



ENI CBC MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN PROGRAMME 2014-2020

Call for proposals for capitalisation 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 capitalisation 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;
- Guidelines for Grant Applicants, meant for supporting Applicants in project design and development;
- Terms of Reference and annexes.

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

Selected Priorities and budget

Following the decision of the Joint Monitoring Committee, this call for capitalisation projects addresses the 11 thematic Priorities listed in the table below. A proposal shall refer to one Priority only. **The total EU contribution available for this call is € 11.000.000,00** indicatively distributed amongst the 11 Priorities as follows:

Thematic Objectives	Priorities (synthesis)	Indicative EU contribution	Co-financing (at least 10% of the total funding)	Total
A.1 Business and SMEs development	A.1.1: Support innovative start-up and recently established enterprises	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	A.1.2: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors and non-traditional sectors	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	A.1.3: Encourage sustainable tourism initiatives and actions	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11

A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	A.2.1: Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	A.2.2: Support SMEs in accessing research and innovation, also through clustering	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
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	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	A.3.2: Support social and solidarity economic actors	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
B.4 Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation	B.4.1: Water management - Support sustainable initiatives targeting innovative and technological solutions to increase water efficiency	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	B.4.2: Waste treatment and recycling - Reduce municipal waste generation, promote source-separated collection and its optimal exploitation	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	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	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	B.4.4: Integrated Coastal Zone Management - Incorporate the Ecosystem-Based management approach to ICZM into local development planning	€ 1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
TOTAL		€ 11.000.000,00		

Having the ENI CBC MED Programme started a major change procedure to review the allocation of remaining funds among the Thematic Objectives, and in case this major change is approved, the potential EU contribution to the call might be €15.245.441,12 indicatively distributed amongst the 11 Priorities as follows:

Thematic Objectives	Priorities (synthesis)	EU contribution potential allocation*	Co-financing (at least 10% of the total funding)	Total
A.1 Business and SMEs development	A.1.1: Support innovative start-up and recently established enterprises	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
	A.1.2: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors and non-traditional sectors	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
	A.1.3: Encourage sustainable tourism initiatives and actions	1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	A.2.1: Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
	A.2.2: Support SMEs in accessing research and innovation, also through clustering	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
A.3 Promotion of social	A.3.1: Provide young people, especially those belonging to the NEETS, and women, with marketable skills	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71

inclusion and the fight against poverty	A.3.2: Support social and solidarity economic actors	1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
B.4 Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation	B.4.1: Water management - Support sustainable initiatives targeting innovative and technological solutions to increase water efficiency	1.000.000,00	€ 111.111,11	€ 1.111.111,11
	B.4.2: Waste treatment and recycling - Reduce municipal waste generation, promote source-separated collection and its optimal exploitation	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
	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	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
	B.4.4: Integrated Coastal Zone Management - Incorporate the Ecosystem-Based management approach to ICZM into local development planning	€ 1.530.680,14	€ 170.075,57	€ 1.700.755,71
TOTAL		€ 15.245.441,12		

Who may apply?

Applicants and partners must be established in the eligible territories of the countries participating in the Programme (as detailed below) and they shall meet the eligibility criteria indicated in the Guidelines for Applicants.

COUNTRIES	CORE ELIGIBLE REGIONS	ADJOINING REGIONS
Algeria	Tlemcen, Ain Temouchent, Oran, Mostaganem, Chlef, Tipaza, Alger, Boumerdes, Tizi Ouzou, Bejaia, Jijel, Skikda, Annaba, El Tarf	To be defined
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 ¹	None
Italy	Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Lazio, Liguria, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana	Abruzzo, Emilia Romagna, Marche, Molise, Piemonte, Umbria

¹ The eligibility criteria formulated in the Commission Notice Nr. 2013/C- 205/05 (OJEU C-205 of 19.07.2013) establishing Guidelines on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards, shall apply for all actions under this ENI CBC MED Programme, including with respect to third parties receiving financial support in the cases where the respective action involves financial support to third parties by grant beneficiaries in accordance with article 137 of the EU's Financial Regulation.

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 ²	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, Tataoiune, Zaghouan

Please note that the participation of Algeria is under suspension clause. Entities located in the eligible territories of Algeria may apply for this call for proposals but can receive Programme funds only if Algeria signs the Financing Agreement with the European Commission within the deadline of the call.

The possible situations regarding project proposals including partners from Algeria, in the event the country has not signed the Financing Agreement (FA) before the deadline of the call, are the following:

- In case the Applicant is from Algeria and the country has not signed the FA by the deadline of the call, the whole proposal will be rejected;
- In case a partnership includes more than 2 organizations from Algeria and the country has not signed the FA by the deadline of the call, the whole proposal will be rejected;
- In case a partnership includes 1 or 2 organizations from Algeria and the country has not signed the FA by the deadline of the call, concerned partners can be replaced with similar partners from other Mediterranean Partner Countries having signed the FA.

In the event of the replacement of one or two partners, the Managing Authority (MA) will ask - right after the deadline for the submission of proposals - the concerned Applicants to provide the new partner(s) details together with related statements and updated sections of the application form within a deadline of 20 calendar days (from the date of the request of the MA).

This means that the concerned project proposals will not go through the evaluation process until the requested documents have been provided. Failure in providing the requested documents within the set deadline 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 capitalisation projects, the project partnership shall represent a minimum of five (5) different eligible countries including at least one (1) EU Mediterranean Country (EUMC) and one (1)

² Applicants and partners based in Lisbon region can only apply to projects under the Overarching Objective 1.

Mediterranean Partner Country (MPC). Further information on partnership's composition is available in the Guidelines for Applicants.

Limitation to participation

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

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

The same Applicant cannot be awarded more than two (2) grants as Lead Beneficiary under this call for proposals. In case more than two (2) proposals from the same Applicant are preselected according to the rules for this call, only the two (2) best ranked proposals will be included in the list of projects to be financed.

Programme contribution to the projects and co-financing rate

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

The remaining percentage, which cannot be less 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 total EU contribution to capitalisation projects must be within a minimum of € 0.5 million and a maximum of € 1 million.

The total cost of the project and related budget cannot exceed € 1,111,111 million, 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 12 and 24 months.³

Submission of project proposals

Applications must be submitted using the online Application Form available at www.enicbcmmed.eu/eform.

All documents included in the Application Pack can be downloaded from the Programme website at www.enicbcmmed.eu.

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

The deadline for the submission of project proposals is Tuesday, 28th of July 2020 at 1 pm (CET).

³ According to article 18.3 of the "Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 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", all project activities financed by the programme shall end on 31 December 2022 at the latest.

Responsibility for the procedure

According to the ENI CBC Med Programme, responsibility for the administrative procedures of this call for proposals lays on Sardinia Region, in the person of the Director of the Operational and Authorising Unit of the Managing Authority.

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 “Frequently Asked Questions” section of the Programme website.

In case of differences between the Arabic, English and French versions of the documents of the call, the English version shall prevail.

For further information, please visit the Programme website (www.enicbcmmed.eu).

**The Head of the Operational and
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