

ENI CBC MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN PROGRAMME 2014-2020

Call for proposals for strategic 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).

Selected Priorities and budget

Following the decision of the Joint Monitoring Committee, this call for strategic projects addresses the 7 thematic Priorities listed in the table below. A proposal shall refer to one Priority only. **The total EU contribution available for this call is € 68.518.886,09**, indicatively distributed amongst the 7 Priorities as follows:

Thematic Objectives	Priorities	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	€ 6.798.008,68	€ 755.334,30	€ 7.553.342,98
	A.1.2: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors and non-traditional sectors	€ 6.798.008,68	€ 755.334,30	€ 7.553.342,98

A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	A.2.1: Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results	€ 15.240.314,49	€ 1.693.368,28	€ 16.933.682,77
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	€ 12.192.251,59	€ 1.354.694,62	€ 13.546.946,21
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	€ 9.163.434,21	€ 1.018.159,36	€ 10.181.593,57
	B.4.2: Waste treatment and recycling - Reduce municipal waste generation, promote source-separated collection and its optimal exploitation	€ 9.163.434,21	€ 1.018.159,36	€ 10.181.593,57
	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	€ 9.163.434,21	€ 1.018.159,36	€ 10.181.593,57

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	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 ¹	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:

Case type	Condition	Applicant	Total number of partners in the project proposal	N. of partners from Algeria	Outcomes
1	Applicant from Algeria which has not signed the FA by the deadline of the call	Algeria (not having signed the FA)	Regardless of the number of partners	Regardless of the number of partners	Rejection of the whole proposal
2	Partnership involving only 4 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	3	1	The partner from Algeria can be replaced with a similar partner from another MPC having signed the FA
3	Partnership involving more than 4 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	More than 3	1 or 2	Up to of 2 partners from Algeria can be replaced with similar partners from other MPCs having signed the FA
4	Partnership involving more than 4 organisations	EU or MPC having signed the FA	More than 3	3	Rejection of the whole proposal

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

In the event of the replacement of one or two partners (options 2 and 3), the MA will ask - right after the deadline for the submission of proposals - 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 a deadline of 30 calendar days.

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 strategic projects, the project partnership shall represent a minimum of four (4) different eligible countries including at least two (2) EU Mediterranean Countries (EUMC) and two (2) Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC). Further information on partnership's composition are available in the Guidelines for Applicants.

Limitation to participation

In the framework of this call for strategic 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 three (3) grants as Lead Beneficiary.

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 strategic projects must be within a minimum of € 2.5 million and a maximum of € 3.5 million.

The total cost of the project and related budget cannot exceed € 4 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 24 and 30 months.

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 July 3rd 2019 at 1 pm (CET).

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) or contact the Managing Authority and the Branch Offices.

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