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Call 02: Thematic Projects

Technical meeting n° 1

7th July 2022

Agenda

10h00 – 10h10 Introduction

10h10 – 10h45 How to build a solid partnership for this call? / Q&A

10h45 – 11h20 Logical Framework / Q&A

11h20 - 11h50 Indicators / Q&A

11h50 - 12h00 Conclusion

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On-line technical meetings to support drafting of applications

07/07: Partnership, logical framework, Indicators

08/09: Workplan, Mandatory Activities

22/09: Budget eligibility of expenditures

06/10: Q&A session



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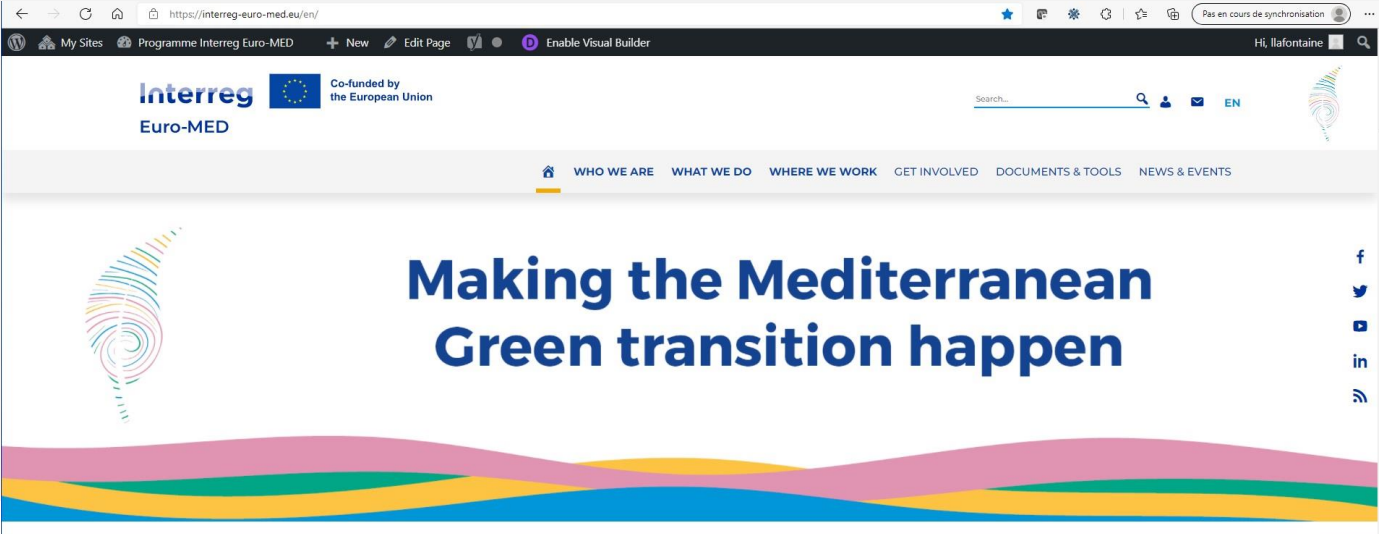


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Introduction - key dates

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How to build a solid partnership for this call?

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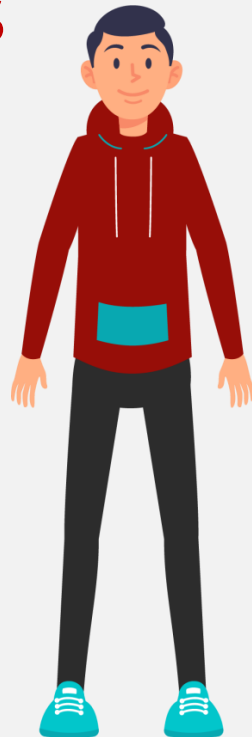
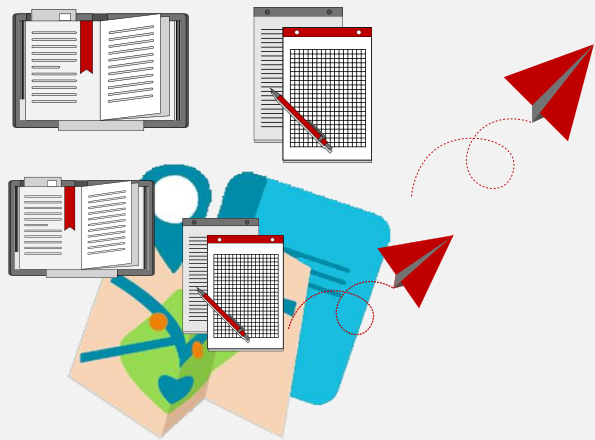


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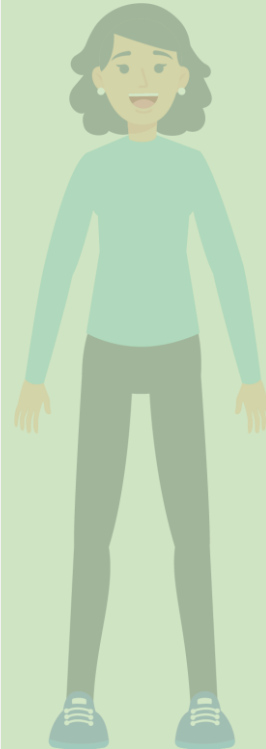
Two types of projects

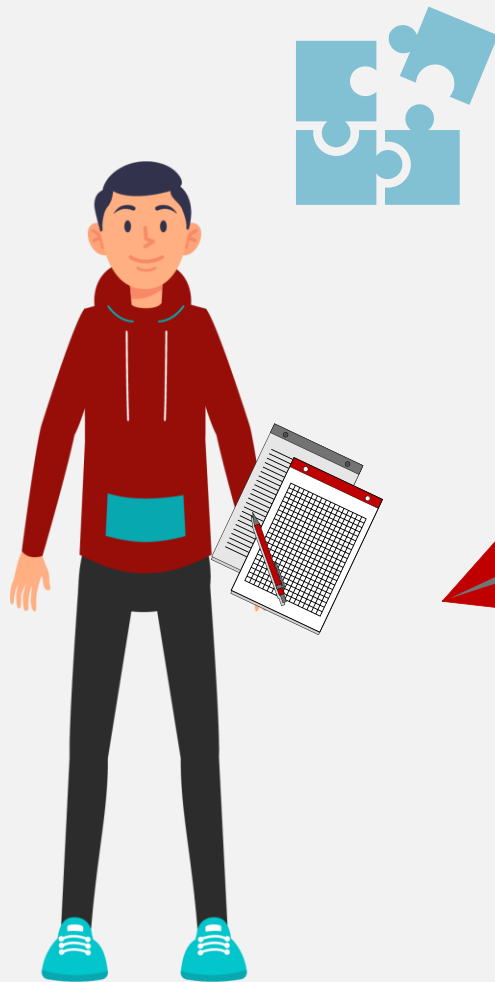
THEMATIC PROJECTS



GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

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Eligible types of partners

- Local public authority - Regional public authority - National public authority
- Sectoral agency
- Infrastructure and (public) service provider
- Interest groups including NGOs
- Higher education and research organisations
- Education/training centre and school
- Enterprise, including SME
- Business support organization
- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)
- International organisation, European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) (under national or international law)
- Hospitals and medical centers
- Other



**Listed in the Programme Manual
Possible restrictions in ToR
published for each call**

Co-funded and associated partners status

Co-funded partners

Associated partners

Any of the listed types of partners
Relevant to the project issues and objectives

- Bodies from **EU countries** and countries participating to the Programme under the Instrument of Pre-Adhesion (**IPA**)
 - Budget **co-financed by 80%**
 - **Limited number** per project category: recommended maximum 8 for Study, 10 for Test, 8 for Transfer
 - Implement activities and report, according to profile:
 - Study : institutional / scientific
 - Test : institutional / operational
 - Transfer : institutional / networks
- Bodies **from any country**, within or outside of the EU
 - **Don't receive funds** but paired co-funded partner can cover travel and accommodation costs
 - Potentially, unlimited number
 - Take part in activities according to added-value :
 - Advisory
 - End-users
 - Observer

Expected partnership – eligibility criteria

- **As a minimum, the project partnership must be composed of organisations based in five (5) different countries within the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area** (eligibility criteria B.1)
- **The LP is a public body, or a body governed by public law** (as defined in Directive 2014/24/EU) (eligibility criteria B.2)
- At least **2 partners are based in an EU region** of the Programme cooperation area
- Private institutions from **IPA** countries must be **non-profit**



**Organisations from IPA countries
can now be Lead Partners!**

Reference documents:
Terms of Reference (Annex I)
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Partnership relevance

- Focus on **relevant** partners
- **Interests linked** to project objectives
- **Result oriented**: Institutions supposed to implement results
- **Required competences** on board
- **Balanced partnership** (partners/country)
- **Involvement of decision makers**
- **Manageable size** of partnership
- **Committed** partnership
- Sufficient **financial capacity**

Role and obligation of the Lead Partner

- prepares the **proposal** in collaboration with all the applicants involved in the project;
- submits the **Application Form** and is responsible for related contents and commitments;
- signs a **Subsidy Contract** with the Programme Managing Authority;
- signs a **Partnership Agreement** with all partners involved in the project;
- ensures the coordination of the partnership and of the project in line with sound financial and **project management** principle;
- gathers from the partnership all partners inputs related to financial and activity **reporting** and consolidates the different elements to prepare the project reports.
- ensures the timely submission of the necessary information for the **progress and financial reporting** to the JS.
- maintains a functional and permanent **communication flow among the partnership** and ensures an efficient exchange of information that enables the successful delivery of the project outputs;
- is responsible for **communication with the Programme bodies**, namely the Managing Authority and the Joint Secretariat;

Lead Partner - Profile

- Experienced in the management of EU funded projects;
- Prepared to take on a leading and driving role within the partnership;
- Having sufficient capacity (institutional, financial and human resources) to prepare the project application and to manage the implementation of the project;
- Having the relevant thematic knowledge and expertise for the project;
- Being committed throughout the project proposal application process as well as during the implementation phase;
- Must speak and read fluently English and/or French (at least the LP coordinator) depending on the project's working language chosen in order to ensure efficient communication within the partnership and with the Programme authorities.

Lead Partner - staff profile

- Project coordinator: thematic coordination of the project activities and work packages
- financial manager: to ensure the management of the project budget, including budget modifications, financial reporting and submission of payment claims to
- legal representative : has the power to act and sign, on behalf of the Lead Partner, and is responsible for the signature of contractual documents

Check out :
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«B Building my consortium »

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Project Partners role and obligations

- **sign a Partnership Agreement** with the LP and all partners involved in the project;
- **comply with all the rules** and obligations stated in the Programme contractual documents;
- have the **financial and administrative capacities** to implement project activities and anticipate the payment of project costs;
- responsible for **communication** with their national representative within the Programme, namely the National Authority (NA), the National Contact Points (NCP), the Authority in charge of the designation of the national controller;
- **contribute to project activities** under the direction of the LP and in cooperation with the rest of the project partnership in line with sound financial and project management principles;
- contribute to a functional and permanent **communication flow within the partnership** to ensure an efficient exchange of information that enables the successful delivery of the project results;
- ensure the timely submission via Jems (deadlines agreed with LP) of the elements related to **the reporting on finances and activities** to the Lead Partner.

Additional staff profiles required for each project either as part of the Lead Partner or the partner team

- **communication officer** responsible for the whole project communication activities
- **coordinator for result amplification** in charge of implementing the Results Amplification Strategy for the project.
- **coordinator for carbon footprint** in charge of the strategy for the reduction and potential offsetting of the project's carbon footprint.
- **Data Controller and Data Protection Officer** for the project

Project Partners

	LOCATED IN EU MEMBER STATE	LOCATED IN A EURO-MED IPA STATE	CAN BE LEAD PARTNER
National, regional and local public bodies	✓	✓	✓ <i>Only located in the Programme cooperation area</i>
Public equivalent bodies (bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 2(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU)	✓	✓	✓ <i>Only located in the Programme cooperation area</i>
Private institutions	✓	✓ <i>Only non-profit private institutions</i>	✗
International organisations	✓	✓	✗

Building your Partnership:

Any questions?

your turn !

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Logical Framework

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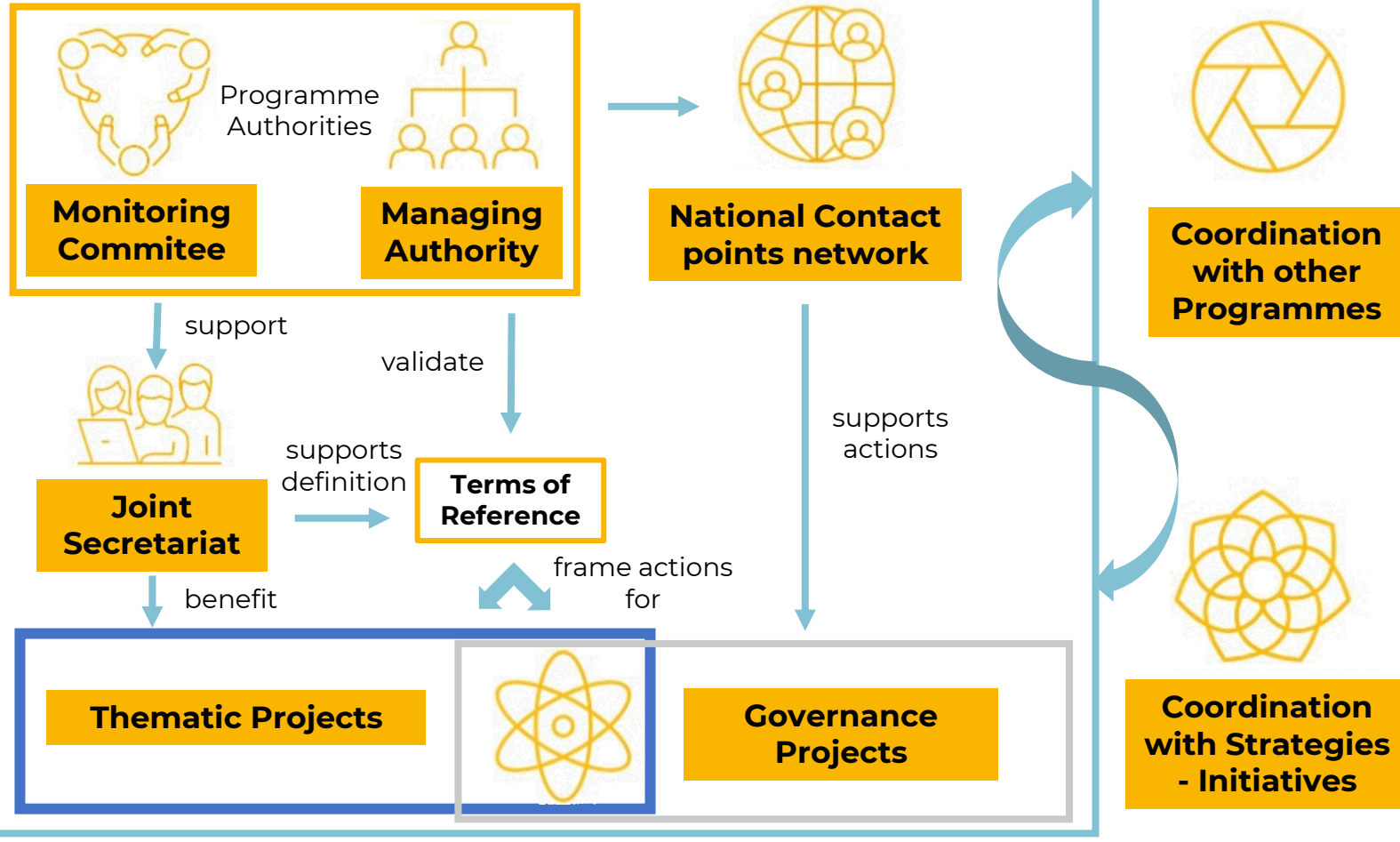
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Recommendations for a start

- Consider the Cooperation Programme's objectives and structure
- Understand the Results Amplification Strategy
- Analyse the Terms of References
- Take on board the chosen Mission's expectations
- Identify the shared challenge/need to tackle
- Foresee common actions with Governance projects
- Orient towards results and define the pursued change

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Results Amplification Strategy:

what is the role of the thematic projects?

Documents & tools - Programme Interreg Euro-MED (interreg-euro-med.eu)

	The thematic projects and strategic territorial projects...
<p>Facilitated with the exploitation, sharing and reuse of knowledge, experiences and project results by Euro-MED projects or other programmes and promote the production of relevant work</p> <p>AND To facilitate the processes above</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Explore data published by projects and made available by the Programme (notably ToR and library) ✓ Implement JS instructions to ensure data reuse ✓ Carry out transfer feasibility studies ✓ Implement pilot transfer activities ✓ Design plans for transfer of results
<p>In the framework of transferring practices and results to other actors and territories and their integration into local, regional, national and European policies and strategies (mainstream)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Consolidate the results of relevant projects ✓ Participate in the identification and mobilisation of potential targets for transfer and mainstreaming ✓ Consolidate or create networks for dissemination and participation of stakeholders beyond the partnership ✓ Disseminate knowledge to stakeholders through dissemination activities including training ✓ Participate in the actions of their thematic community, benefiting from the experience and support of governance projects ✓ Implement mainstreaming plans in collaboration with IDPs and with the support of TCPs
<p>To increase coordination between actors acting on the Mediterranean (multi-level, transnational) based on this knowledge, experience and results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Mobilise relevant multi-sectoral and multi-level decision-making actors ✓ Promote interfaces with other initiatives and projects of other programmes

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Missions, priorities and specific objectives



Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

1.1

Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem

2.6

Supporting circular economy



Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

2.4

Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention

2.7

Enhancing Nature & biodiversity



Promoting green living areas

2.4

Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention



Enhancing sustainable tourism

1.1

Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem

2.6

Supporting circular economy

2.4

Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention

2.7

Enhancing Nature & biodiversity

Better Mediterranean Governance

6.6

A better cooperation governance

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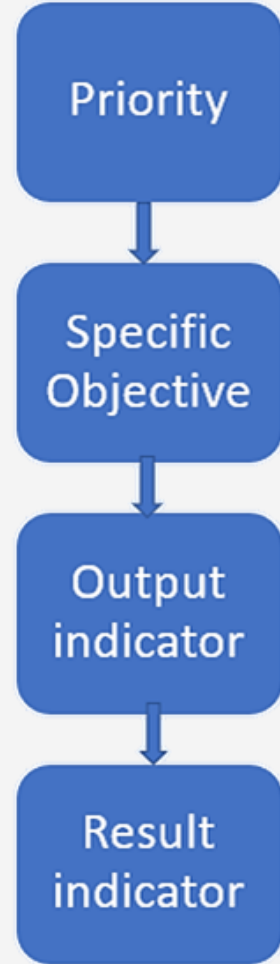
e.g. Greener Mediterranean

e.g. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

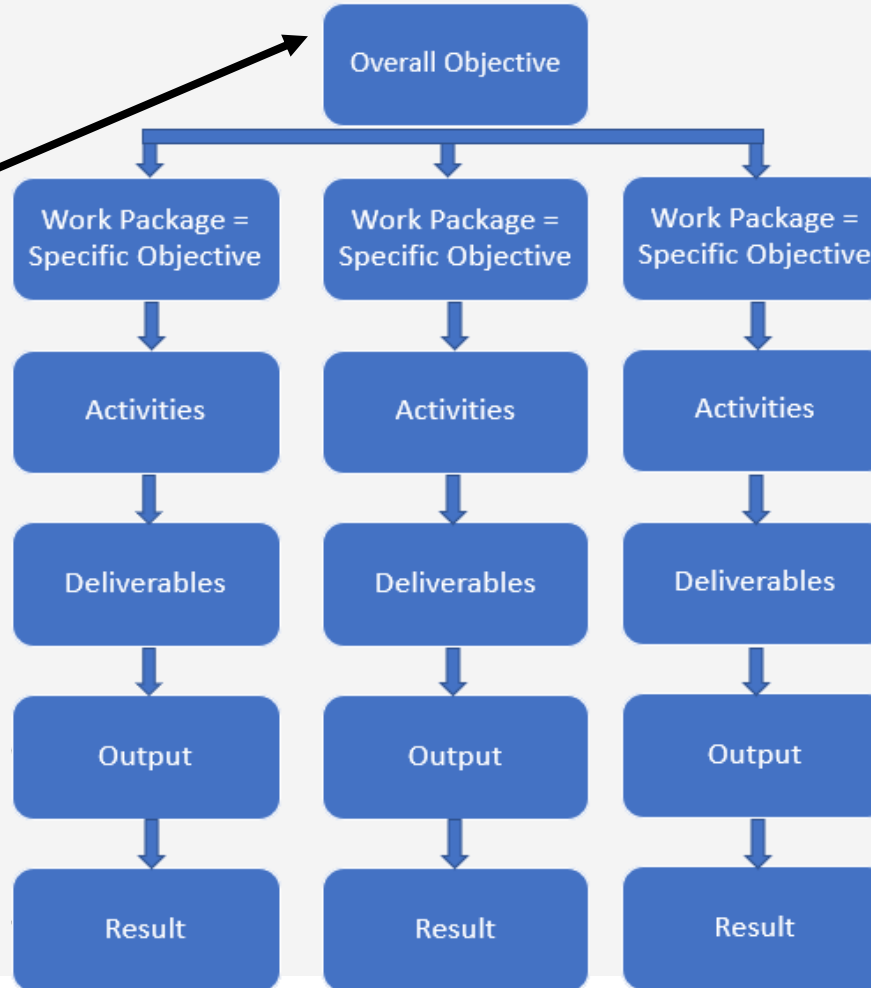
e.g. Jointly developed solutions

e.g. Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

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Project



Initial situation



Envisaged change

Project **intervention logic**

- Aligned with the Programme's mission
- Liaises with wider initiatives and programmes
- Contributes to the expected Programme results and indicators as per ToRs
- Links project specific objectives-activities-outputs-results
- Targets a desired change on the territory
- Provides for obtaining the pursued result
- Ambitious, but realistic regarding the duration of the project

Project Principles

Common Principles

- Coordination
- Transnationality
- Transferability
- Sustainability and durability
- Synergies among projects

Horizontal Principles

- Fundamental rights
- Gender equality
- Non-discrimination
- Sustainable development and “do no significant harm”

Respect of the EU environmental acquis

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Logical framework:

Need more info?

Your time to ask...

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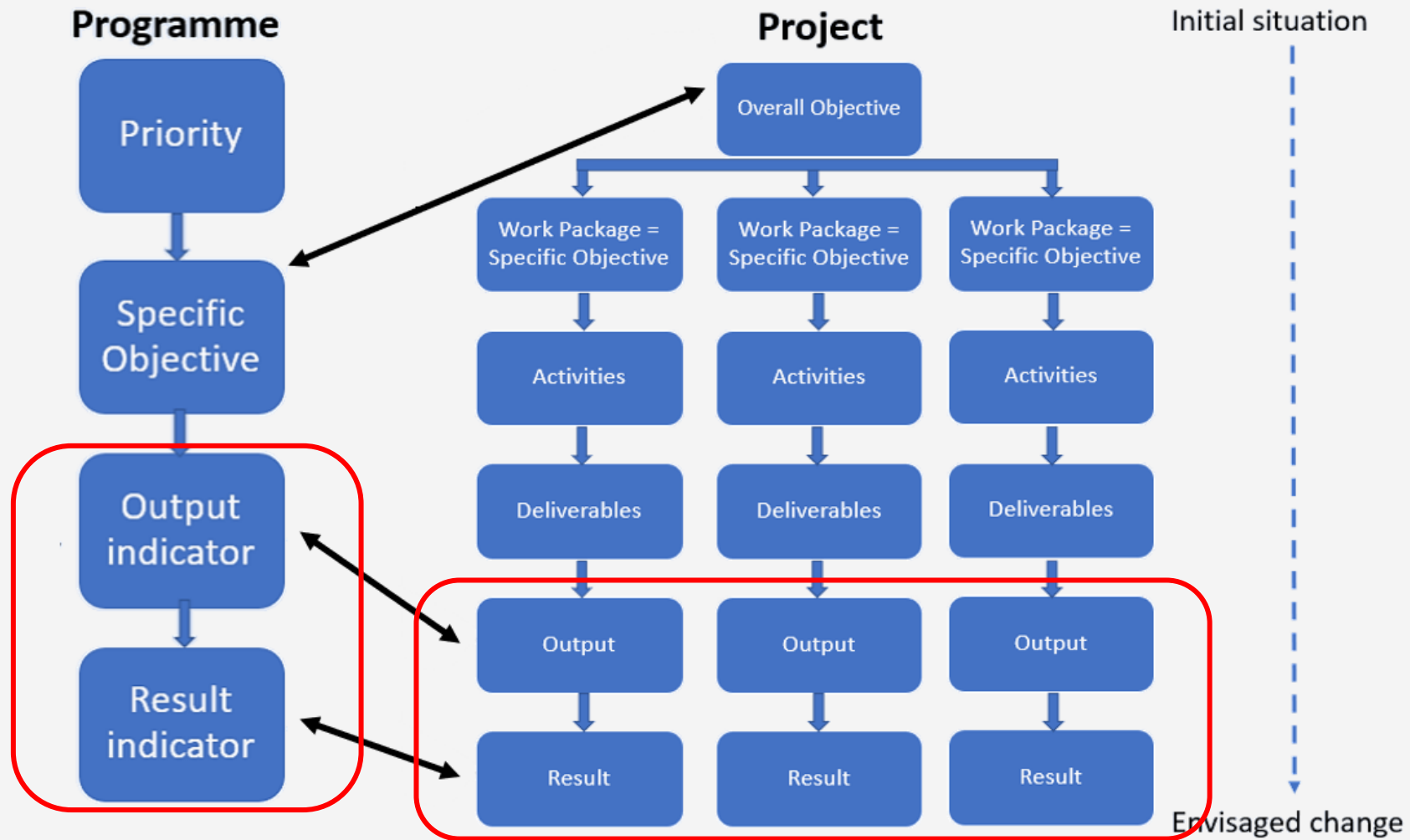
Outputs and results indicators

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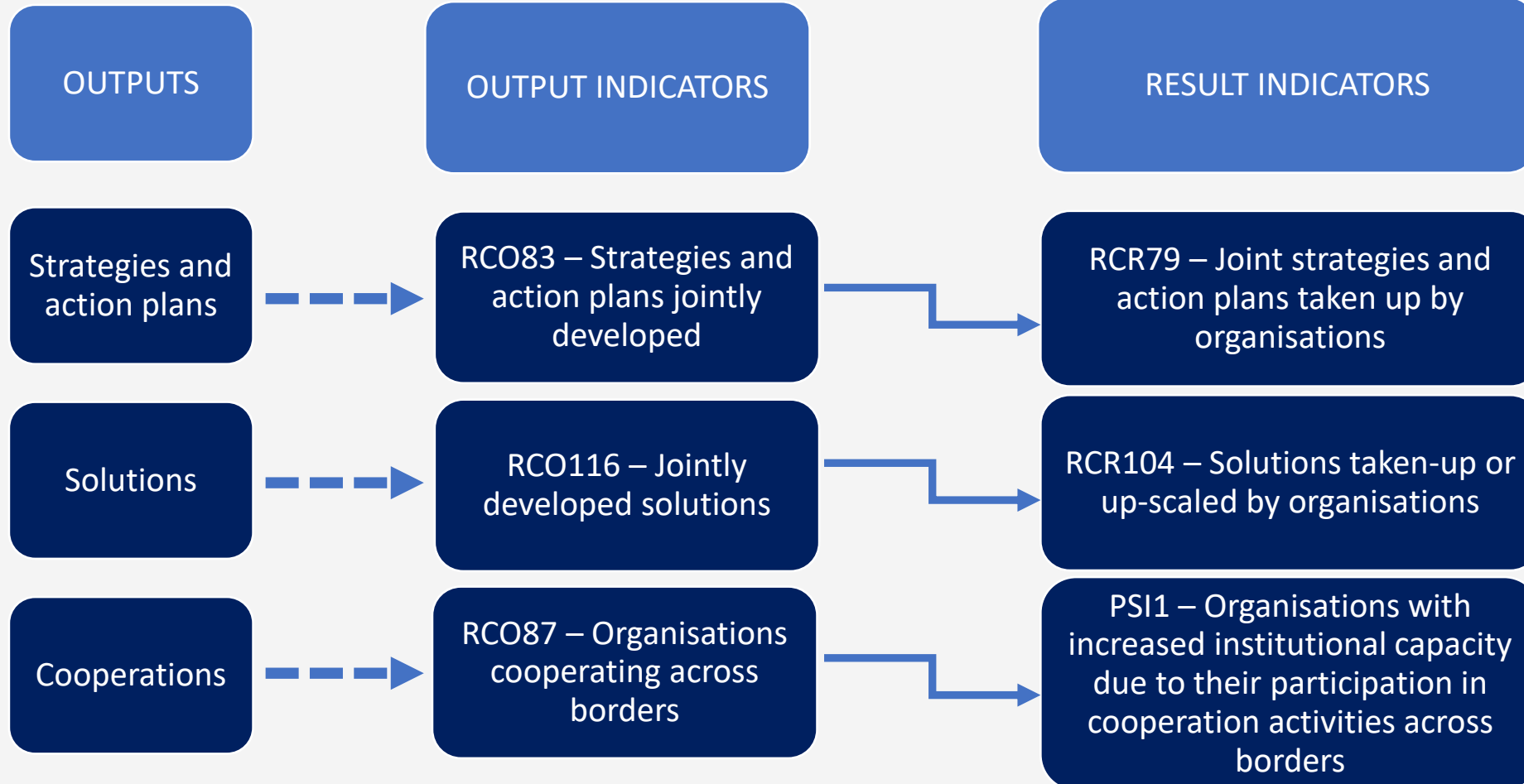
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Outputs Indicators for Call 2 – Thematic projects

Output indicator	Definition
Strategies and action plans jointly developed (RCO83)	A strategy is a course of actions designed to <u>achieve a long-term goal</u> in a specific domain. An action plan is the <u>translation</u> of jointly developed strategies <u>into actions</u> . Targeted strategies should contribute to the main Mediterranean or EU strategies/directives of the topic tackled and be easily transferable.
Jointly developed solutions (RCO116)	Solutions are methodologies, tools, technologies, services, partnership/cooperation agreements and should be developed through the involvement from at least <u>2 partners</u> from the Programme cooperation area, <u>tested</u> in real conditions and easily <u>transferable</u> .
Organisations cooperating across borders (RCO87)	Organisations (<u>project partners or associated partners</u>) participating in approved projects (whether receiving funds or not).

Results Indicators for Call 2 – Thematic projects

Result indicator	Definition
Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations (RCR79)	Uptake refers to <u>adoption or implementation</u> of the strategy and action plan.
Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations (RCR104)	Uptake refers to <u>adoption or implementation</u> of the solution. Upscale refers to <u>upgrade or improvement</u> of the solution, or to extend the scope of the solution.
Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders (PS11)	Number of organisations that <u>actively participated</u> in cooperation activities of a project across borders and consequently increased their institutional capacity in the thematic field of the project.

Project **output and result indicators** under Call 2

Identification of relevant **EU strategy**



Methodology for drafting the contributing strategy/ action plan



Objectives, targets, actions, timeframe, finances, stakeholders engaged

Strategies and action plans jointly developed



Clear actions towards **taking up of the joint strategy/ action plan** by organisations

Joint strategies/ action plans taken up by organisations

Project output and result indicators under Call 2

Challenge addressed



Solution elaborated by the partnership



Testing phase to validate the solution

Jointly developed solutions



Clear actions towards **upscaling of the solution**

Solutions taken up or up-scaled by organisations

OUTPUT INDICATORS

RESULT INDICATORS

Specific Objectives addressed

RCO83 – Strategies and action plans jointly developed

RCR79 – Joint strategies and action plans taken up by organisations

RCO116 – Jointly developed solutions

RCR104 – Solutions taken-up or up-scaled by organisations

RCO87 – Organisations cooperating across borders

PSI1 – Organisations with increased institutional capacity due to their participation in cooperation activities across borders

	S.O 1.1	S.O 2.4	S.O 2.6	S.O 2.7
RCO83 → RCR79	✗	✓	✓	✓
RCO116 → RCR104	✓	✓	✓	✓
RCO87 → PSI1	✓	✓	✓	✓

Programme Indicators :

What is still open ?

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Conclusion: Tools to help you submit your application

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Programme website – what's in it for you?

Online forums: one per mission

Search for potential partners



FAQ

Regularly updated

3 pages of interest for potential applicants

- Get involved
- Call 1
- Documents & tools

3 pages of interest

Get involved

- Information about calls (calendar, open & past calls)
- Access to forums
- Access to Jems

Call 2

- Short description of the call & targeted project types
- Events to support you
- Documents: Terms of Reference, etc.

Documents & tools

- Programme documents (cooperation Programme)
- Tutorials
- User manuals (jems, etc.)
- FAQ

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