described into the Joint Operational Programme, the Joint Monitoring Committee has decided to open this call only for two priorities including 3 topics each, as indicated below.

Moreover, the support to the local governance included in priority 4 should be addressed by strategic projects as key cross cutting dimension.

Priority 1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories

- **Agro-food**

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 Agro-food industry

- **Sustainable Tourism**

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 Sustainable tourism based on the preservation and enhancement of cultural and natural heritage

- **Integrated coastal zone management**

Promotion of joint planning methodologies with regard to integrated coastal zone management including maritime safety

Priority 2. Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level

- **Waste treatment and recycling**

Support to R&D, innovation and technology transfer, with particular attention to SMEs, in relation to Waste treatment and recycling

- **Water management**

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

- **Solar energy**

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

An application shall refer to only one of these topics and indicate the number and title of the priority selected. The evaluation of a Concept Note will be done in relation to its consistency to the priority and topic under which it was submitted.

Available budget

According to the Joint Operational Programme the total EU contribution available for this call for strategic projects addressing Priority 1 and 2 is **€ 62.400.000** (indicatively 40% of the programme budget dedicated to projects) according to the following breakdown structure:

	EU contribution		Co-financing	Total
Total	€ 62.400.000		€ 6.933.333	€ 69.333.333
	(90%)		(10%)	
<i>Priority 1</i>	€ 37.440.000	60,00%	€ 4.160.000	€ 41.600.000
<i>Priority 2</i>	€ 24.960.000	40,00%	€ 2.773.333	€ 27.733.333

Who may apply

Applicants and partners must be established in the eligible territories of the countries participating in the Programme and they shall meet the eligibility criteria indicated in the Guidelines for grant Applicants.

Eligible partnerships

The cross-border dimension of the projects is the specific and strategic feature of the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme, representing a key driver for the Programme effectiveness. For strategic projects, partnerships shall represent a minimum of four (4) countries and shall include at least one (1) EU Mediterranean country and one (1) Mediterranean partner country.

Project size

The project total eligible costs MUST be within a minimum of 2.000.000 euro and a maximum of 5.000.000 euro including Programme contribution and other co-financing.

Expenditure verification for EU Member States

Please note that Applicants and Partners coming from EU Member States will have to submit 100% of their expenditures through audit verification.

Duration

The planned duration of a project must be between 24 and 36 months¹.

Submission of project proposals

In the first instance, only Concept Notes must be submitted for evaluation. Thereafter, Applicants whose Concept Notes have been pre-selected will be invited to submit a Full Application Form.

The deadline for the submission of Concept Notes is 14 July 2011 (date of dispatch) as evidenced by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip. In the case of hand-deliveries, the deadline for receipt is **14 July 2011 at 16:00 hrs** (Italy) as evidenced by the signed and dated receipt.

The deadline for the submission of Full Application Forms will be communicated by the Joint Managing Authority to the Applicants whose Concept Notes have been pre-selected. The compliance with the deadline (date of dispatch) shall be evidenced by the postmark or the date of the deposit slip or, in the case of hand-deliveries, by the signed and dated receipt.

Additional information

The conditions for submission of project proposals and the selection and award criteria are detailed in the Guidelines for grant Applicants which is an integral part of the Application Pack.

Questions related to the Call for proposals may be sent either in English or French and no later than 15 calendar days before the deadline for the submission of the Concept Note / Full Application Form through the dedicated “questions and answers” section of the Programme Website.

For further information, please visit the official Programme website at www.enpicbcmmed.eu where you will find contact information of the Joint Managing Authority, Joint Technical Secretariat and Branch Offices.

¹ The duration up to 36 months is conditional to the notification of the extension of the eligibility period to 31 December 2015 by the European Commission; Applicants will be informed accordingly through the programme web site.