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Call for proposals for standard projects

Introduction

The "ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020" is a multilateral cross-border cooperation programme co-financed by the European Union under the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI).

The Programme provides the framework for the implementation of cross-border 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 (EUMC) and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPCs).

Reference documents

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

- ENI Regulation (EC) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council 11 March 2014 establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument
- ENI CBC Implementing Rules (Regulation (EC) No 897/2014) of 18 August 2014 laying down specific provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument
- ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme approved by the European Commission on 17/12/2015 (Decision No. C(2015) 9133) and related annexes;
- Strategic Environmental Assessment for the ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme.

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

Priorities and Measures of the call

In the context of this call for proposals and according to the Joint Operational Programme, the Joint Monitoring Committee has decided to open this call to the 4 Thematic Objectives and the 11 Priorities of the Programme, as shown below:

Thematic Objectives	Priorities
A.1 Business and SMEs development	A.1.1: Support innovative start-up and recently established enterprises, with a particular focus on young and women entrepreneurs and facilitate the protection of their Intellectual Property Rights and commercialisation where applicable
	A.1.2: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors (agro-food, tourism, textile/clothing, etc.) and non-traditional sectors (innovative ideas solutions for urban development, eco-housing, sustainable water-related and other clean technologies, renewable energy, creative industries, etc.)
	A.1.3: Encourage sustainable tourism initiatives and actions aimed at diversifying into new segments and niches

A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	A.2.1: Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results, strengthening the linkages between research, industry and other private sector actors
	A.2.2: Support SMEs in accessing research and innovation, also through clustering
A.3 Promotion of social inclusion and the fight against poverty	A.3.1: Provide young people, especially those belonging to the NEETS, and women, with marketable skills
	A.3.2: Support social and solidarity economic actors, also in terms of improving capacities and cooperation with public administrations for services provision
B.4 Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation	B.4.1: Support sustainable initiatives targeting innovative and technological solutions to increase water efficiency and encourage use of non-conventional water supply
	B.4.2: Reduce municipal waste generation, promote source-separated collection and its optimal exploitation, in particular its organic component
	B.4.3: Renewable energy and energy efficiency - Support cost-effective and innovative energy rehabilitations relevant to building types and climatic zones, with a focus on public buildings
	B.4.4: Integrated Coastal Zone Management - Incorporate the Ecosystem-Based management approach to ICZM into local development planning, through the improvement of intra-territorial coordination among different stakeholders

The application shall refer to **only one Thematic Objective** and clearly indicate the **Priority** selected. The evaluation of a project is done in relation to its relevance to the **Thematic Objective and Priority** under which it was submitted.

Financial allocation

The total EU contribution available for this call for standard projects is **€ 84.668.413,86**, indicatively distributed amongst the 11 Programme Priorities as follows:

Thematic Objectives	Priorities	EU contribution	Min. co-financing (10% of the total funding)	Total
A.1 Business and SMEs development	A.1.1	€ 6.773.473,11	€ 752.608,12	€ 7.526.081,23
	A.1.2	€ 6.773.473,11	€ 752.608,12	€ 7.526.081,23
	A.1.3	€ 6.773.473,11	€ 752.608,12	€ 7.526.081,23
A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	A.2.1	€ 7.620.157,25	€ 846.684,14	€ 8.466.841,39
	A.2.2	€ 7.620.157,25	€ 846.684,14	€ 8.466.841,39
A.3 Promotion of social inclusion and the fight against poverty	A.3.1	€ 7.620.157,25	€ 846.684,14	€ 8.466.841,39
	A.3.2	€ 7.620.157,25	€ 846.684,14	€ 8.466.841,39
B.4 Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation	B.4.1	€ 8.466.841,39	€ 940.760,15	€ 9.407.601,54
	B.4.2	€ 8.466.841,39	€ 940.760,15	€ 9.407.601,54
	B.4.3	€ 8.466.841,39	€ 940.760,15	€ 9.407.601,54
	B.4.4	€ 8.466.841,39	€ 940.760,15	€ 9.407.601,54

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 Applicants.

COUNTRIES	CORE ELIGIBLE REGIONS	ADJOINING REGIONS
Cyprus	Whole country	None
Egypt	Ad Daqahliyah, Al Buhayrah, Al Iskandanyah, Al Isma'iliyah, Ash Sharquiyah, Bur Sa'id, Dumyat, Kafr ash Shaykh, Marsa Matruh	Al Gharbiyah, Al Minufiyah, Al Qalyubiyah, As Suways
France	Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	Auvergne, Midi-Pyrénées, Rhône-Alpes
Greece	Anatoliki Makedonia – Thraki, Attiki, Dytiki Ellada, Ionia Nisia, Ipeiros, Kentriki Makedonia, Kriti, Notio Aigaio, Peloponnisos, Sterea Ellada, Thessalia, Voreio Aigaio	Dytiki Makedonia
Israel	Whole country	None
Italy	Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Lazio, Liguria, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana	Abruzzo, Emilia Romagna, Marche, Molise, Piemonte, Umbria
Jordan	Al-Aqaba, Al-Balga, Al-Karak, Al-Tafilah, Irbid, Madaba	Ajlun, Al-Mafraq, Amman, Az Zarqa', Jarash, Ma'an
Lebanon	Whole country	None
Malta	Whole country	None
Palestine	Whole country	None
Portugal	Algarve, Lisboa	Alentejo
Spain	Andalucía, Cataluña, Ceuta, Comunidad Valenciana, Islas Baleares, Melilla, Murcia	Aragon, Castilla-La-Mancha, Extremadura
Tunisia	Ariana, Béja, Ben Arous, Bizerte, Gabès, Jandouba, Mahdia, Médenine, Monastir, Nabeul, Sfax, Sousse, Tunis	Gasfa, Kairouan, Kebili, Le Kef, Manouba, Sidi Bouzid, Siliana, Tataoïune, Zaghouan

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Please note that this call for proposals is launched under **suspension clause**. Partners located in Mediterranean Partner Countries eligible territories may apply for ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme funding but can only receive Programme funds if their respective country has signed a Financing Agreement with the European Commission within the deadline of the call.

The updated list of countries which have signed the Financing Agreements can be found at the following link: <http://www.enicbcmec.eu/enicbcmec-2014-2020/submit-a-project-proposal>.

The possible situations regarding projects with partners from MPCs which have not signed the Financing Agreements before the deadline of the call are the following:

Case type	Condition	Applicant	Total N. of Partners in the partnership	N. of PPs coming from MPC not having signed involved in the partnership	Outcomes
1	Applicant from MPC not having signed FA by the deadline of submission	MPC not having signed FA	regardless of the number of partners	regardless of the number of partners	Reject the whole proposal
2.a	Partnership involving only 3 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	2	1	the PP from MPC not having signed the FA can be replaced with a similar PP from another MPC having signed the FA
2.b	Partnership involving only 3 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	2	2	Reject the whole proposal
3.a	Partnership involving 4 or 5 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	3 or 4	2	Reject the whole proposal
3.b	Partnership involving 4 or 5 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	3 or 4	1	the PP from MPC not having signed the FA can be replaced with a similar PP from another MPC having signed the FA
4	Partnership involving at least 6 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	5 or more	1 or 2	Up to a max. of 2 PPs can be replaced with similar PPs from other MPCs having signed the FA

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In the event of replacement of one or two partners (2.a, 2.b, 3.b and 4 options), right after the deadline for the submission of proposals, the MA will ask the Applicants facing the situations indicated in the above table, to provide the new partner(s) details as well as the related partner statements within 30 calendar days from the its request.

This means that the concerned project proposals will not go through the evaluation process until the requested documents have been provided. Failure in providing them after the deadline of the 30 calendar days will cause the rejection of the proposal.

Eligible partnerships

The cross-border dimension of the projects is the specific and strategic feature of the ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme, representing a key driver for the Programme effectiveness.

For standard projects, partnerships shall include a minimum of **three (3) countries** and shall include at least one (1) EU Mediterranean Country (EUMC) and one (1) Mediterranean Partner Country (MPC). Further information on partnership's composition are available in the Guidelines for Applicants.

Limitation to participation

In the framework of this call for standard projects, the same organisation can participate only **once** as Applicant under each Priority. No limitation applies for the participation at partner level.

In case an organisation participates in more than one project as Applicant under the same Priority, all concerned projects submitted within that Priority will be considered ineligible under this call.

An Applicant cannot be awarded **more than two (2) grants** as Lead Beneficiary.

Programme contribution to the projects and co-financing rate

The Programme contribution to the projects covers up to 90% of the total eligible costs of the project.

The remaining percentage, which cannot be lower than 10% of the total eligible costs of the project, has to be provided by the project partners' own resources, or by public and private sources other than European Community Budget or the European Development Fund, as co-financing rate.

Project financial size

The project total contribution from the Programme must be within a minimum of € 1.000.000 and a maximum of € 3.000.000.

The total cost of the project and related budget cannot exceed € 3.500.000 including co-financing.

At least 50% of the total eligible costs of the project shall be dedicated to activities implemented in Mediterranean Partner Countries.

Duration of projects

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

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Submission of project proposals

Applications must be submitted using the online Application Form available at <http://eform.enicbcmed.eu>.

For any technical support concerning the online Application Form, you can send an email to: eform-support@regione.sardegna.it. All documents included in the Application Pack can be downloaded from the Programme website at www.enicbcmed.eu.

Proposals must be submitted only in one of the following languages: English or French.

The deadline for the submission of the application is November 9th 2017 at 13.00 CET.

Suspension clause for contract signature

Please note that the signature of the Grant Contracts for the selected projects is subject to the condition of the designation of the Managing Authority by the European Commission.

Additional information

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

Questions related to the call for proposals may be submitted either in English or French and no later than 15 calendar days before the deadline for the submission of the proposals through the dedicated "Questions & Answers" section of the Programme Website: <http://www.enicbcmed.eu/communication/first-call-standard-projects-check-frequently-asked-questions-faqs>.

For further information, please visit the Programme website (www.enicbcmed.eu) or contact the Managing Authority, the Joint Technical Secretariat and the Branch Offices.

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