



Information session Open Call for proposals Euro-MED05



11 June 2024



Agenda

10:00 – 10:15 Opening session – Welcome speeches

10:15 – 12:00 Presentation of the Call and expectations

Tools and Application procedure

Q&A

12:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00- 16:00 Meet and exchange!







Strategic framework of the Programme

Mission approach
Priorities and specific objectives
Types of projects
Update on Programme Implementation

The Interreg Euro-MED Programme

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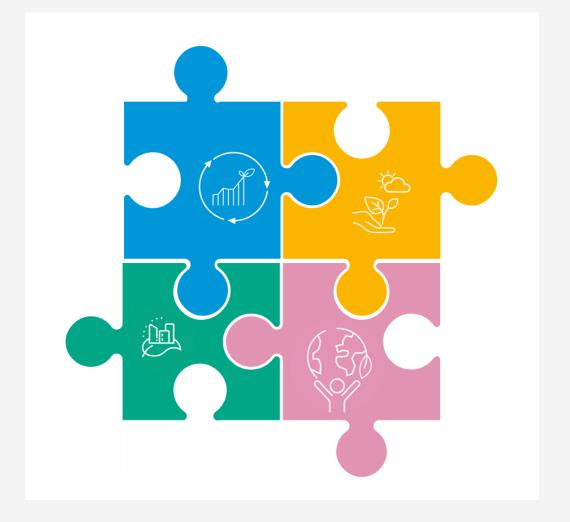








4 interconnected and complementary missions to reach climate-neutral and resilient society





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











Missions, priorities and specific objectives



Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

- Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem
- Supporting circular economy

Mediterrance Better ance



Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

- Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention
- Enhancing Nature & biodiversity

6.6



Promoting green living areas

Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention



Enhancing sustainable tourism

- Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem
- 2.6 Supporting circular economy
- Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention
- Enhancing Nature & biodiversity

A better cooperation governance



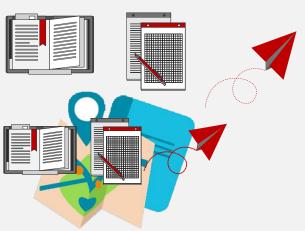


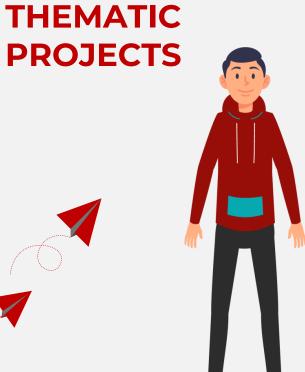
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Two types of projects

Smarter Mediterranean

Greener Mediterranean

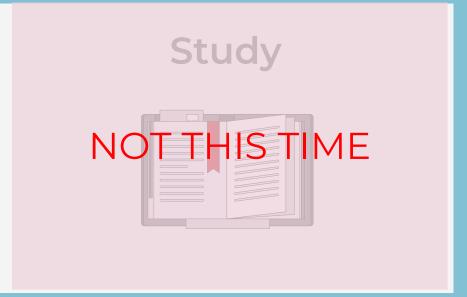






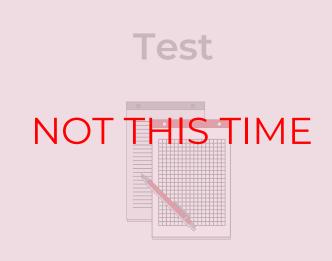












Strategic territorial











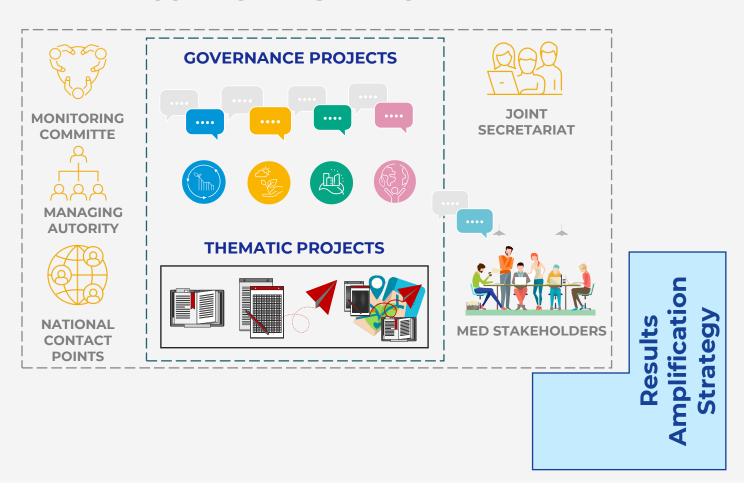
Thematic projects contribute to the missions





The Programme Architecture

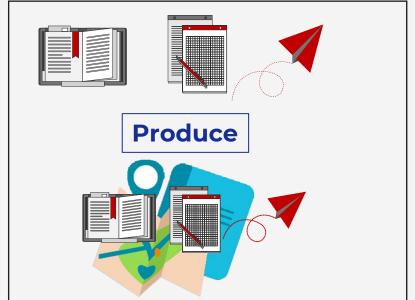
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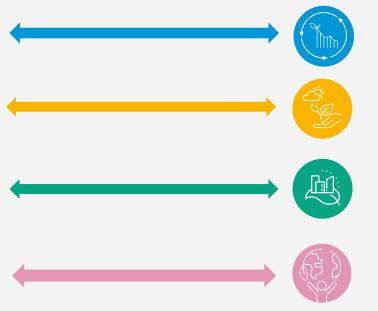


Results Amplification Strategy: what is the role of the thematic projects?

THEMATIC PROJECTS

INDIVIDUAL BUT COMPLEMENTARY





GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

AMPLIFY COLLECTIVELY

Thematic Community

Combine / Valorise / Transfer

Institutional Dialogue

Mobilise / Valorise / Integrate





<u>Documents & tools - Programme Interreg</u> <u>Euro-MED (interreg-euro-med.eu)</u>

Update on Programme implementation

1st and 3rd call: Governance projects

8 projects selected – started January 2023

Community4Innovation



Dialogue4Innovation

Community4Nature



Dialogue4Nature

Community4LivingAreas



Dialogue4LivingAreas

Community4Tourism



Dialogue4Tourism

2nd call: Thematic projects

56 projects selected – started January 2024







8 study

40 Test

8 Transfer









10





Update on Programme implementation

close tomorrow close 206/206/2024 in projects shall start in projects shall start in

4th call: Thematic projects







Test

Transfer















Presentation of the Call and expectations

What is a strategic territorial project?
Topics tackled
Territories tackled
Duration, budget



What a strategic territorial project is?

- > Seek for a **new** tailor-made **solution**
- Address identified strategic topics
- Produce a territorial impact
- Involve all relevant stakeholders
- Combine study, test and transfer

A STP shall ...

- > Generate a direct impact on policies by developing new area-tailored strategical solutions or strategies.
- > Build and implement solutions or strategies at the local level
- > Transfer those solutions or strategies to other organisms, stakeholders, networks operating in territories with the same characteristics within the Programme area and/or beyond



Indicative workflow of a strategic territorial project



- Analysing and establishing the state of the art in the field of intervention, produce complementary data and references in the involved territories
- Designing common approaches for developing new common solutions, strategies, action plans





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





- Developing stakeholder mapping to define target roles and objective
- Supporting the adoption of tested solutions, strategies or action plans in the involved territories
- Supporting the transfer of tested solutions, strategies or action plans in other territories with similar characteristics in the Programme area





Waste prevention & reduction



Water scarcity (due to climate change)

Which topics for which Strategic Territories?









Mountain areas



Islands





Scoping for strategic territorial projects

2 Topics





3 Territories







Rural areas Mountain areas

Islands

4 Missions

Missions, priorities and specific objectives







Combinations





Waste reduction in islands in Mission Sustainable tourism O.S. 2.6

Water in rural and mountain areas in Mission ISE O.S. 1.1

Water in mountain areas in Mission ISE O.S. 1.1

Water and Waste in islands in Mission Sustainable tourism O.S. 2.6

Waste reduction in rural areas in Mission Natural Heritage O.S. 2.6

Water in mountains and islands in Mission Green Living areas O.S. 2.7





Targeted areas







Rural areas

Mountain areas

Islands

- Indications in the ToRs are meant to facilitate the territorial identification.
- They are NOT meant to be an exclusive list but other territorial choices should be duly justified
- Territorial identifications are not referring to the partner locations, but to their scope of intervention (competence).
- Territories can fit to more than one category; justification should be given according to project topic.





Islands



Eurostat - Statistical Atlas (europa.eu)

- Minimum distance of 1 km to the mainland
- no fixed link
- a resident population of more than 50 inhabitants;

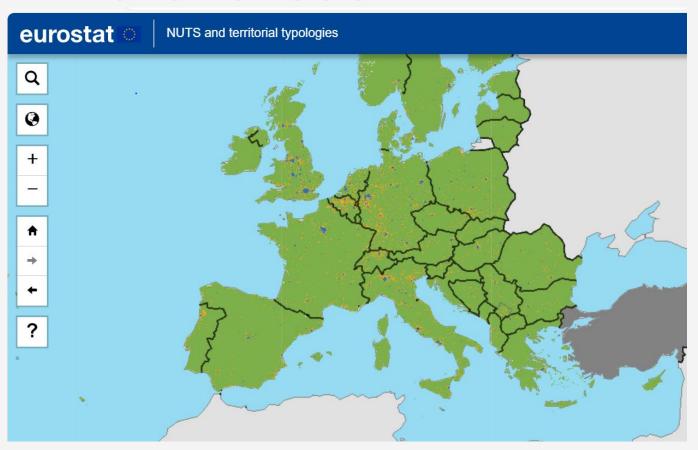
Background - Coastal, Island and Outermost Regions -Eurostat (europa.eu)





Reference documents: Terms of Reference

Rural areas



Eurostat - Statistical Atlas (europa.eu)

- Base: Rural grid cells of 1 km² outside of urban cluster
- Deployed for local administrative units geocode (LAU)
- Eurostat map + xls file available for all Programme countries except BiH and Montenegro (dedicated sources)
- Need to justify in A.F. Section C.3 any not-listed territory targeted

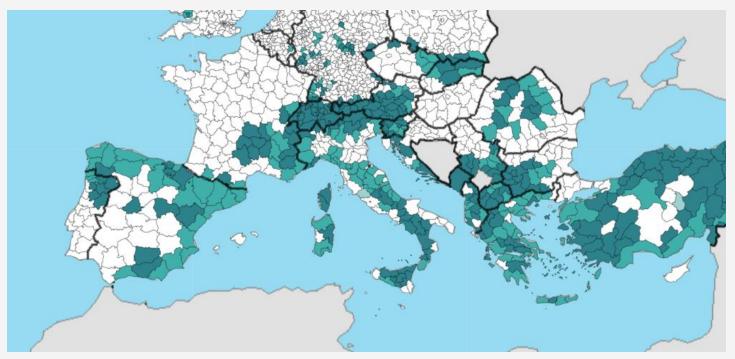
<u>Methodology - Rural development -</u> <u>Eurostat (europa.eu)</u>







Mountain areas



Eurostat - Statistical Atlas (europa.eu)

- 3-D approximation of the surface of a terrain produced from elevation data and a grid based on population data
- more than 50 % of the surface is covered by topographic mountain areas and/ or more than 50 % of the regional population lives in topographic mountain areas
- Eurostat map for all Programme countries except BiH (whole country)
- Need to justify in A.F. Section C.3 any not-listed territory targeted

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









Mission Innovative Sustainable Economy

Scope

Innovative solutions or strategies to support the implementation of **sustainable practices fostering a resilient economy and society,** based on a systemic approach.

Specific Objectives

- 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

Focus



• Reducing waste production and improving management and valorisation of waste.



Improving efficient management of resources, sobriety and efficiency of uses







Scope

Mission Natural Heritage

contribute to the environmental objectives planned by the EU as the **EU Green Deal**, the EU Communication on Sustainable Blue Economy, the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and **relevant Conventions** as the the Barcelona Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

Specific Objectives

2.4 "Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches"

Focus

2.7 "Enhancing protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure including in urban areas and reducing all forms of pollution



Prevention and reduction of all waste related pressures on the natural heritage



Water scarcity impact on natural resources or ecosystems Design and adaptation of approaches for resilience









Mission Green Living Areas

Scope

The mission seeks a holistic and transdisciplinary approach promoting stakeholders, citizens and communities' engagement, to act as transformative power creating socio-ecological local alliances.

Specific Objective

2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches »

Focus



The mission addresses the water scarcity issue through the scope of quality and quantity: promoting sobriety, availability and protection.



The mission addresses the waste reduction and prevention issue through the scope of quantity and hazardousness: promoting local and eco-design, repair, reuse, and waste reduction policies.







Mission Sustainable tourism

To enhance **sustainable practices in the tourism sector**, ensuring the protection and valorisation of natural and cultural resources and overcoming the impact of climate change and mass tourism.

Specific Objectives

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

• 2.4 Promoting climate change **adaptation** and disaster **risk prevention**, resilience, taking into account

- eco-system-based approaches
 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

Focus



Management and prevention of waste in tourist facilities and destinations



Prevention and resolution of water scarcity generated by tourists and tourist businesses







Project duration

Total projects duration (implementation + closure activities)



Starting date of the activities: 1st September 2025



Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference
Courtesy A.Form



Project budget



Call budget = 35 M€

Max: 4.000.000€

Total budget = EU (80%) + national (20%) co-financing

8 to 10 expected to be approved

No limit per mission or topic or territory

Best scores will be selected!

























Partnership



Expected partnership

- As a minimum, partners based in 5 different countries within the 69 regions composing the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area
- At least 2 partners from an EU region of the Programme cooperation area
- Lead Partner must be a public body, or a body governed by public law
- Private institutions from IPA countries must be non-profit

Organisations from IPA countries can be Lead Partners!

Reference documents:

Programme Manual I.B



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

Partnership composition

FOR CALL05:

- institutional partners, operational partners and networks, with <u>direct</u> <u>competence</u> on the <u>field</u> tackled and on <u>policy</u> implementation
- able to implement activities related to all three phases (study, test, transfer)

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





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: 10-12 partners
- Implement activities and report, according to profile:
 - institutional
 - operational
 - 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 addedvalue:
 - Advisory
 - End-users
 - Observer





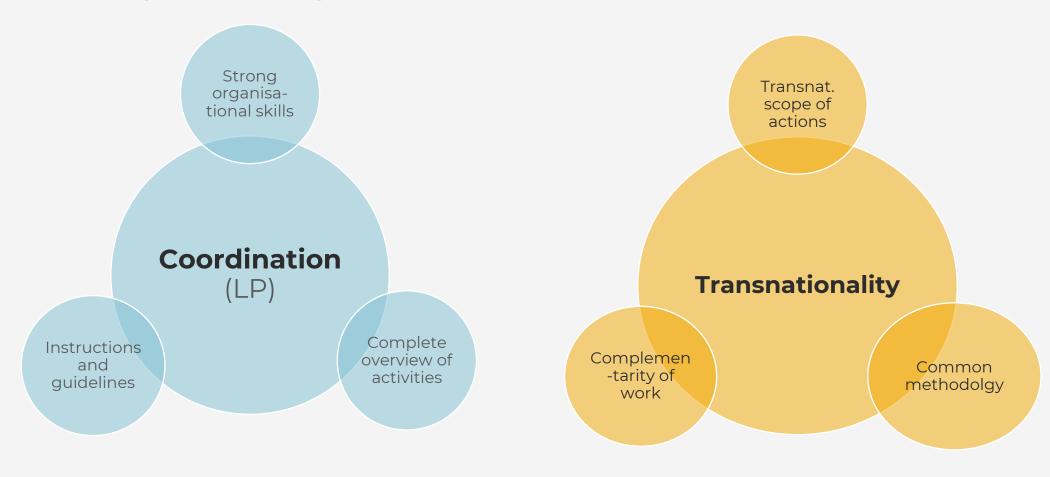






Guiding principles

Principles governing activities and productions





Principles governing activities and productions Comple-Compamentarity rable Ease developments **Transferability** Reliable Target **Synergies** and clear (of results) traceable (between projects) Quality Greater increased impact **Sustainability** & Durability Replicable Mainstream Communicate



Continuity

When drafting the proposal, please consider the main **results** of the Interreg MED projects funded during 2014-2020

And the **projects funded under the Call02** for Thematic projects that started on 01/01/2024

And other EU funded programmes and results https://interreg.eu/, https://keep.eu

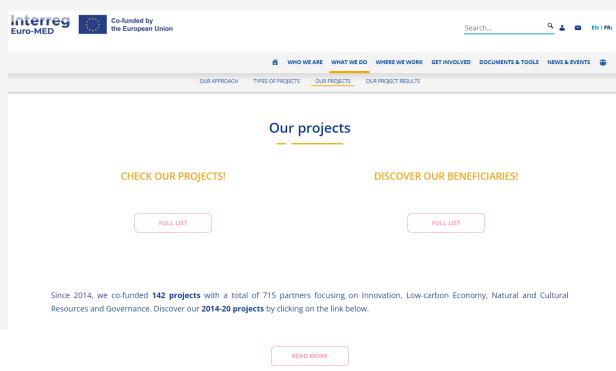
Projects & Results (europa.eu)

Multiprogramme Sustainable Tourism toolkit



Interreg MED (interreg-med.eu)

What we do - Programme Interreg Euro-MED (interreg-euro-med.eu)







Complementarity

- Interreg Transnational and cross-border Programmes
- PRIMA/HORIZON, LIFE, EMFAF
- UfM, UNEP MAP
- DG MARE, DG ENV ...
- EUSAIR, EUSALP, WestMed
- Any results or tools from other initiatives, strategies and Programmes...



And the link to **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)**

water scarcity and waste prevention/reduction













Questions









Application procedure:

2-step application



2-step Application procedure

Preapplication submission

Eligibility check + Quality check :

- Relevance within Euro-MED context and Call
- Partnership relevance

Dec 2024: Ranking and preselection of proposals by MC

Feedback interview for preselected proposals

Full application for pre-selected proposals

Eligibility check + Quality check: All sections (also relevance and partnership resubmitted)

June 2025 Approval/ Rejection by MC



Key documents composing a PRE-application

✓ PRE-APPLICATION FORM to be filled-in in Jems (English or French) and submitted



✓ MANDATORY ANNEXES: partners (incl. LP) expressions of interest signed (downloadable template on Call page)



One single deadline:

- 1. Pre-Application Form to be validated in Jems
- 2. Mandatory annexes to be uploaded in Jems

before 26/09/2024, at 13.00 (Brussels time)



Reference documents: Terms of Reference: Submission of proposals Jems Guidelines







Pre-application assessment procedure

Pre-application appraisal

- I. The administrative and eligibility check (ToRs Annex 1)
- II. Quality assessment criteria (step 1 only) (ToRs Annex 2)

Assessment criteria 1. Relevance within the Euro-MED context (5 points) Assessment criteria 4. Partnership relevance (5 points)

The final maximum score reachable by a proposal is of 10 points.

The threshold for projects to be recommended to the Programme Monitoring Committee is of **7 out of 10** .

- > All proposals **above 7** will be pre-selected.
- > Only selected pre-applications will be invited to submit a full application.





Pre-application focus: Relevance with Euro-MED context

C.2 Project relevance and context

C.2.1 What are the common territorial challenge(s) that will be tackled by the project?

Please describe why your project is needed in the programme area and the relevance of your project for the programme area, in terms of common challenges and opportunities addressed.

Enter text here

[2000 characters]

C.2.2 How does the project tackle identified common challenges and/or opportunities and what is new about the approach the project takes?

Please describe new solutions that will be developed during the project and/or existing solutions that will be adopted and implemented during the project lifetime. Describe also in what way the approach goes beyond existing practice in the sector/programme area/participating countries.

Enter text <u>here</u>

[2000 characters]

1.Project Relevance (with Euro-MED context and with call expectations

How well is a need for the project justified?

- •The project addresses common territorial challenges of the Programme or joint asset of the Programme area – there is a real need for the project (well justified, reasonable, well explained)
- •The targeted territory and topic chosen are justified. The territory of intervention has been identified according to the criteria established within the <u>ToR</u>
- The project clearly contributes to a wider strategy on one or more policy levels (EU / national / regional)
- •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.

C.2.1

C.2.2

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-C.2.5

C.2.2

C.2.6





Pre-application focus: Partnership Relevance

B.1.6 Partner motivation and contribution

Which of the organisation's thematic competences and experiences are relevant for the project?

Enter text <u>here</u> [1000 characters]

What is the role (contribution and main activities) of your organisation in the project?

Enter text <u>here</u> [2000 characters]

C.3 Project partnership

Describe the structure of your partnership and explain why these partners are needed to implement the project and to achieve project objectives.

Enter text here

[5000 characters]

4.Partnership relevance

To what extent is the partnership

composition relevant for the proposed project?

- The project involves the relevant actors needed to address the challenge/joint asset for territorial development and the objectives specified for the mission tackled.
- Partners have direct competencies to manage and/or implement solutions on the targeted territory
- The project partnership:
 - is balanced with respect to the levels, sectors, territory
 - consists of partners that complement each other
 - each partner plays a defined role
- 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 the partnership.
- Associated partners have a defined role and bring added value.

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Convince your reader

Be **Consistent** with the call objectives, the topic chosen, the territories targeted, the identified challenges and the proposed approach for a tailor-made solution

Do's: answer to the WHY? HOW? WHO?

Be Concrete. Answer the question « How could my project lead to a concrete change »?

Do's: « By increasing fresh water availability in small islands, the project will reduce drought risk by XXX, biodiversity loss by XX, fire risk by in XX».

Be precise and straightforward

Do's: « By promoting the restoration of water polluted environments, the project will contribute to goal 6 of the UN sustainable development, through XXX »



Good things to do



- Read carefully the Programme Manual and the specific ToR
- Use the « list of administrative and eligibility criteria » and the specificities of the call to check your proposal
- Read carefully the courtesy version of the pre-AF
- Double check all documents uploaded and their content





Calendar Call for strategic territorial projects (Euro-MED 05)

Approval of ToRs	18/04/2024		
Transnational information day	11/06/2024 in Malta <u>(only on site)</u>		
√ Pre-application step: PRE-APPLICATION			
Opening of the Pre-Application step (project rationale / territory and topic tackled / partnership rationale) 18/06/2024 at 13.00 Brussels time			
Closure of the Pre-Application step Submission of mandatory annexes	26/09/2024 at 13.00 Brussels time		
Assessment of pre-applications	October – November 2024		
Pre-Selection by the Monitoring Committee	First week of December 2024		







Calendar Call for strategic territorial projects (Euro-MED 05)

√ Full application step: FULL APPLICATION (open only to selected pre applications)			
Opening of the Full Application step (Full Application Form)	07/01/2025 at 13.00 Brussels time		
Closure of the Full Application step	28/02/2025 at 13.00 Brussels time		
Submission of mandatory annexes	14/03/2025		
Information event and Interviews with pre-selected applicants (online)	December 2024/January 2025		
Assessment of Full Application	Between March and May 2025		
Selection by the Monitoring Committee	June 2025		
Pre-contracting and contracting procedures	July-September 2025		
Starting date of the projects	01/09/2025		











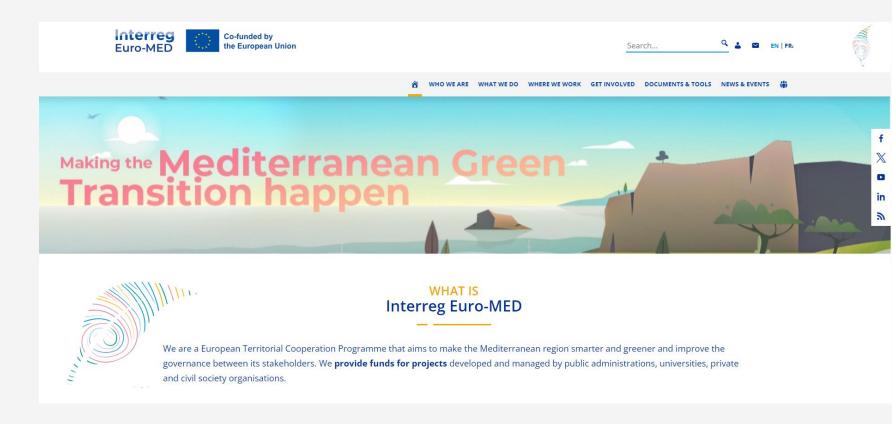


Preparing and submitting your application

Website

https://interreg-euro-med.eu/













Calls for proposals

CALENDAR

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Calls	Status	Priorities	Budget	Opening on	Closing on
1st call: Governance Projects	Closed	ISO 1	19 M€	24/02/2022	1/06/2022
2nd call: Thematic Projects	Closed	PO1/PO2	118 M€	27/06/2022	27/10/2022
3rd call: Governance Projects	Closed	ISO 1	17 M€	29/092022	3/11/2022
4th call: Thematic Projects	Planned	PO1/PO2	44 M€**	12/03/2024	12/06/2024
5th call: Thematic Projects (Strategic Territorial Projects only)	Planned	PO1/PO2	35 M€**	06/2024 (1st phase)	07/2024 (1st phase)
6th call: Thematic Projects (Test projects) – Restricted	Planned	PO1/PO2	10 M€**	04/2026	04/2026
7th call: Thematic Projects (Transfer projects) – Restricted	Planned	PO1/PO2	23 M€**	2nd Semester 2026	2nd Semester 2026

^{*} The above calendar may be revised and is subject to the approval of the Monitoring Committee.

Thematic Strategic Territorial projects

This call targets exclusively **Thematic Strategic Territorial projects**.

These projects should respond to the needs and joint challenges of a specific type of territory addressing identified strategic topics.

Thus, they primarily produce a **territorial impact**, based on involving all relevant stakeholders to trigger **tailor-made solutions or strategies in line with the territory and the topic** chosen. Those should be adapted for the targeted type of territory and be able to influence national, regional or local policies by studying (developing), testing and transferring jointly developed solutions or strategies.

For this purpose, thematic strategic Territorial projects shall combine: conducting studies, testing solutions and transferring results.

More information in the Terms of reference here below.

Programme priorities and specific objectives

Projects must be aligned with the Programme priorities (**Priority 1: A Smarter Mediterranean & Priority 2: A Greener Mediterranean**) and its **specific objectives** as follows:

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Cooperation programme

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APPLYING TO THE CALL

Applying to the call

The Terms of reference, applicable for the 4 missions, set out the specific criteria expected for this call for proposals for territorial strategic projects.

The call 5 will be carried out in 2 phases: pre-application and full application. Only projects proposals selected at the end of the preapplication phase will be able to apply to the full application phase.

Applications are possible only during the dates of the call (cf. calendar below). Outside this period, no application will be considered.

Applications must be submitted online via Jems, the monitoring system developed by Interact. It is available for all applicants and partners at:

To help you use Jems, you can read the $\$ user manual.

The programme's Monitoring Committee decides which projects to approve.

Download the terms of reference and the courtesy pre-application form for more information.

We also strongly recommend you to read the Cooperation Programme and the Programme Manual.

You may also visit the Documents&Tools section to find more information and documents that will help you in your overall understanding of the Programme and its calls for proposals.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

4 ToRs Thematic Strategic Territorial Projects

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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Lead Partner / Partner Expression of Interest

COURTESY PRE-APPLICATION FORM

Courtesy Pre-application Form

4 Programme manual (v1.8)



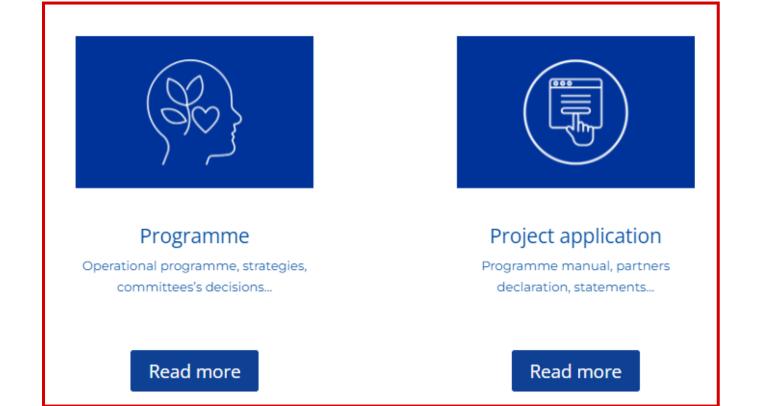








Reference Documents



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Project implementation

Contracting documents, reporting, mission and project branding...

Read more







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Regulations in my country

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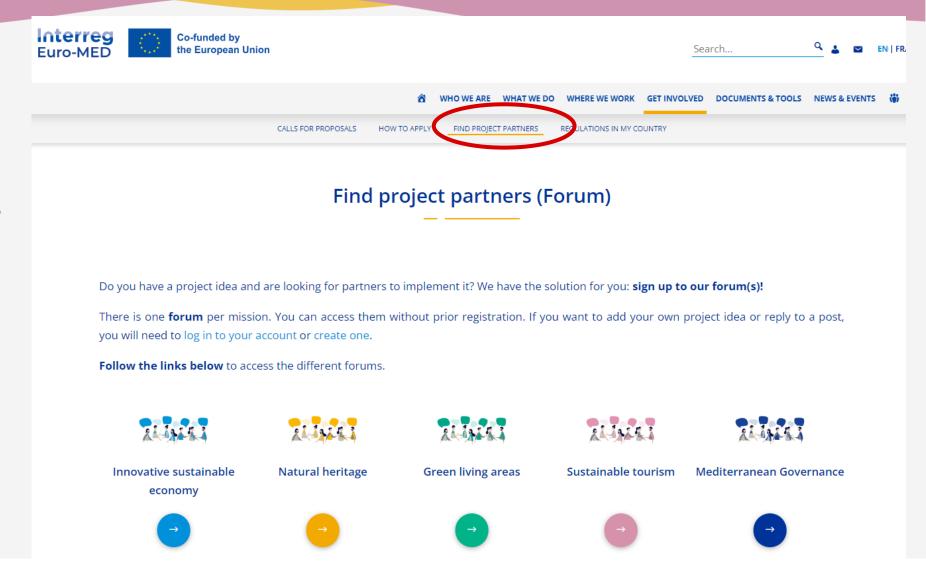
Montenegro





FORUM

→ Search for potential partners









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DOCUMENTS & TOOLS

F.A.Q.

- → Find answers to your questions
- → Different categories
- → If you can't find your answer, ask your question on the helpdesk



REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

Here you can find the answer to the most frequently asked questions about the Programme, tools, project application and implementation. If you do not find the answer to your question, please use the form below to send us your question. We might publish the answer here to enrich our FAQ.

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Annexes





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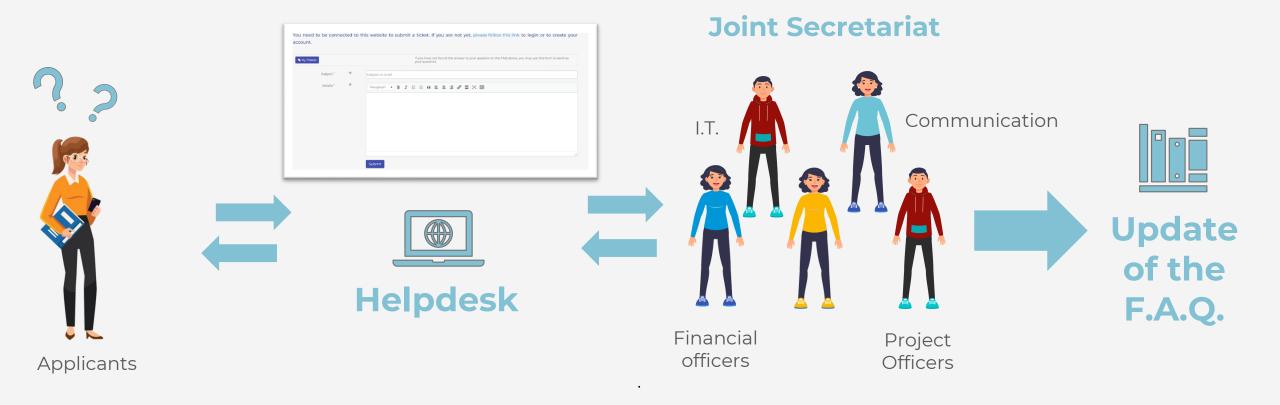
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F.A.Q. - Can't find your answer?







F.A.Q.

- → Only way to get an answer to your questions
- → The Joint Secretariat will NOT answer by email to questions

















WORKSHOPS: Look at your badge!

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Level	1 st Floor	Stay in the plenary	1 st Floor



Let's shape the Interreg future! Answer the public consultation











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