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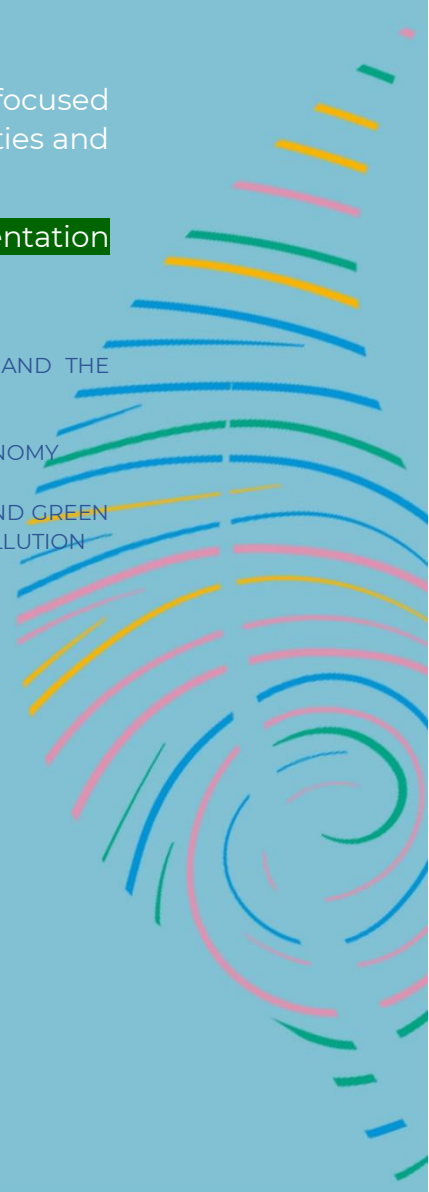
The 8th call for proposals is targeted to thematic Test projects focused on the Smarter and Greener Mediterranean Programme priorities and the following related specific objectives:

Call open under 2 steps: A written-application and an oral presentation

1.1 DEVELOPING AND ENHANCING RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAPACITIES AND THE UPTAKE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES

2.6 PROMOTING THE TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR AND RESOURCE EFFICIENT ECONOMY

2.7 ENHANCING PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF NATURE, BIODIVERSITY AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING IN URBAN AREAS AND REDUCING ALL FORMS OF POLLUTION



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Introduction

The ambition of the **Interreg Euro-MED Programme** — which covers **69 regions in 14 countries** of the Northern Mediterranean — is **to support the transition towards a climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable and resilient society**, in line with the European Green Deal, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and the Territorial Agenda 2030. To pursue this goal, the Programme is structured around four **missions**, each acting as a **portfolio of actions on a strategic thematic issue**, designed to enhance and amplify the impact of project results. These missions are:

- **Strengthening an Innovative Sustainable Economy**
- **Protecting, Restoring and Valorising the Natural Environment and Heritage**
- **Promoting Green Living Areas**
- **Enhancing Sustainable Tourism**

All **thematic projects** must **contribute to and be part of one of the missions**. The missions correspond to and are implemented through the Programme's thematic **priorities** (Priority 1 "*Smarter Mediterranean*" and Priority 2 "*Greener Mediterranean*") and their **Specific Objectives (SOs)**. In parallel, **Governance projects** under the "Better Mediterranean Governance" priority support and amplify the results of thematic projects across these missions.

Call for Proposals No. 08 ("Call 08") is an **open call focusing on Thematic Test projects** that will operate under the **Smarter and Greener Mediterranean** priorities.

The guiding thread of this call for proposals is "**Advancing territorial resilience**". Project proposals shall demonstrate the **territorial and institutional anchoring** of the proposed activities.

Thematic Test projects under Call 08 should be sufficiently mature at the time of their submission to move swiftly from design to implementation.

They should address a clearly identified territorial need, be firmly grounded in existing strategies, plans, or policy priorities, and demonstrate a focused intervention logic, strong partnership capacity, and tangible outputs that can be used, adapted, or transferred beyond the initial pilot context.

Overall, Call 08 is expected to support projects that serve as operational testing grounds for solutions with the potential to strengthen the resilience and sustainability of Mediterranean territories.

The mission "Enhancing Sustainable Tourism" is not open under Call 08 – no project proposal in this call may choose Tourism as its mission.

What is the type of project targeted under this Call?

This call targets exclusively Thematic Test projects.



Test projects are designed to implement and test concrete solutions, strategies or action plans under real-life conditions, in order to demonstrate their effectiveness and prepare their possible uptake, transfer or scaling-up in other Mediterranean territories.

Indicative types of activities for Test projects:

- Developing and testing common solutions, strategies or action plans through pilot activities
- Assessing and monitoring results from the pilot activities
- Elaborating plans for transferability of the results

Key characteristics of Thematic Test projects under Call 08 include:

- **Action-oriented and results-driven:** Test projects **prioritise on-the-ground implementation** of pilot activities. They are not merely planning or research projects; instead, they put existing or new solutions into practice to validate and refine them. While some analysis or preparatory tasks may be carried out (for example, to adapt a solution to local conditions or to devise a detailed implementation plan), the bulk of activities should revolve around **practical testing and demonstration, including an essential assessment phase (ex post)**.
- **Short duration and readiness:** With a **maximum project duration of 24 months**, each project must be **highly mature and ready to start implementation quickly**. This implies that **project ideas should already be well-developed** and have necessary groundwork done (e.g. identification of pilot sites, preliminary design of solutions and the pilot action's resources need, initial stakeholder engagement, etc.). Proposals will be expected to show a clear plan for immediate rollout of activities, including any required procurement, permits or agreements, to ensure that results can be delivered within two years. In evaluation, **the maturity of the project concept and the feasibility of the timeline will be important factors to demonstrate the concreteness of the project idea**.
- **Possibility to use existing solutions** developed in other contexts to expand at Euro-MED level: EU Mission Restore our Ocean& Waters, EU Mission Adaptation to climate change, EU Mission Climate-neutral and smart cities, EU Mission A Soil deal for Europe, UNEP-MAP (MSSD 2026-2035 and related Flagships), UfM, WestMed, EUSAIR, CBC programmes, regional level programmes or initiatives, ...
- **Focused scope:** Given the time constraints, Test projects should have a **narrowly defined scope**. They typically address **a specific issue or challenge** within their chosen mission and target a clearly defined territorial context. The project's work plan should concentrate on a coherent set of activities that serve the project's objective, avoiding overly broad or disparate actions. A limited number of well-

integrated, high-impact activities is preferable to a wide array of loosely connected tasks.

- **Concrete territorial impact:** Test projects are expected to deliver **tangible improvements or validated solutions in the territories involved** by the project's end. This might include new services operational on the ground, new technologies or tools tested in pilot areas, physical improvements (equipment installations, nature-based solutions), or new protocols and practices being applied. The outcomes should be measurable and demonstrate how the project's interventions have made a difference in the participating regions.
- **Relevant partnership:** To maximize the chances of successful implementation and uptake of results, Projects are expected to mobilize actors directly involved **in policy implementation and territorial management**, ensuring that partnerships possess the **operational competences, institutional legitimacy, and technical capacities** necessary to produce realistic and durable outcomes. Having the **“right players around the table” is crucial**, both for effective pilot implementation and for ensuring that successful solutions can be sustained or scaled by those actors afterwards. They shall favor the integration of their results in local and regional policies, thus contributing to **regional convergence** in the Euro-MED cooperation area and **place-based strategies**. Project should be sufficiently **mature** to ensure that results can be effectively translated into policies or practices and integrate prevention measures.
- **Transnational cooperation and replicability:** Although Test projects implement localised pilot actions, they must demonstrate a **transnational approach** and answer to a **shared transnational challenge and need within the Mediterranean area**. This can be achieved by implementing comparable pilots in multiple regions, or by ensuring that partners from different countries jointly design and evaluate the solution, harmonize their methodologies, bringing diverse expertise. In addition, projects should consider from the outset how the knowledge, evidence and lessons generated through the testing phase can be used by other territories and organisations. This includes documenting methods, conditions for success, and implementation requirements, as well as sharing results through exchange events, guidance materials, peer-learning activities or training sessions to facilitate the replication and wider uptake of successful approaches beyond the partnership.
- **Compulsory activity:** one **training** to be developed to be included in the **Euro-MED Academy**, to contribute to the **EU skills agenda** for the green and blue transition, promoting reskilling or upscaling aligned with emerging green or blue sectors.

Which are the Programme objectives targeted with these Terms of reference?

These Terms of reference (hereinafter ToR) falls under the Programme's **Priority 1: Smarter Mediterranean** and **Priority 2: Greener Mediterranean**, specifically addressing **Specific Objective 1.1**, **Specific Objective 2.6**, and **Specific Objective 2.7**. Thus, each project must clearly **contribute to one of these Specific Objectives (SOs)** and be aligned with one of the three **missions** open in this call:

- **Mission “Strengthening an Innovative Sustainable Economy”** – open under **SO 1.1** *Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies* and **SO 2.6** *Promoting the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy*.
- **Mission “Protecting, Restoring and Valorising the Natural Environment and Heritage”** (Natural Heritage) – open under **SO 2.7** *Enhancing protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution*.
- **Mission “Promoting Green Living Areas”** – open under **SO 2.7** *Enhancing protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution*.

The mission “Enhancing Sustainable Tourism” is not open under Call 08 – no project proposal in this call may choose Tourism as its mission.

Projects submitted to Call 08 must therefore choose **one** of the above three missions and address one corresponding eligible Specific Objective.

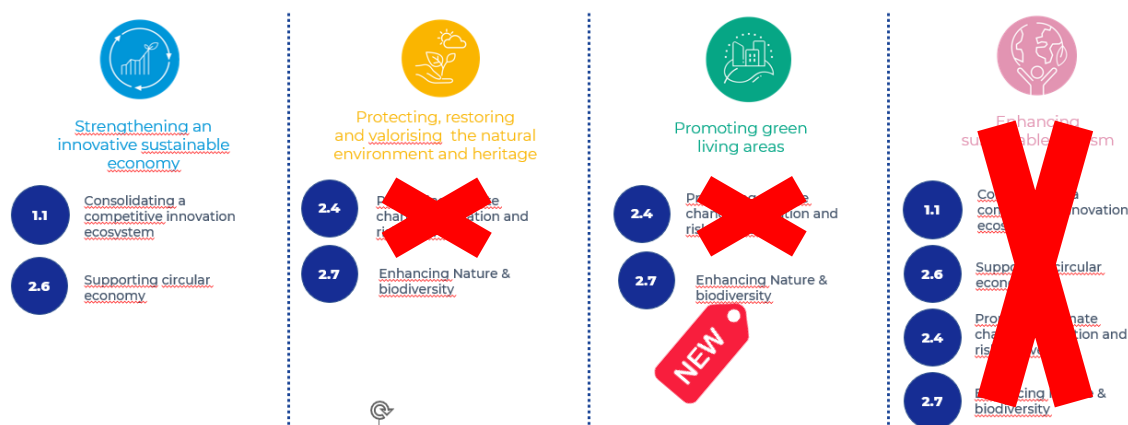


Illustration of the structure of the programme: Priorities, Specific Objectives and Missions, OPEN FOR THIS CALL.

Below is a detailed description of the thematic scope and expectations for each **Mission eligible in this call**.

The Mission “Strengthening an Innovative Sustainable Economy”

This mission fosters **innovation-driven solutions for sustainable economic transformation**, contributing to both a *smarter* and *greener* Mediterranean economy. Projects under ISE should leverage transnational cooperation in research, technology and innovation to **accelerate the adoption of advanced technologies and circular practices** that enhance sustainability and competitiveness in key sectors.

Projects in this mission should allow, through transnational cooperation, the development of solutions and strategies based on all type of innovation in the sector of the Green and Blue economy. Innovation is intended as the use of new ideas, products or methods where they are not used before and can take different forms (organisational, process or product innovation, social or eco-innovation).

Proposals must clearly demonstrate how **innovation is applied to improve sustainable and innovative production and consumption practices** in Mediterranean contexts.

Projects shall address ONE of the 3 following topics:

- **Reducing air pollution in the construction sector**
- **Reducing water pollution in the agri-food sector**
- **Reducing water plastic pollution**

Projects in this mission shall cover well identified territories, type of pollution and sector and must deliver results that contribute to EU and Mediterranean agendas for green and blue growth. Proposals must **efficiently** contribute to the **EU's Zero Pollution Action Plan** by demonstrating ways to reduce air or water pollution from economic activities, to link with skills development in line with the EU Skills Agenda and be clearly transferable into public policies.

Specific objectives targeted under the mission Innovative Sustainable Economy are:

SO 1.1 Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Projects shall implement innovative activities including service, technology or non-technology driven innovation, organizational patterns...

The results of the projects within this specific objective should aim at reinforcing sustainable economic sectors, the capacity of private and public stakeholders to implement a sustainable economy and the integration of their outcome in public policies.

Indicative list of **solutions**:

- ✓ Solutions promoting climate-friendly innovations and/or the uptake of advanced technologies related to S3 such as the development of materials or processes that reduce or improve indoor air quality in buildings, in particular public buildings
- ✓ Solutions establishing innovative sustainable business models, practices, processes and capacities that reduce water pollution in the agrifood sector
- ✓ Solutions promoting innovative sustainable entrepreneurship and enhancing new skills and habits (especially among young people, new/emerging sectors and those in transition) such as the promotion of green/blue skills and jobs, and of sustainable behaviors that prevent plastic leakage at source
- ✓ Integrated solutions for monitoring and reducing pollution in the targeted sector.

SO 2.6 Promoting the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy

Projects shall implement innovative activities which remodel the current linear economy and create pathways towards a circular economy and a sustainable society

Indicative list of **solutions**:

- ✓ Solutions promoting circular and sustainable product design and product development with an integrated life-cycle approach, in particular regarding plastic packaging.
- ✓ Solutions enhancing circular value chains reducing plastic water pollution.
- ✓ Solutions fostering the recovery and reuse of water from agri-food processing for irrigation or industrial purposes.
- ✓ Solutions promoting sustainable consumption and consumers' behavioural change.

Indicative list of **strategies and action plans**:

- ✓ Strategies and/ or action plans promoting circular economy actions on local and/or regional level.
- ✓ Strategies and/or action plans integrating sustainable production and consumption models.
- ✓ Strategies and/or action plans for resources management and pollution reduction.

The Mission “Protecting, Restoring and Valorising the Natural Environment and Heritage”

This mission supports the **preservation and restoration of the Mediterranean’s natural capital** (biodiversity, ecosystems, resources), while enhancing climate adaptation and risk resilience.

In Call 08, projects in the Natural Heritage mission must select **SO 2.7 (nature and biodiversity, including green infrastructure and pollution reduction)**.

Projects shall address ONE of the following topics:

- **Ecosystem restoration**
- **Biodiversity resilience**

1. Ecosystem restoration

Projects shall aim at restoring degraded ecosystems through concrete on-the-ground interventions supporting longer-term ecological recovery processes.

All funded projects must demonstrate their contribution to the implementation of the **Nature Restoration Regulation**. Projects should strengthen the practical implementation of the **restoration plans** and facilitate coordination among the different instances that are involved in the process. They must demonstrate a clear connection to ongoing policy and planning processes related to the implementation of the Regulation.

Ecological connectivity should be considered, where relevant, in the implementation of restoration actions (to support species movement, habitat continuity, ecosystem resilience...)

Indicative list of **solutions**:

- ✓ Solutions for restoring natural functions of ground and surface water, including freshwater ecosystems (lakes, rivers, wetlands...)
- ✓ Joint transnational approaches for restoring degraded ecosystems (terrestrial, freshwater, coastal and marine ecosystems)
- ✓ Development or improvement of common methodologies, decision-support tools for ecosystem restoration
- ✓ Harmonization of monitoring systems and data-sharing platforms for ecosystem restoration at transnational level

Indicative list of **strategies and action plans**:

- ✓ Restoration management and monitoring plans
- ✓ Governance frameworks supporting the long-term implementation and assessment of restoration actions
- ✓ Action plans for the restoration of freshwater and wetland ecosystems
- ✓ Actions plans for the restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems.

2. Biodiversity Resilience

Projects shall aim at improving **biodiversity conservation** and enhancing the resilience of terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

In this context, projects must focus on actions related to **biodiversity monitoring** and/or **biodiversity management**.

Actions related to biodiversity monitoring may include the collection and analysis of data on species and habitats, the assessment of ecological changes over time, and the monitoring of biodiversity status and ecosystem health.

Actions related to biodiversity management may include the improvement of existing management plans, the strengthening of governance frameworks for natural habitats, and the testing and implementation of targeted conservation measures.

All funded projects must clearly demonstrate their contribution to the implementation, support or enhancement of biodiversity strategies, conservation priorities and ecosystem management plans in the territories where they are implemented.

Indicative list of **solutions**:

- ✓ Development or improvement of biodiversity monitoring protocols for species and habitats
- ✓ Development or improvement of tools and methodologies for biodiversity data collection and analysis.
- ✓ Solutions for management of transboundary natural resources

Indicative list of **strategies and action plans**:

- ✓ Transnational action plans for improving ecological connectivity and reducing habitat fragmentation.
- ✓ Joint governance frameworks for the coordinated management and monitoring of terrestrial and marine ecosystems across boundaries.
- ✓ Action plans for safeguarding priority species and habitats through coordinated transnational measures.

All actions implemented under this Mission must not create additional pressure on ecosystems but should instead be implemented in harmony with nature, **building on sound scientific knowledge and evidence-based approaches**.

With this concern the projects should consider **Science–Policy Interface** as a key element for translating scientific knowledge into practical actions and policy recommendations, thereby enhancing both ecological and societal impacts.

To this end, projects are encouraged to involve **existing science-policy platforms and governance mechanisms** to facilitate evidence-based decision-making and maximise project impact (such as territorial observatories, climate and biodiversity governance platforms, policy labs, advisory boards, territorial living labs...).

The Mission “Promoting Green Living Areas”

This mission aims to **make Mediterranean cities, towns and other living areas greener, healthier and more resilient**, by reducing their environmental footprint and enhancing climate adaptation at the local level. Under Call 08, projects in the Green Living Areas mission should select **SO 2.7 (nature, biodiversity, green infrastructure, pollution reduction)** – thereby focusing on nature-based and community-driven solutions to environmental issues in urban or peri-urban settings.

Within the Green Living Areas mission in this Call, projects shall address the topic of **wellbeing and health**: a transdisciplinary approach, to encourage choices that minimise people’s exposure to risk factors (air pollution, noise pollution, the urban heat island effect, social isolation, etc.) and that promote exposure to protective factors (physical activity, access to healthcare or green spaces, better access to healthy food, etc.).

It pays particular attention to health inequalities and social justice. It supports actions that deliver co-benefits for health, the environment and the climate.

Projects shall address ONE of the following topics:

- **Wellbeing and health in living areas**
- **Urban agriculture and resilient food systems**

1. Wellbeing and health in living areas

- Implement a transdisciplinary approach supporting the identification and implementation of new lines of action, indicators, and partnerships connecting urban resilience, climate adaptation, environment, and public health
- Focus on health inequalities and social justice
- Integrate monitoring actions and participatory process involving citizens (e.g participatory science)

In this focus, to confirm an actual transdisciplinary approach integrating health, the participation of **partners with health competencies** is compulsory.

Indicative list of **solutions**:

- ✓ Transdisciplinary solutions, integrating health to improve the resilience of living areas
- ✓ Monitoring and management of climate change health related risk issues

Indicative list of strategies and action plans:

- ✓ Integration of health component in sustainable energy and climate action plans
- ✓ Integration of health component in climate change adaptation strategies
- ✓ Integration of health component in planning tools

2. Urban agriculture and resilient food systems

- Developing resilient urban agriculture by designing and implementing multifunctional green infrastructure and/or,
- Promoting social inclusion and neighbourhood regeneration, through the transformation of spaces and the integration of citizen participation processes and/or,
- Developing or improving sustainable territorial food systems through integrated governance approaches (involving public authorities, economic stakeholders, civil society and citizens)

Indicative list of **solutions**:

- ✓ Agriculture solutions integrating food production into urban and peri-urban areas.
- ✓ Collaborative management models for the collective management of productive spaces.
- ✓ Multifunctional green infrastructure solutions combining urban agriculture, climate adaptation, improvement of the living environment and health.
- ✓ Participatory design methodologies for designing productive agriculture infrastructure with local communities, including citizen engagement methodologies.
- ✓ Participatory decision-making tools for local food governance.
- ✓ Monitoring and decision-support tools to facilitate the management of territorial food policies.

Indicative list of **strategies and action plans**:

- ✓ Territorial action Plan for Multifunctional Green Infrastructure.

- ✓ Replication Plan for Urban/Peri-urban agriculture Solutions.
- ✓ Local Planning Guidelines for Productive Green Spaces.
- ✓ Neighbourhood Regeneration included into urban/pre-urban Action Plan
- ✓ Community Engagement Strategy in the design and management of urban and peri-urban agricultural spaces.
- ✓ Multi-level Governance Action Plan for Local Food Systems (including citizen participation)

Complementarities

Projects should **Link up with existing policies** to support policy coherence and efficiency on similar challenges, among others:

- Mediterranean Pact (based on 1st action plan mainly)
- Revised UNEP-MAP Mediterranean Sustainable Development Strategy with its flagship initiatives
- EU strategies for islands and coastal communities
- EU Skills agenda
- UfM Ministerial declaration on Environment
- UfM Ministerial declaration on Blue Economy
- Nature Restoration Regulation (particularly for Natural Heritage mission)
- Global Biodiversity Framework (particularly for Natural Heritage mission)
- Biodiversity Strategy (particularly for Natural Heritage mission)
- SwitchMed Programme (particularly for ISE mission)
- Toward Zero pollution for Air, Water and Soil Action Plan (particularly for ISE mission)
- EU Green Agenda (particularly for ISE mission)
- New European Bauhaus initiative (particularly for GLA mission)
- EU agenda for cities (particularly for GLA mission)

What are the expected outputs and results?

The projects selected under each mission must develop a set of activities to tackle the identified common challenges and lead to the expected change in the identified key sectors. Activities shall be designed to produce the outputs and reach the results listed below. Possible types of activities are described in the Programme Manual. (Section “Design the project activities” and Annex “Deliverables list”).

Depending on the Specific Objective, selected projects are particularly expected to produce solutions and strategies or action plans.

Solutions are methodologies, tools, technologies, services, partnership/cooperation agreements and should be developed through the involvement from at least 2 partners from the Programme cooperation area, tested in real conditions and easily transferable.

In the context of the Interreg Euro-MED Programme, the participation of all partners in the development of the solution is encouraged, depending on the nature of the activities implemented.

A **strategy** is a course of actions designed to achieve a long-term goal in a specific domain.

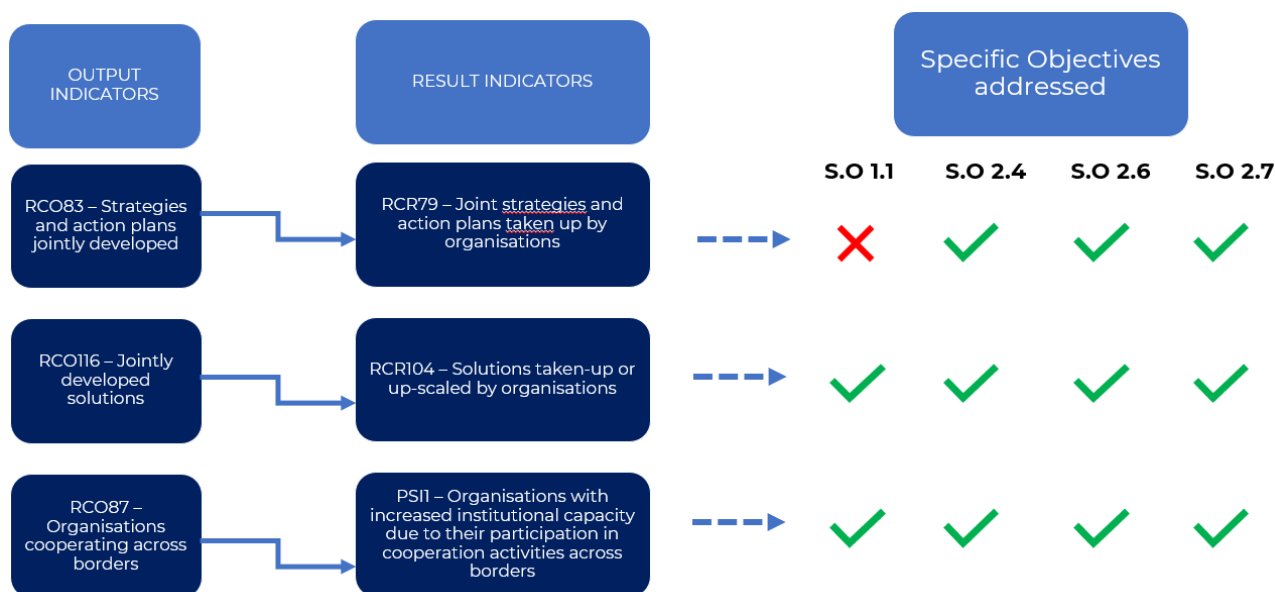
An **action plan** is the translation of jointly developed strategies into actions. Targeted strategies should contribute to the main Mediterranean or EU policies/directives of the topic tackled and be easily transferable.

All activities developing outputs and providing results in target areas must be carried out from a transnational perspective. In other words, the final output should be transnational in scope, not exclusively local.

Other achievements could be carried out as long as they are coherent with the corresponding SO and the requirements of the ToR.

Programme indicators

By developing such solutions, strategies and action plans, projects will contribute to the Programme indicators, depending on the S.O. they are applying to. Please consult the Programme Manual (Section Building my project / Designing project activities + Annex Methodology and Indicators template) for defining the project contribution to the Programme indicators:



- **Output indicator “Organisations cooperating across borders” (RCO87):**

The indicator counts the organisations cooperating formally in the supported project. An organisation is the legal entity acting as partner or associate partner in the project.

- **Result indicator “Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders” (PSI1):**

This indicator measures the number of organisations (defined in RCO87), that actively participated in cooperation activities of a project across borders and consequently increased their institutional capacity in the thematic field of the project. It refers in particular to organisations actively participating in the development of joint solutions, strategies and action plans.

- **Output indicator “Jointly developed solutions” (RCO116)**

This indicator counts the solution newly developed by the project partnership or the solution already developed that are adapted to the Programme context and geographic area by the partnership.

- **Result indicator “Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations” (RCR104)**

This indicator measures the number of solutions (defined in RCO116) (other than legal or administrative), developed by the supported project and taken-up or upscaled by a given organisation. The uptake or upscale (effective or at initial stage) should occur during the implementation of the project or at project closure. The organisation adopting the solutions developed by the project is not necessarily a direct participant in the project.

- **Output indicator “Strategies and action plans jointly developed” (RCO83)**

This indicator counts the strategies, and action plans developed jointly at regional or local level.

- **Result Indicator “Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations” (RCR79)**

This indicator measures the strategies/action plans (defined in **RCO83**) effectively taken up or being at the initial stage of uptake, by the supported project. The uptake should occur during the implementation of the project or at project closure. The organisation adopting the strategies/action plans developed by the project may be or not a direct participant in the project.

What are the targeted areas and target groups?

Unlike some previous calls, **Call 08 does not impose any specific categories of territories** (such as islands, rural or urban areas) or themes beyond those defined by the missions and Specific Objectives. **Projects may choose to work in any part of the Programme area that is relevant to their chosen mission and project objectives.** Each proposal, however, must **clearly define the territorial focus** of its pilot actions (e.g., specific regions, cities or other areas) and demonstrate why these areas are suitable for the project (for instance, because they face the challenges the project aims to address, or have conditions ideal for testing the proposed solution).

Target groups

The main beneficiaries and stakeholders of the project's activities and results – should be clearly identified in each proposal. **Core target groups** across all missions typically include *public authorities* (national, regional, local) and their agencies, since they often play a key role in implementing or mainstreaming solutions. Depending on the project's focus, important target groups may also include: **infrastructure and public service providers** (e.g., utilities, transport agencies), **businesses and SMEs** (especially for projects in economic innovation and circular economy), **civil society and community groups** (notably for citizen engagement in green living areas), **research and educational institutions** (for innovation and capacity-building), and the **general public** where public awareness and behaviour change is important.

In detail, target groups are:

- Public authorities having direct competency in the administrative or operational management of the selected topic
- Sectoral agencies
- Infrastructure and public service providers
- Interest groups including NGOs
- Higher education and research organisations
- Education/training centres and schools
- Enterprises, including SMEs
- General public

Proposals should articulate how these target groups will be involved or reached – for instance, through pilot participation, training, consultations, co-development of solutions, or communication campaigns – and how they stand to benefit from the project's outcomes.

Coordination with Governance projects

As previously indicated, the Programme finances in general two kinds of projects, Thematic projects and Governance projects.

Governance projects are divided into 2 categories:

Thematic Community projects facilitate the exchanges and the development of synergies between projects. They develop technical knowledge embedding the results of the projects and support the effective transfer of their results to other territories or stakeholders.

Institutional Dialogue projects support the effective cooperation of all stakeholders concerned by the Programme missions to improve the governance at transnational level within and beyond the Interreg Euro-MED Programme cooperation area. They optimize the conditions for the transfer, and the mainstreaming of the projects results into practices and public policies.

There is one Thematic Community project and one Institutional Dialogue project for each of the 4 missions and for the whole duration of the Programme.

All the Thematic projects operating under each mission are supported by one Thematic community project and one Institutional Dialogue project.

In order to increase the impact on the territory, the approach of the Programme is built on the idea that improving governance is closely linked to the processes of capitalisation of the projects results. This requires addressing all the actors of the territories, including those not directly involved in the Programme.

Therefore, the design of the different types of projects is based on the overall strategy of the Programme, called "**Results Amplification Strategy**" (RAS), developed to amplify the results of the Thematic projects and have a more sustainable impact on the territories through better coordination and, where possible, integration of (inter)sectoral practices and policies.

It is essential to take into account the Programme RAS before and during the design of the proposal to fully understand the challenges related to the implementation of the Thematic projects, which are the targeted types of projects for this call for proposals.

Consequently, each project shall participate actively in the thematic community of the mission it belongs to, and benefit from the experience and support of the governance projects. Those activities will be co-financed through the project budget.

This implies active participation in group activities and investment in the activities of the governance projects to maximise the impact of the results. The details of these activities are developed by the governance projects that will lead their implementation, but from the outset, the thematic projects must adhere to this approach of cooperation between projects for the Programme strategy to work. In the project proposal, this dimension must be integrated, and a part of the budget must remain flexible to allow at least the **participation in meetings** (indicatively 2 per year) and the necessary **preparation** (providing data, participating in collective workshops, etc).

Moreover, the Programme supports the implementation of the Interreg Euro-MED Academy in coordination with these projects which serve as a training platform to support the dissemination and transfer of knowledge and results. In this framework, all thematic projects have to participate in the **joint elaboration of pedagogical material** and have to produce at least **a short (1 minute) video presentation** to be published. The creation of this video will be framed by the Academy steering committee composed of representatives of the Joint Secretariat (JS) and the governance projects in order to ensure harmony and a common approach.

Moreover, under this Call, each project must organize at least one training action that will contribute to the Interreg Euro-MED Academy and align with the European Skills Agenda (by providing knowledge or skills for the green and digital transitions).

This could result in outputs such as training modules or materials that can be reused Programme-wide via the Euro-MED Academy platform. The goal is to ensure that projects not only implement technical solutions but also **enhance the skills and knowledge base** of stakeholders in their field.

For more details on activities to be foreseen, please refer to the Programme Manual, “Designing the project activities” and specially the “**Mandatory activities to be integrated in each proposal**” and “Drawing up my budget” sections.

Technical Data sheet

Financial allocation and project duration

The indicative financial allocation for this call for proposals is **around 20 million euros** in total (16M€ of Interreg funds + 4M€ of national co-financing).

An estimated number of 10 projects are expected to be selected within this call. The final number will depend on individual project budgets and final funding availability; the Programme may adjust the number of selected projects

- Total budget per project should not exceed **2 000 000 EUR**
- Project duration: maximum 24 months. **No extension of the project duration will be possible.**

Expected partnership structure for this call

- **As a minimum, the project partnership must be composed of partners based in five (5) different countries within the Interreg Euro-MED Programme cooperation area** (eligibility criteria B.1).
- **The Lead Partner (LP) is a public body, or a body governed by public law** (as defined in Directive 2014/24/EU) (eligibility criteria B.2).
- Partners must have the **direct competence** on the field tackled and on policy implementation. For applications under Green Living Area mission – Topic wellbeing and health in living areas - the participation of partners with health competences is compulsory.
- Partners must have the **capability to implement the pilot activities**: owner of the land/facility or existing agreement with the land/facility owner (agreement to be added to the Application Form Annexes)
- While there is no strict maximum number of partners, experience suggests that keeping the partnership to a manageable size (e.g. 8–10 partners) is beneficial for coordination and effective implementation, especially given the short timeframe of the project.
- An adequate **geographical balance** in the partnership will be positively evaluated during project assessment.

NB: Institutions wishing to participate in the project without contributing financially are considered as "associated partners" (AP) for which no limit of participation is set; these are not considered in the respect of the minimum partnership composition¹.

No specific restriction applies regarding partnership composition or participation in past and ongoing calls. Still, the participation to several projects within the same call is not encouraged as it might endanger the quality of the implementation.

Partners participating in other ongoing project(s) are specifically verified and validated by the National Authorities to ensure their administrative and financial capacity to implement (an) additional project(s).

Key project dates

Start date of the activities: 01/06/2027

End date of all activities: 31/05/2029

Please consider that **activities related to the implementation and to the closure** (i.e preparation and presentation of the final certification by the PPs and project final report and payment claim by the LPs) must be **completed by the end date of the project**.

Timeline of the Call

The indicative timetable for the Euro-MED08 call for thematic Test projects is as follows:

Key steps	Dates
First presentation of key features and calendar of the Call (online)	17 th July 2026
Transnational Informative session (online)	22 nd September 2026
Opening of the written Application step	1 st October 2026
National information campaign by the Programme's National Authorities	Following national calendars
Technical meetings	08/10/2026 online 9.30-12.30 05/11/2026 online 10.00-11.30: Q&A session
Closure of the written Application	13 th November 2026
Submission of mandatory annexes	27 th November 2026

¹ Cf Programme Manual: definition of "associated partner"

Assessment of written Applications and partners' verifications	Dec. 2026 – Feb. or March 2027 (depending on number of applications received)
Pre-Selection by the Monitoring Committee	Early March or April 2027
Oral presentations	March or April 2027
Final selection by the Monitoring Committee	April or May 2027
Pre-contracting and contracting procedures	April – May 2027
Start date of the projects	June 2027

Please note that the details of this schedule are subject to change **following the number of proposals submitted** and should be considered as indicative.

Submission of proposals, evaluation and selection procedure

This section describes the procedure for submitting proposals, the assessment and selection processes in the framework of the **Euro-MED08 Call – THEMATIC TEST PROJECTS**. In addition to the present specifications, the [Programme Manual](#), as well as all the documents relevant for preparing the application (courtesy version of the application form, templates of partners' declarations and Jems² Guidelines) are available on the Programme website on the dedicated page of the call.

The Lead Partner is responsible for the application process on behalf of the whole project partnership and will have to create a profile on the Jems platform to access the online form.

It is important to be sure that **the email address used** for the account creation is **easily accessible** by the applicant as it will be automatically taken over by the system for the reception of any subsequent notification, confirmation, etc.

The application procedure for this Call consists of two consecutive phases. Each phase tackles different aspects of the proposal and applicants must successfully pass the first phase to proceed to the second.

1. Written application through the Jems Monitoring System.

² "Jems" is the Interreg Euro-MED on-line mandatory monitoring tool

2. Oral presentation, supported by a PowerPoint presentation uploaded in Jems, for proposals pre-selected during the written application phase.

Phase 1 – Written Application Submission

Step 1: Application Form

The Application Form (Euro-MED08 Call – TEST PROJECTS) must be completed and validated in Jems before: **13/11/2026 at 13:00 (Brussels time)**. (eligibility criterion A.1)

The Application Form must be created and completed on the Jems platform.

The application may be submitted in English or French.

Only section A.2 Summary is compulsory in both languages.

For all other sections where both languages are required in Jems write “NA” or “.” in the language section that is not used, in order to avoid pre-submission check problems.

For questions in Jems not used for this Call, entitled “Question not used” in the AF, write “NA” or “.” in both languages in order to avoid pre-submission check problems.

The courtesy version of the application form provided by the Programme is a guidance document made available to applicants **for information only** and contains indications on the information expected in the different sections of the form.

The written application covers the following aspects of the proposal:

- ✓ **Territorial relevance and strategic alignment**
 - Clear identification of territorial challenge (WHY)
 - Well-identified target groups (WHO)
 - Contribution to relevant policies/strategies (strong territorial anchoring)
 - Strong synergies with existing initiatives
- ✓ **Horizontal principles**
- ✓ **Partnership composition and capacity**
 - Solid and mature partnership, with clear competencies and/or skills aligned with the project objectives and expected outputs
 - Adequate internal resources and capacities
- ✓ **Quality and coherence of the work plan**
 - Clear, coherent, logic and well-structured work plan
 - Concrete and realistic outputs and results
 - Well-defined investments
 - Maturity of the project
- ✓ **Budget relevance and consistency**

Step 2: Mandatory Annexes

Mandatory annexes must be uploaded in Jems before **27/11/2026 at 13:00 (Brussels time)**.

The following standard annexes must be **signed and uploaded in PDF format** into the system by the above date (Brussels time):

- For each partner participating (including the LP) in the project: a copy of the partner declaration (or LP) **generated from the Jems system**. These forms must be **dated** and **signed** by the legal representative of the partner structure.
- For each of the associated partners (if applicable): a copy of the associated partner declaration, **generated from the Jems system**. These forms must be **dated** and **signed** by the legal representative of the partner structure.

For each partner planning an investment in the AF:

- Statement of Capacity and Compliance with the Principles for Investment declaration, **generated from the Jems system**. These forms must be **dated** and **signed** by the legal representative of the partner structure in charge of the implementation of the investment(s)

The absence of any document or an error in its contents will be presented to the Programme Monitoring Committee and may be included as a condition for the signature of the Subsidy contract (on the basis of Annex II below: List of pre-contractual criteria).

The following **additional annexes** must also be uploaded in PDF format within above-mentioned deadline:

- For each partner implementing a pilot activity at a site not owned by the partner organisation, an **agreement of principle with the landowner** ensuring compliance with the programme's obligations (free disposal agreement to end users, durability, long-term and audit obligations regarding investments,...)³; In case the document is not in one of the Programme's official languages (EN, FR) its courtesy translation should be also provided
- The feasible implementation of activities shall be proven by a detailed **calendar of each procurement procedure** linked to the budgeted items (equipment, infrastructure and work, external expertise and services) from the launching of the procurement procedure through commissioning to final delivery or installation. The minimum required information to be provided for each partner concerned is the following:
 - Partner concerned
 - Activity concerned (and investment concerned if relevant)
 - Amount concerned
 - Type of award procedure

³ For detailed information on durability of investments are provided in the Programme Manual – Section II.H.iv.c.

- Beginning and ending dates of drafting of Terms of References or specificities or order, depending on the award procedure and related national legislation
- Date of publication (if relevant)
- Date of signature of the contract
- Date of the beginning of the activity
- Date of delivery / installation and/or finalisation of the activity

Failure to submit any of the additional annexes by the deadline will prevent the JS from properly assessing the maturity of the proposal, which is one of the key assessment elements for this Call.

Points of attention concerning the validity of a document

The content of the templates provided by the Programme and, where applicable, generated via Jems cannot be modified or amended in any way. All templates requiring a signature must be dated and signed (handwritten or electronic signature) to be considered valid.

The electronic signature is considered valid for the Programme as far as it is recognised at national level; in case of doubt as to the format, it is recommended to **contact your National Authority** (or the one of the partners concerned) to ensure the validity of your documents before submitting them to the Programme.

In case of delegation of signature and for any document concerned, a proof of delegation must be uploaded with the signed document for it to be considered valid.

The (signed) documents are uploaded in PDF version on Jems, **the original paper version** must be kept by the partners in the project file.

Phase 2 – Oral Presentation

Following the conclusion of the written quality assessment phase shortlisted applicants will be invited by the MA/JS, **at least 10 working days in advance**, to take part in the oral phase of the selection procedure, which will be supported by a PowerPoint presentation via Teams.

The online oral presentation covers the following aspects of the proposal:

- ✓ **Project approach and transnational dimension**
 - Clear and coherent implementation approach (HOW)
 - Transnationality & cooperation dimension
- ✓ **Partnership**
 - Clear articulation of roles and responsibilities
 - Complementarity of partners
 - Effective coordination
 - Capacity to ensure quality implementation
- ✓ **Long-term perspective and sustainability**

Durability of results
Strong potential for transferability and replication
Ownership

- ✓ **Any aspects requiring clarification following the written assessment.**

Step 1: Submission of presentation

Before the oral hearing, applicants must upload the PowerPoint presentation in Jems (in Application annexes) by the deadline indicated in the pre-selection notification.

The PPT presentation shall follow the template provided by the Programme, available on the dedicated Call page of the Programme website

Step 2: Oral hearing

The **Lead applicant, on behalf of the partnership, takes part in the oral hearing.** The Lead applicant must be represented by an employee or elected representative belonging to the organisation submitting the proposal. He/She should be formally appointed as the **main presenter of the oral hearing**. The lead applicant may also appoint up to 2 other persons to support the main presenter, representing the lead applicant or any other project partner organisation. The formal appointment of the presenter(s) should be provided by email to the MA/JS by the deadline indicated in the pre-selection notification and **ONLY** the indicated persons will receive the link to access to the hearing session.

The oral presentation is expected to last up to **45 minutes**, and will follow a standard structure:

- Short presentation of the above-mentioned aspects of the proposal by the presenter, supported by the PowerPoint (PowerPoint (up to 30 minutes) presentation;
- Q/A focusing on aspects requiring clarification identified in the written assessment, as well as on the applicant's overall understanding of the proposal (up to 15 minutes).

The presentation is held in English and documented through a **video recording (Teams)**.

Assessment of project proposals

The assessment procedure for this Call consists of two consecutive and eliminatory phases. Each phase assesses different aspects of the proposal and applicants must successfully pass the first phase to proceed to the second.

- **Administrative and eligibility criteria**

The administrative and eligibility check is carried out in the first phase to verify whether an application meets the minimum criteria established by the Programme for the projects of the Call.

The list of administrative and eligibility criteria to be met is given below in **Annex I** of this document.

All Proposals not fulfilling one of these conditions will be considered ineligible and will not be further processed. Lead partners will be informed of the outcome of this first check.

- **Quality assessment criteria**

The quality assessment is carried out in both written and oral phases.

The list of project assessment criteria is available below in **Annex III** of this document.

The score for each assessment criteria will be calculated on a scale from 0 to 5 points. The evaluation grid for thematic projects is composed of 8 criteria with a variable weighting depending on Programme expectations.

The Lead Partners will be informed of the outcome of both qualitative assessment phases.

- **Pre-contractual criteria:**

If **two months**⁴ after the selection of the project, the issues highlighted during the pre-contracting phase and conditions are not fulfilled, the Monitoring Committee may decide to cancel the project or to withdraw the partner concerned (**Annex II**).

⁴ The date to be taken into account for the calculation of the two months is the one of the email sent by **the Joint Secretariat email** notifying the Monitoring Committee decision.

ANNEX I: List of administrative and eligibility criteria

N°	Criteria
A	Administrative check
A.1	The application form was submitted via the online monitoring tool of the Interreg Euro - MED Programme, Jems, respecting the deadline defined in the Terms of Reference
B	Eligibility Check
B.1	The project meets the minimum criteria relating to the composition of the partnership: 5 partners representing 5 different countries within the Interreg Euro - MED Programme cooperation area
B.2	The Lead Partner is a public body or a body governed by public law (according to the definition of Directive 2014/24/EU)
B.3	The proposal is in line with the category of project open for this Call and the duration and budget allocated for this category
B.4	The Specific Objective selected corresponds with the Mission selected

ANNEX II: List of pre-contractual criteria

Valid for the selected applications

N°	Criteria
C	Pre-contracting check
C.1	The Application Form has been consolidated considering minor technical issues and/or to integrate the adjustments deriving from the assessment phase or from the Programme Monitoring Committee recommendations/conditions.
C.2	Compulsory annexes of each partner and associated partners are duly signed and available in the Interreg Euro-MED on-line monitoring tool Jems (including, if relevant, De Minimis Declaration and Ad hoc Declaration for International Organisations under international law). When applicable, project partners have used the template provided by the Programme without modifying their content/format.
C.3	In case of partner outside the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area, a confirmation of the eligibility and of the legal status of the partner has been received by the competent national authority. The responsible authority of the respective EU Member State has provided a written communication to the MA/JS confirming aforementioned information and, in accordance with Art 22 of the ETC Regulation, its formal acceptance to reimburse any amounts unduly paid for each one of those partners, in accordance with Article 52(2) of ETC regulation.
C.4	The administrative information has been consolidated in the Application Form (partner identity, address, contact details, legal and financial information, bank account).
C.5	The budget has been consolidated in the Application Form and, if relevant, compulsory ad-hoc documents have been updated consequently and provided to the JS (correct use of flat rate, correct origin of co-financing source, justification for travel and accommodation costs declared as real cost, forecast per semester, distribution of preparation costs, state aid self-assessment).

ANNEX III: List of qualitative assessment criteria (written and oral)

As outlined above, the quality assessment will be conducted in two consecutive phases: an assessment based on the written application and an assessment based on the oral presentation. Each phase is eliminatory.

The written application and the oral presentation assess different (but complementary) aspects of the proposal ensuring that no aspect of the proposal is evaluated twice. Projects will be selected by the Programme Monitoring Committee, taking into consideration their global weighted score in descending order (i.e addition of the weighted score of the two phases), positions of each national delegation and budget availability for the call.

In the following tables, applicants can retrieve:

1. Written and oral assessment contents: Detailed information on the assessment of each criterion and sub-criterion
2. Written and oral assessment weighted maximum score calculation: Indication on when each assessment criterion is evaluated, how, and its weight
3. Scoring system: Indication on the scoring system

For the written application phase, the score per assessment criteria (6 in total) will be calculated on a scale of 0 to 5 points.

Any proposal receiving an initial score of 2 or less under one of the following written application criteria

- **Project Relevance**
- **Partnership Relevance**
- **Work Plan**

will automatically be proposed for rejection.
In that case, the JS will not further assess the other criteria.

Different weights are assigned to the assessment criteria considering their importance in this call (cf. Table “Written and oral assessment weighted maximum score calculation” below).

The final maximum weighted score reachable by a proposal in the written application assessment phase is of **35 points** for this phase.

Following the assessment, all written applications are ranked according to their final weighted score. A final decision on the written application assessment is taken by the Monitoring Committee.

Based on their weighted score and final ranking, proposals reaching the threshold of 24 points can be pre-selected.

Nevertheless, a maximum of the 30 best proposals will be invited to the oral phase, based on their ranking between 24 and 35 points.

For the oral presentation, the score per assessment criteria (5 in total) will be calculated on a scale of 0 to 5 points (cf. Table “Written and oral assessment weighted maximum score calculation” below).

The final maximum weighted score reachable by a proposal in the oral presentation is of **25 points** for this phase.

Hence, the final maximum score reachable by a proposal is of **60 points**.

The threshold for projects to be recommended for funding to the Programme Monitoring Committee is a global weighted score of **42** out of 60.

Following the assessment, all proposals are ranked according to their final global weighted score. A final decision on project approval or rejection is taken by the Monitoring Committee. Based on their global weighted score and final ranking, the proposals with the best score will be approved.

In case the available budget for the Call is not sufficient to approve all projects above the threshold of 42 points, only the projects with the highest score will be selected. If two or more proposals share the same final global weighted lowest score, the Programme Monitoring Committee reserve the right to select projects depending on their rank considering the following criteria: 1. Work Plan, 2. Partnership relevance, 3. Project Relevance.

1. Written and oral assessment contents

In this table, you can find the main assessment questions assigned to each assessment criterion. Each main question is supported by specific sub-questions (guiding principles for the assessment) and corresponds to specific sections of the Application form or the oral presentation. Each criterion consists of a single score, taking into account all of the elements mentioned as sub-questions, for each assessment phase.

Strategic criteria		
Criteria	WRITTEN ASSESSMENT Question/sub-questions	ORAL ASSESSMENT Question/sub-questions
Project relevance (with Euro-MED context + call expectations)	How well is a need for the project justified? ·The project addresses common territorial challenges of the programme or a joint asset of the programme area - there is a real need for the project (well justified, reasonable, well explained). – AF C.2.1 ·The project clearly contributes to a wider strategy on one or more policy levels (EU / national / regional). – AF C.2.5 ·The project actions will support the wider use and transfer of available knowledge and demonstrates new solutions that go beyond existing practices in the sector/programme area/participating countries or adapts and implements already developed solutions. – AF C.2.6 -There is a clear benefit from cooperating for the target groups / programme area. – AF C.2.4	To what extent is the proposed approach clearly explained and convincing? -The proposed approach is clearly explained and easy to understand. -The logic of the proposed solution is coherent and consistent with the identified needs. -The proposed approach is appropriate to achieve the expected results. (C.2.2)
Cooperation character		What added value does the cooperation bring? -The importance of the transnational approach for the topic addressed is clearly demonstrated. – AF C.2.3 -The results cannot (or only to some extent) be achieved without transnational cooperation. – AF C.2.3

Project Intervention Logic	To what extent is the project intervention logic relevant? • The project overall and specific objectives (including communication objectives) clearly contribute to the achievement of the Programme priority specific objective, and are linked to the Results Amplification Strategy and the Mission tackled - AF C.1, C.4 (only specific objectives description) • The project outputs contribute to the Programme indicators and are in line with the specific objectives and the requirements of the Priority - AF A.4.	
Partnership relevance	To what extent is the partnership composition relevant for the proposed project? •The project partnership: – AF B o is balanced with respect to the levels, sectors, territory •Partner organisations have proven experience and competence in the thematic field concerned, as well as the necessary capacity to implement the project (financial, human resources, etc.) - in particular, the Lead Partner demonstrates capacity/competence in coordinating the project action and partnership – AF B •Associated partners have a defined role, and bring added value - AF B.	To what extent is the partnership composition and its capacity to effectively implement the project appropriate? -The project involves the relevant actors needed to address the territorial challenge/joint asset for territorial development and the objectives specified for the Mission tackled – AF C.3 -The partners demonstrate complementarity in their roles and competences. (AF C.3) -The coordination and quality of the project are well ensured (AF C7.1 C.7.2)

Horizontal Principles	What is the project's impact on horizontal principles? • Ensure respect for fundamental rights and compliance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the implementation of the Funds. • Ensure equal opportunities and non-discrimination based on gender, racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation • Ensure equality between men and women, gender mainstreaming and the integration of a gender perspective • Promote sustainable development as set out in Article 11 TFEU, accounting for UN SDG, the Paris Agreement and the "do no significant harm" principle C.7.6.	
Operational criteria		
Criteria	Question/sub-questions	
Work plan	To what extent is the work plan realistic, consistent and coherent? • Proposed activities and deliverables are relevant and lead to planned outputs and results – AF C.4, C.5 • Project outputs and results are realistic (it is possible to achieve them with given resources – i.e. time, partners, budget - and they are realistic based on the quantification provided) – AF C.4, C.5, C.6, D • Distribution of tasks among partners is appropriate (e.g. sharing of tasks is clear, logical, in line with partners' role in the project, etc.). – AF C.4 Activities in work packages • Time plan is realistic, and activities, deliverables and outputs are in a logical time-sequence, – AF C.4, C.6 • Communication activities (and deliverables) are appropriate to reach the relevant target groups and stakeholders. – AF C.4 Activities and deliverables in work packages, C.7.3 -To what extent does the proposal demonstrate a sufficient level of maturity to ensure effective and timely implementation of the planned activities? A.F.C.4 + additional annexes	To what extent are the project outputs expected to provide a durable impact and to be transferable beyond the partnership? -Project outputs are durable (the proposal is expected to provide a significant and durable contribution to solving the challenges targeted) – if not, it is justified. – AF C.8.2 , C.8.1 -Project main outputs are applicable and replicable by other organisations/regions/countries outside of the current partnership (transferability) – if not, it is justified. – AF C.8.3

Budget	To what extent is the budget coherent, proportionate, realistic and valuable? ·Sufficient and reasonable resources are planned to ensure project implementation. – AF D. & E.3 ·Total partner budgets reflect real partners' involvement - are balanced and appropriate corresponding to the partners' responsibilities in the project - AF D	
General overview		To what extent the project generally answers' the Call expectations? · Doubts/questions asked by the JS during the oral presentation were clarified and answers are in line with the expectations ·The oral presentation confirms the high quality of the proposal

2. Written and oral assessment weighted maximum score calculation

Criteria	Initial Written Score	Written Weight	Weighted Written Score	Initial Oral score	Oral Weight	Weighted Oral Score
1.Project relevance	5	1,5	7,5	5	1	5
2.Cooperation character	0	0	0	5	1	5
3.Intervention logic	5	1	5	0	0	0
4.Partnership relevance	5	1	5	5	1	5
5.Horizontal principles	5	1	5	0	0	0
6.Work Plan	5	1,5	7,5	5	1	5
7.Budget	5	1	5	0	0	0
8. General overview				5	1	5
Max points	30	7	35	25	5	25



GLOBAL MAX POINTS						60
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3. Scoring system

SCORE	Assessment rationale
5	Excellent - the section of the application analysed in accordance with the requirement of the criterion is of excellent quality and provides clear and coherent information
4	Good - the section of the application analysed in accordance with the requirement of the criterion is clear and contain minor shortcomings
3	Adequate - the section of the application analysed in accordance with the requirement of the criterion is sufficiently clear and requires further clarification from the applicant
2	Insufficient - the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses
1	Poor - the criterion is inadequately addressed / the sections of the application analysed in accordance with the requirement of the criterion does not meet the requirement/ the information is not present
0	The proposal cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information - knock-out