





# **Consultation Day**

October 17<sup>th</sup> 2023



# Agenda

10:00 – 10:10	A Consultation Day: why and how?			
10:10 – 10:20	The Interreg Euro-MED Programme: a short update			
10:20 – 12:00	Calls for thematic projects planned for 2024			
	Call on test or transfer projects			
	Call on strategic territorial projects			







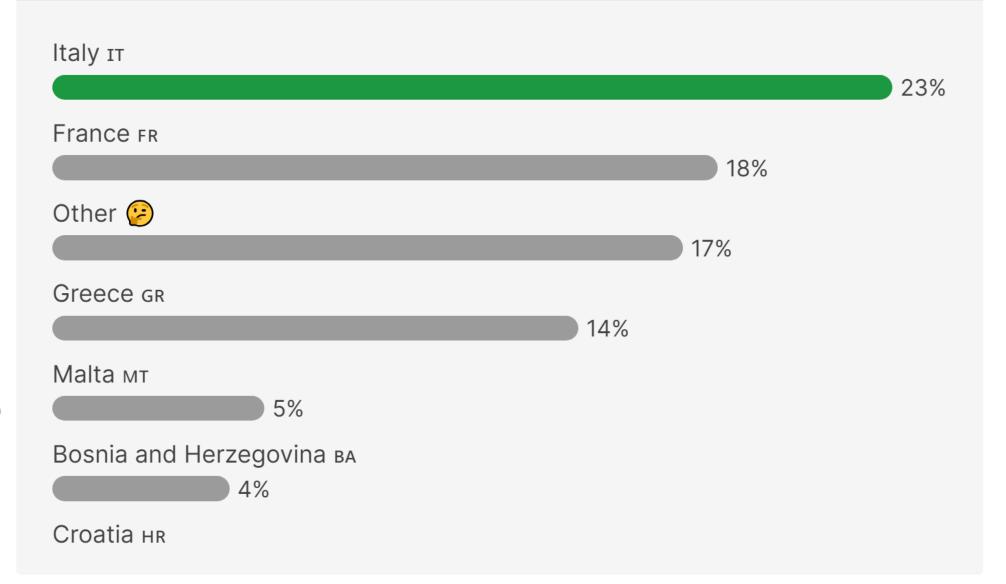


# A Consultation Day: why and how?

Curzio CERVELLI, Coordinator, Joint Secretariat



### From which country are you from?



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### How much do you know about Interreg and the Interreg Euro-MED Programme?

I participate in a Euro-MED project (2021/27) or have participated in a MED project (2014/20)

50%

I have been a project partner in another Interreg programme EU

15%

36%

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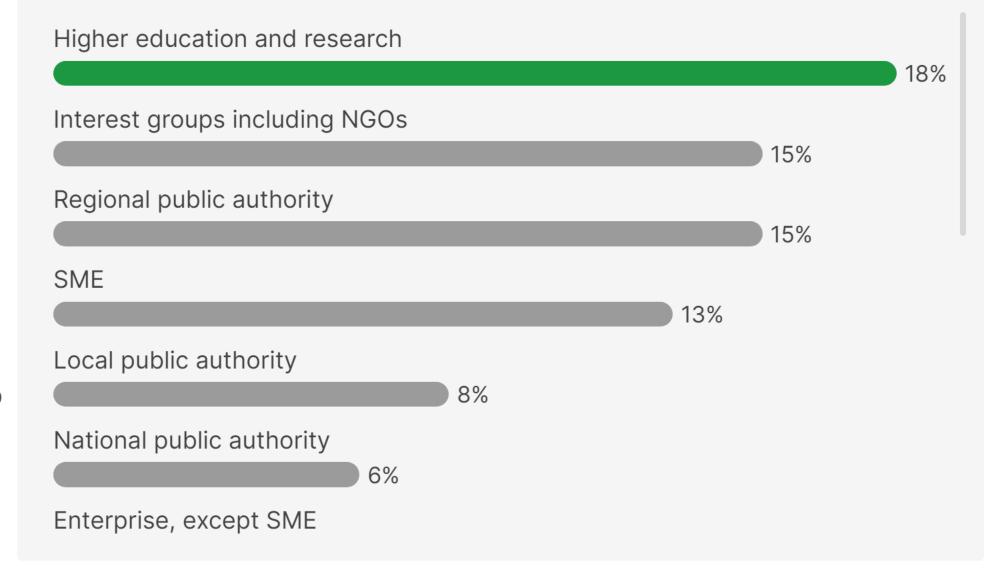
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I applied to your call(s) for proposals but my project has not been selected (2)

I have no clue about Interreg



### Which type of organisation are you representing?



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# The Interreg Euro-MED Programme: a short update

Pascale FAUVEAU-LAGAYE, Project Officer, Joint Secretariat

### Where does the Programme stand in EU policy?

**Cohesion Policy** European **Territorial** Cooperation (Interreg) framework **every** Interreg Euro-MED Content agreed on Your project

A Programme **funds** projects through calls for proposals



A regulatory

shared priorities

7 years

## The Interreg Euro-MED Programme

14 countries – 69 regions 294 M€









### Interreg Euro-MED's missions: a comprehensive approach

Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

Promoting green living areas

**Enhancing** sustainable tourism











# Two types of projects

THEMATIC PROJECTS





GOVERNANCE PROJECTS







# **Update on Programme implementation**

1st and 3rd call: Governance projects

8 projects selected – started january 2023



2nd call: Thematic projects

Selection ongoing – closing november 2023







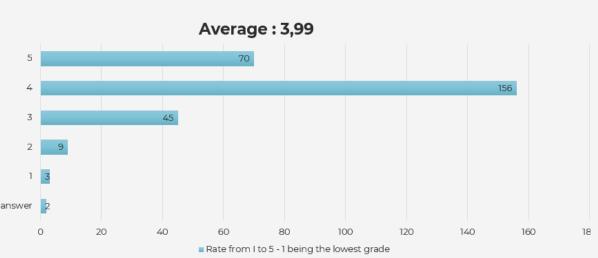




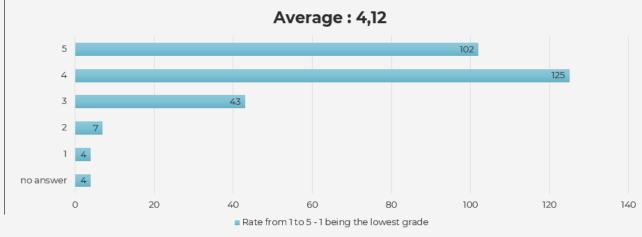
# First calls satisfaction survey

285 feedbacks from former projects partners and newcomers

How easy was it to apply for the 2nd call for proposals (the whole process)



Please rate your overall satisfaction with the support received from the JS during the application process.













# Calls planned for 2024

Sophie SCARVELIS, Head of Project Unit, Joint Secretariat

### Calls Calendar

Calls	Status	Priorities	Indicative budget	Opening on	Closing on
1st call: Governance Projects	Closed	ISO 1	17 M€	24 February 2022	1st June 2022
2nd call: Thematic Projects	Closed	PO1/PO2	86 M€	27 June 2022	27 October 2022
<b>3rd call:</b> Governance Projects	Closed	ISO 1	17 M€	29 September 2022	3 November 2022
4th call: Thematic Projects (Strategic Territorial Projects only)	Planned	PO1/PO2	28 M€	June 2024	1st Semester 2024  To be defined
5th call: Thematic Projects	Planned	PO1/PO2	64 M€	Spring 2024	2nd Semester 2024
<b>6th call:</b> Thematic Projects (Test projects) – Restricted	Planned	PO1/PO2	27 M€	1st Semester 2026	1st Semester 2026
<b>7th call:</b> Thematic Projects (Transfer projects) – Restricted	Planned	PO1/PO2	17 M€	1st Semester 2026	1st Semester 2026
8th call: Thematic Projects (Transfer projects) – Restricted	Planned	PO1/PO2	13 M€	2nd Semester 2027	2nd Semester 2027

<sup>\*</sup> The above calendar may be revised and is subject to the approval of the Monitoring Committee.





### Study

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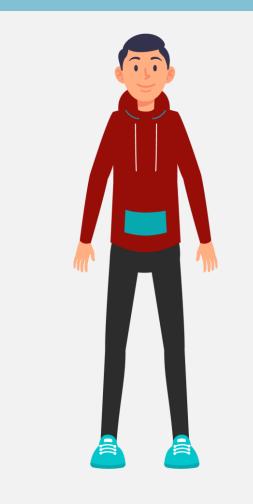
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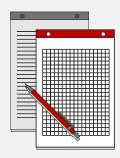
### **Transfer**



# THEMATIC PROJECTS



### **Test**



### Strategic territorial













# Call on Test or Transfer projects

Sophie SCARVELIS, Head of Project Unit, Joint Secretariat

### **CALL FOR TEST or TRANSFER PROJECTS**

# Test Wax: 3.000.000€ 33 months



Based on Call 2 ToRs, with focus on topics not tackled

1 phase application

















### Pick up to 2 priority topics for Mission Innovative sustainable economy:

Sustainable business practices and models, with a focus on SMEs 44% Uptake and transfer of climate friendly innovation 36% Strategies for circular economy transition 32% Waste reduction and prevention, waste generation 24% Circular production system, products, models and practices 21% Water-energy-food security nexus

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### Pick up to two priority topics for Natural Heritage mission:

climate change adaptation and resilience strategies/action plans 51% Design / implementation of nature-based solutions 35% Awareness raising and promotion of environmental culture 34% Disaster risks management 19% Implementation / enforcement of environmental policies/legislations 19% Restoration of degraded and polluted ecosystems

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# Pick up to 2 priority topics for Green Living Areas mission, to secure and improve environmental and living quality through:

Increased capacity of public authorities in effective planning and financing for climate change adaptation and energy transition

51%

Citizens engagement for more sustainable living areas

48%

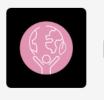
Plans and strategies for energy transition and sustainable mobility

45%

Plans and strategies for territories' adaptation to climate change and extreme climate events

43%





### Pick up to 4 priority topics for Sustainable Tourism mission:

Sustainable practices and models in the tourism businesses 44% Implementation of sustainable tourism plans in destinations 29% Promotion of the sustainable tourism use of destination's assets and attractions as a source of economic growth 28% Adoption of models to minimize the risk over natural and cultural heritage 26% Innovation / competitiveness / Internationalization capacities of SMEs 24% Transition to a circular economy in business plans and tourism products

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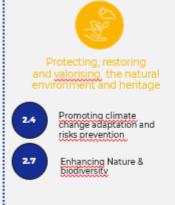
# **Strategic Territorial Projects**

Christoph MAIER, Project Officer, Joint Secretariat

### CALL FOR STRATEGIC TERRITORIAL PROJECTS

Study + Test + Transfer





45 months





Based on Strategic Territorial Topics in the Euro-MED

Territorial scope Identified topics

Rural and / or Mountain areas

Islands

Call budget: about 40M€

2-phase application



Max: **4.000.000€** 



-> Solution adapted to the territorial specificity

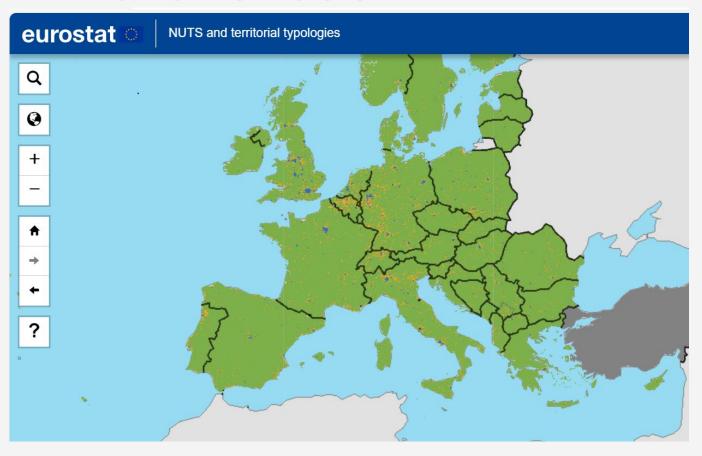
# Territorial Identification process

Terr. Category	Programme relevance	Project Coverage
Rural	High	Medium
Coastal	High	High
Island	High	Low
Mountain	High	Low
Urban	High	High
Sea	High	High

MED Diagnosis and Territorial Analysis and JS experience based on thematic calls



## Rural areas



Eurostat - Statistical Atlas (europa.eu)

Rural grid cells of 1 km<sup>2</sup> outside of urban cluster

<u>Methodology - Rural development -</u> <u>Eurostat (europa.eu)</u>





### Mountain areas

### **Eurostat - Statistical Atlas (europa.eu)**

50% of the **population** live in mountain areas or 50% of the **territorial surface** are mountain areas

<u>Territorial typologies</u> <u>manual - mountain regions</u> <u>- Statistics Explained</u> (europa.eu)





### Islands



**Eurostat - Statistical Atlas (europa.eu)** 

Minimum distance of 1 km to the mainland and no fixed link

Background - Coastal, Island and Outermost Regions -Eurostat (europa.eu)





# Which topics for Strategic Territories?



Waste prevention & reduction



Water scarcity (due to climate change)









Islands





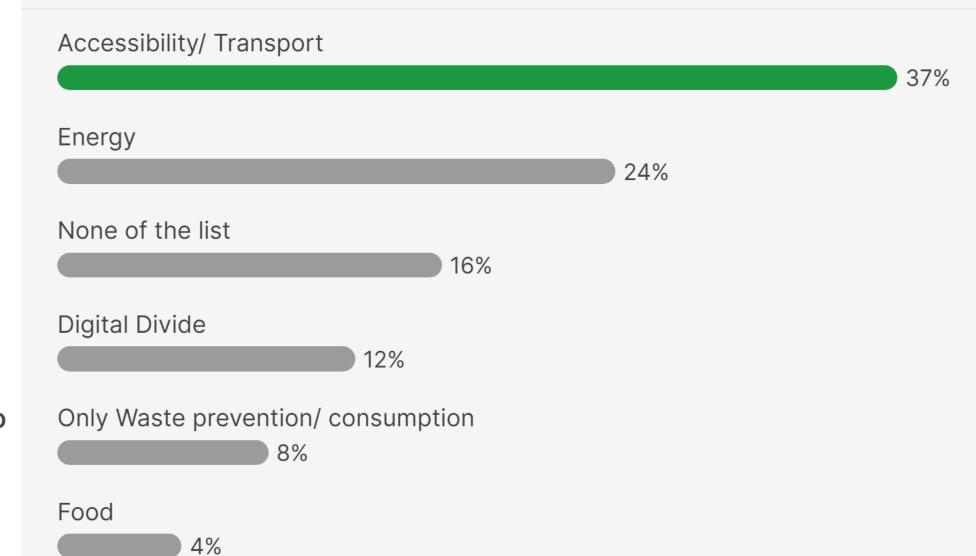
Do you think water scarcity is a relevant topic for the identified territories (rural/ mountain and islands) in the frame of the four programme missions?



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If you have chosen "no", you would replace the topic "Water Scarcity" by:



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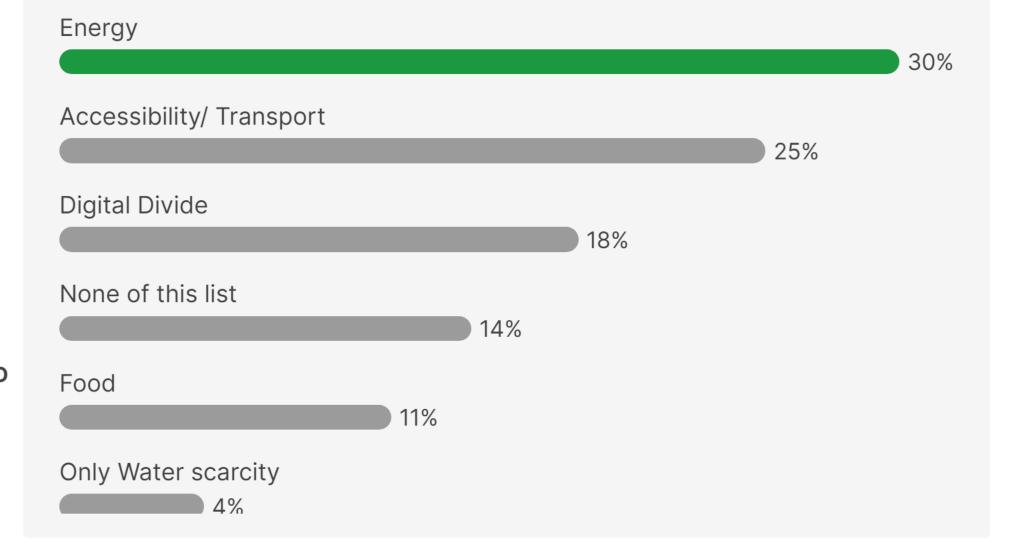
Do you agree that waste prevention/ reduction is a relevant topic for the identified territories (rural/ mountain and islands) in the frame of the four programme missions?



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If you have chosen "no", you would replace the topic "Waste prevention/reduction" by:



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# How can I leave my feedback?

Options for feedback by the public







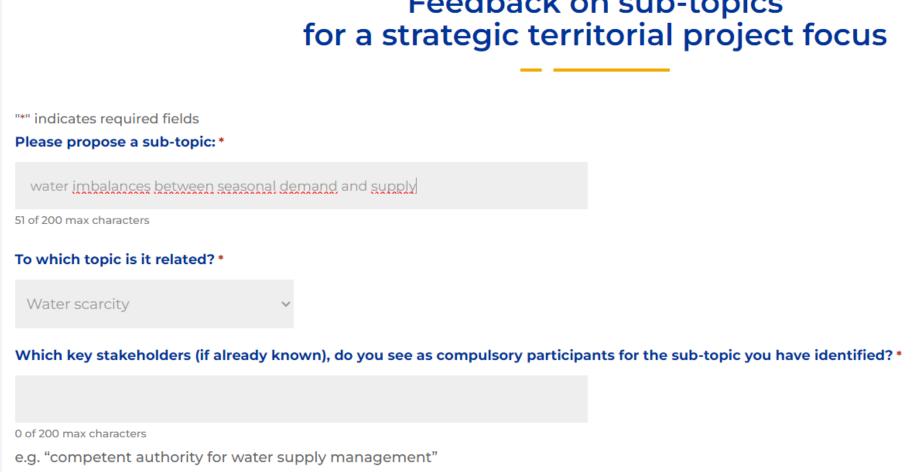
Deadline: **31/10/2023** 

https://interreg-euro-med.eu/en/2023-10-17-consultation-day-feedback-subtopics/





# Feedback on sub-topics







# What mission is concerned by your sub-topic?\* Sustainable and Innovative Econo v What Specific objective targeted by the programme (if already known) is concerned by the sub-topic you proposed?\* 1.1 Enhancing research and innova > From which reference documents (if any), have you inspired yourself to identify your sub topic?\* 0 of 200 max characters e.g. "Water Framework Directive " Would you like to share any other feedback or idea?











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