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Projects**

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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 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 (MPC).

Reference documents

For preparation and implementation of the standard 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;
- 2010 Practical Guide to contract procedures for EU external actions (PRAG);
- Guidelines for grant Applicants for Standard Projects.

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

Priorities and Measures of the call

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 to the 4 Programme Priorities and 10 related Measures as described below:

PRIORITIES	MEASURES
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
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
3. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals¹	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
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

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

Indicative financial allocation

The total EU contribution available for this call for standard projects is **€ 56.507.136**, **indicatively** distributed amongst the 4 Programme Priorities as follows:

	EU contribution		Co-financing	Total
Total	€ 56.507.136		€ 6.278.571	€ 62.785.707
<i>Priority 1</i>	€ 5.795.331	10,26%	€ 643.926	€ 6.439.257
<i>Priority 2</i>	€ 8.053.979	14,25%	€ 894.887	€ 8.948.866
<i>Priority 3</i>	€ 14.092.847	24,94%	€ 1.565.872	€ 15.658.719
<i>Priority 4</i>	€ 28.564.979	50,55%	€ 3.173.886	€ 31.738.865

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

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 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).

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 (1) project as Applicant under the same Priority, all concerned projects submitted within that Priority will be considered ineligible under this call.

More details can be found in section 3.1.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants.

Project financial size

The project total eligible costs MUST be within a minimum of € 500.000 and a maximum of € 2.000.000 including Programme contribution and other co-financing. In order to facilitate the participation of civil society and private sector and **ONLY** for projects submitted under Priority 4 (Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance), the minimum ceiling is reduced to € 200.000 for a maximum of 50% of the budget allocated to this Priority.

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 of projects

The planned duration of a project must be between 18 and 24 months.

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 29th February 2012 (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 29th February 2012 at 19:00 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 are 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 (www.enpicbmed.eu) or contact the Joint Managing Authority, Joint Technical Secretariat and Branch Offices.