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Challenges, priorities and opportunities



ENPI, ENI and NEXT MED

Driving cooperation across borders in the Mediterranean since 2007

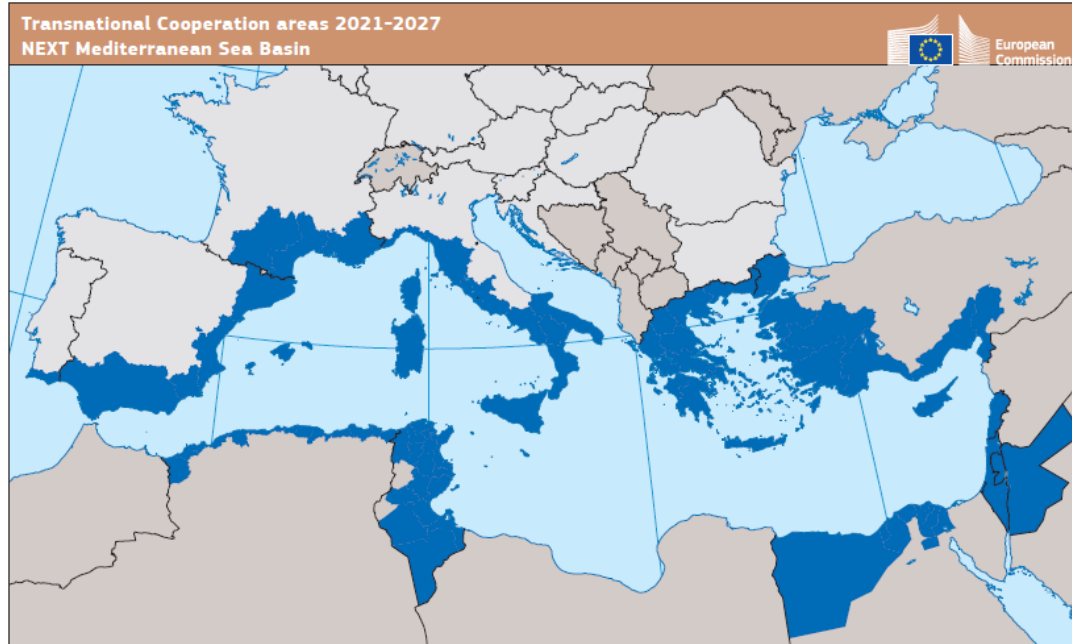
- NEXT MED is the third edition of the **largest EU-funded programme** for cooperation between the two shores of the Mediterranean
- Contribute to joint **prosperity, stability and security** by addressing together common challenges
- Key principles: co-ownership, balanced partnership, common benefits
- Programme managed by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia on behalf of the European Commission and the participating countries

The ambition of NEXT MED Programme

The vision of the Programme is to contribute to a **smart, sustainable and equal development** for all in the Mediterranean Basin by supporting a **balanced, sustainable and ambitious cooperation** as well as **multilevel governance**.



An enlarged geographical coverage



- **15 participating countries**, 90+ eligible territories, 200+ million people live in cooperation area: **Algeria**, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, **Turkey**
- Full eligibility of partner countries to be confirmed through a financial agreement with the European Commission

Reinforced financial means

Budget up by 21% compared to the ENI CBC Med Programme

PROGRAMME ALLOCATIONS	
Fund	Amount
ERDF	€ 96.199.962,00
NDICI	€ 147.625.817,00
IPA III	€ 9.500.000,00
Total programme amount (EU)	€ 253.325.779,00
Technical Assistance (10%)	€ 23.029.616,00
Total EU contribution for projects (90%)	€ 230.296.163,00
Match funding (10%) to be provided at project level	€ 28.147.313,00
TOTAL PROGRAMME PROJET VALUE	€ 281.473.092,00

Elements of continuity compared with the 2014-2020 Programme:

- 90% Max co-financing rate of projects
- Pre-financing to projects

The priorities of the Programme

A more competitive and smarter Mediterranean € 66.6 (29%)	A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Mediterranean € 96.9 (42%)	A more social and inclusive Mediterranean € 48.8 (21%)	Interreg Specific Objective 'A better cooperation governance' € 17.7 (8%)
Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs €26.6 million (12%)	Access to water and sustainable water management € 24.2 million (10.5%)	Access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through accessible infrastructure, including resilience for distance and on-line education and training € 33.3 million (14%)	Actions to support better governance (<i>NEW</i>) € 17.7 million (8%)
Research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies € 39.9 million (17%)	Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions € 24.2 million (10.5%)	Access to health care and resilience of health systems, including primary care, and transition from institutional to family- and community-based care (<i>NEW</i>) € 15.5 million (7%)	
	Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches (<i>NEW</i>) € 24.2 million (10.5%)		
	Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy (<i>NEW</i>) € 24.2 million (10.5%)		

Type of projects and calls

Proposal from the Managing Authority

First Call Standard

- Open to all specific objectives and to the Interreg Specific Objective
- *Youth strand*: focus on projects involving organizations provided by young people as Lead Beneficiary or Partners
- **45% of the budget: €103,6 million**

Second Call Green Transition

- Open to the relevant specific objectives and to the Interreg specific objective
- Achieve green results with a transversal approach
- Sustainable Impact
- **35% of the budget: €80.6 million**

Third Call Capitalisation

- Open to all specific objectives and to the Interreg Specific Objective
- New projects
- Enhancement of the results of a selection of projects from NEXT MED and other initiatives
- Deployment of effective solutions
- Stimulate synergies with other initiatives
- **15% of the budget: €34.5 million**

Fourth Call Consolidation

- Open to all specific objectives and to the Interreg Specific Objective
- NEXT MED projects on course our already closed only
- Support the continuation of successful projects and strengthen results
- **5% of the budget: €11.5 million**

What makes a project successful?

Lessons learned

- **TRULY TRANSNATIONAL**
 - **STRONG OWNERSHIP:** proposals developed by partner organizations, avoid turnkey solutions delivered by external experts
 - **SOUND PROJECT MANAGEMENT and QUALITY STAFFING**
 - **HIGHLY OPERATIONAL ORGANISATIONS:** to ensure efficient and timely tendering, recruitment, payment procedures
 - **INNOVATIVE:** testing of new, pioneering approaches, solutions
 - **IMPACTFUL:** projects actually benefitting to target groups and final beneficiaries not only to partners' organizations
 - **INCLUSIVE:** importance of involvement of young people, vulnerable groups, women, local communities
 - **VISIBLE:** do and let know
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