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# The Interreg Euro-MED programme 2021-27

## How can you be part of it?

26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

10.00-11.30



## Agenda

### 1. What are our common priorities?

- Framework and main goal of the Euro-MED programme
- 4 missions to reach this challenging goal

### 2. Which types of projects are co-funded?

- Thematic projects
- Governance projects

### 3. How can you be part of it?

- Co-funded or associated partners (Who, Status, Roles, How to become a partner)
- Euro-MED Academy and capacity building activities

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# What are our common priorities?



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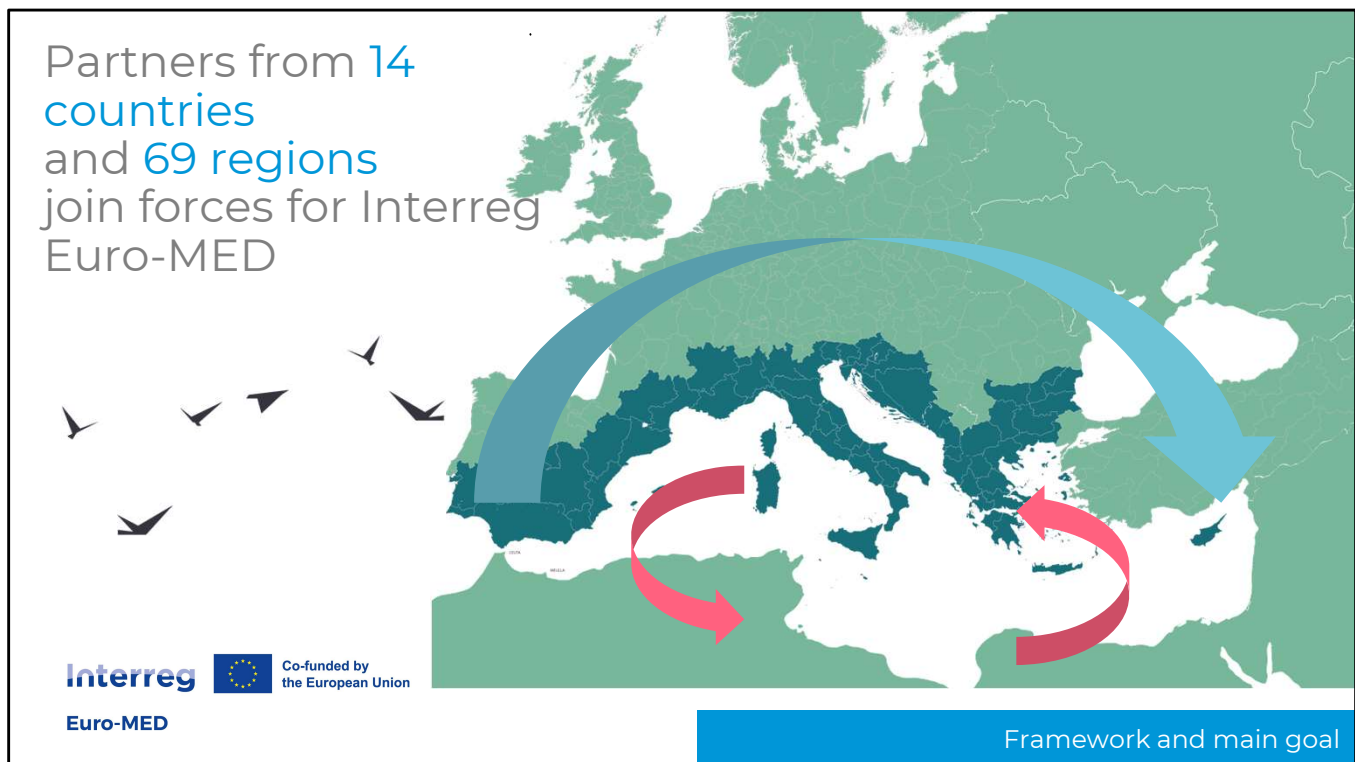
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# **What are our common priorities?**

**Framework and main goal of the  
Euro-MED programme**





The Programme brings together partners from **69 regions from 14 countries** from the North shore of the Mediterranean. A **budget of about 294M€ is allocated to the Programme for the 2021/2027 period**. Participating countries are Member states, candidates and potential candidates to the European Union. They are eligible to a co-financing of 80% of their project's budget.

**Nonetheless, collaborating with the other shores of the Mediterranean** is also crucial to fulfil our ambition: therefore, the participation of partners from the southern and eastern parts of the sea, is needed. As associated partners, part of their activities can be funded by a partner receiving grants.

Interreg Euro-MED aims to support the **transition** towards a

a **climate-neutral** and **resilient society**



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Framework and main goal

Our ambition is to **support the transition towards a climate-neutral and resilient society.**

The Mediterranean  
has many **resources**  
**to protect** from  
global changes  
impact

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Framework and main goal

**Through their actions, partners will fight against the impacts of global changes** on the resources of all countries bordering the Mediterranean basin.

While ensuring a  
sustainable  
growth

and  
the well being of  
its citizens

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Framework and main goal

Keeping at heart to ensure **sustainable growth and the well-being of all Mediterranean citizens.**



Thanks to the cooperation among different stakeholders

Interreg Programmes

Other EU Programmes (Horizon, etc.)

European Commission

Macro-regional and other strategies

Initiatives



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Framework and main goal

Many stakeholders in the Mediterranean share the same challenges. To create a concrete impact on our territories, we have to cooperate and coordinate our efforts.

And to the alignment with European and Mediterranean **objectives**



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Framework and main goal

The Interreg Euro-MED Programme has a **focus on environment and climate** in line with the European Green Deal, the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and the Territorial Agenda 2030.

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# **What are our common priorities?**

**4 missions to reach this challenging  
goal**



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



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4 Missions

Our ambition to “Contribute to the transition towards a climate-neutral and resilient society” is **challenging**.

To ensure concrete and manageable **solutions**, the Programme identified 4 thematic missions that altogether contribute to it.

Each project will have to fit within one of these missions.

## 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



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4 Missions

Each mission operates as a **portfolio of actions** addressing the same thematic issue and enhance the full potential of their results.

The missions push the results of single projects beyond their initial ambitions to address issues of greater importance.

## Mission Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

- > support **transnational cooperation of 4 helix** stakeholders
- > favour increased **innovation activities, services and** organisational **patterns** towards **circularity**



- > encourage the uptake of **sustainable production and consumption practices**
- > improve co-implementation and **coordination** with **Regional Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3)**

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4 Missions

Improving **innovation** capacities of quadruple helix stakeholders is a necessity to strengthen and consolidate knowledge society in our **territories**.

It will help us be better prepared to face future possible economic crisis.

Projects under this mission will have as scope, among others, to reinforce the competitiveness of SMEs, to increase the capacities of public and private stakeholders to implement and coordinate Regional Innovation Strategies thus accelerating the transition to a circular and sustainable economy and society.

## Mission Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

> promote **climate change mitigation and adaptation** measures

> restore **degraded ecosystems** on land and at sea



> boost the **connection of natural ecosystems** at transnational level

> valorise **economic and social value of biodiversity**

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4 Missions

Climate change will have a high environmental impact **in Europe and** especially along the Mediterranean because of its fragile ecosystems.

The **natural environment and heritage** contribute to a healthier and more resilient society. The preservation of ecosystems allows to mitigate natural disasters, diseases, boost resilience and regulate climate, thus reducing risks to human societies.

Projects under this mission will promote climate change mitigation and adaptation measures and encourage sustainable management of natural resources and restoration of degraded ecosystems

## Mission Promoting green living areas

> act on the negative impacts of **urban activities**

> facilitate **energy transition**



> improve **territories' resilience** to the effects of climate change

> promote **citizens' involvement** in green transition

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4 Missions

Sustainable development, management of **green living areas** and an integrated vision of the territories' energy transition are crucial to the quality of life of the Mediterranean people.

Projects will tackle this challenge through the development of greener living areas, and will work to minimise their impact on the Mediterranean and the global climate system, on their path to become truly carbon neutral



## Mission Enhancing sustainable tourism

> integrate **tourism in circular economy**

> contribute to **environmental neutral tourism**



> improve **sustainability of ecosystem services**

> preserve **natural resources and cultural heritage**

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4 Missions

Tourism is a key sector in our territories both in terms of protection and valorisation of the natural and cultural resources and support of its recovery.

The mission addresses the development of **sustainable tourism** as a transversal issue: fostering tourism integrated in circular economy, considering sustainable ecosystem services, using innovation technologies, or promoting the preservation of natural resources and cultural heritage.

Each project pursues a **specific objective** and contributes, in synergy with the other projects, to fulfilling a mission ...



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... that goes beyond its potential alone

4 Missions

And all together, they bring their expertise to reach ambitions of higher importance.

## Missions and specific objectives at a glance



Practically, each thematic project will work to achieve one of these specific objectives (these objectives are pre-defined by the EC. Each programme select OS from a list provided by the EC):

- SO 1.1 and 2.6 fit into the mission Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy
- SO 2.4 and 2.7 fit into the mission Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage
- SO 2.4 fit into the mission Promoting Green living areas
- All SO can fit into the mission Enhancing sustainable tourism, depending on their focus.

Each mission operates as a portfolio of actions addressing the same thematic issue and increase the full potential of their results.

All projects have to fit in one of the missions pursuing one of the specific objectives selected by the Programme.

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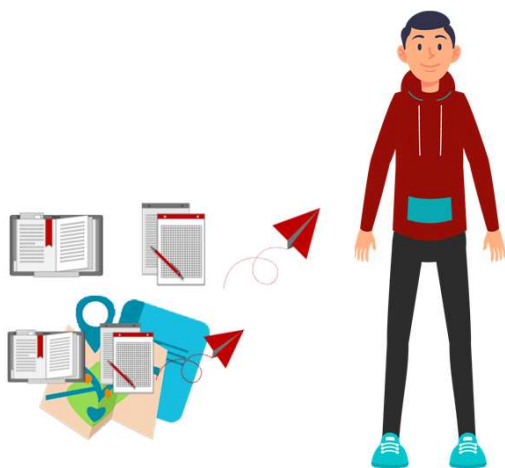
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# Which types of projects are co-funded?



## THEMATIC PROJECTS



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## GOVERNANCE PROJECTS



Types of Projects

The Programme supports **2 types of projects**: **Thematic projects that will each contribute partially to one of the missions pursuing more targeted and limited objectives** and **Governance projects that will amplify the results of the thematic projects by valorising their joint contributions to the missions.**

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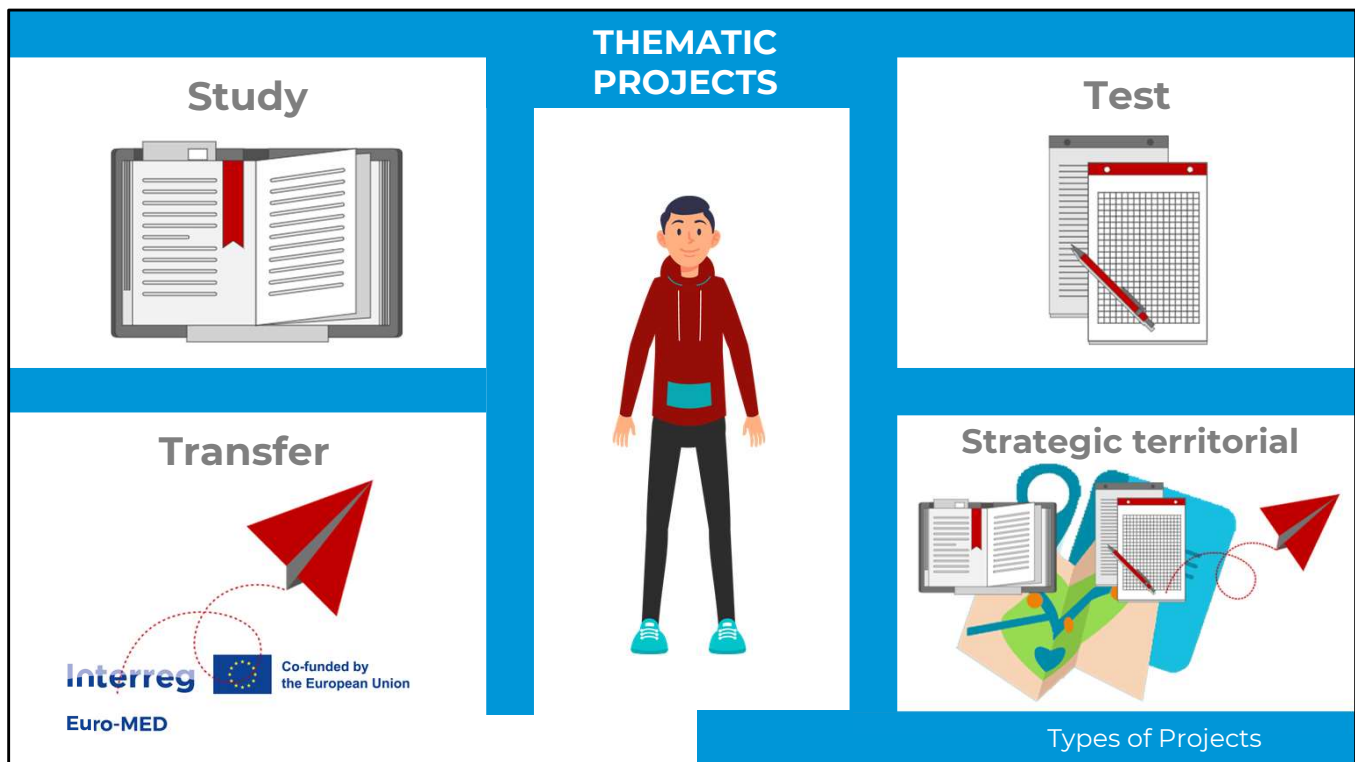
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# Which types of projects are co-funded?

**Thematic projects**





Thematic are divided into 4 categories: **Study, Test, Transfer and Strategic Territorial** projects.

**Study projects** perform analyses to better address a thematic issue and open the door to the development of new instruments, policies, strategies, and action plans.

**Test projects** experiment common instruments, policies, strategies and action plans already developed to validate concrete solutions to be transferred.

**Transfer projects** optimise and share validated common instruments, policies, strategies and actions plans to have the stakeholders adopt them.

**Strategic territorial projects** conduct studies, test solutions and transfer results addressing the strategic topics of a specific type of territory.

Thematic projects **contribute** to the missions



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Types of Projects

Each project implementing actions, to **fulfil the selected specific objective, contributes to one of the 4 missions** that tackle challenges of greater importance.



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# Which types of projects are co-funded?

**Governance projects**





**Governance projects** implement actions to fulfil the Better Mediterranean Governance priority and specific objective «A better cooperation governance »

They are divided into 2 categories: **Thematic Community** and **Institutional Dialogue** projects.

## Thematic Community projects

EXCHANGES

SYNERGIES

TRANSFER  
MAINSTREAM



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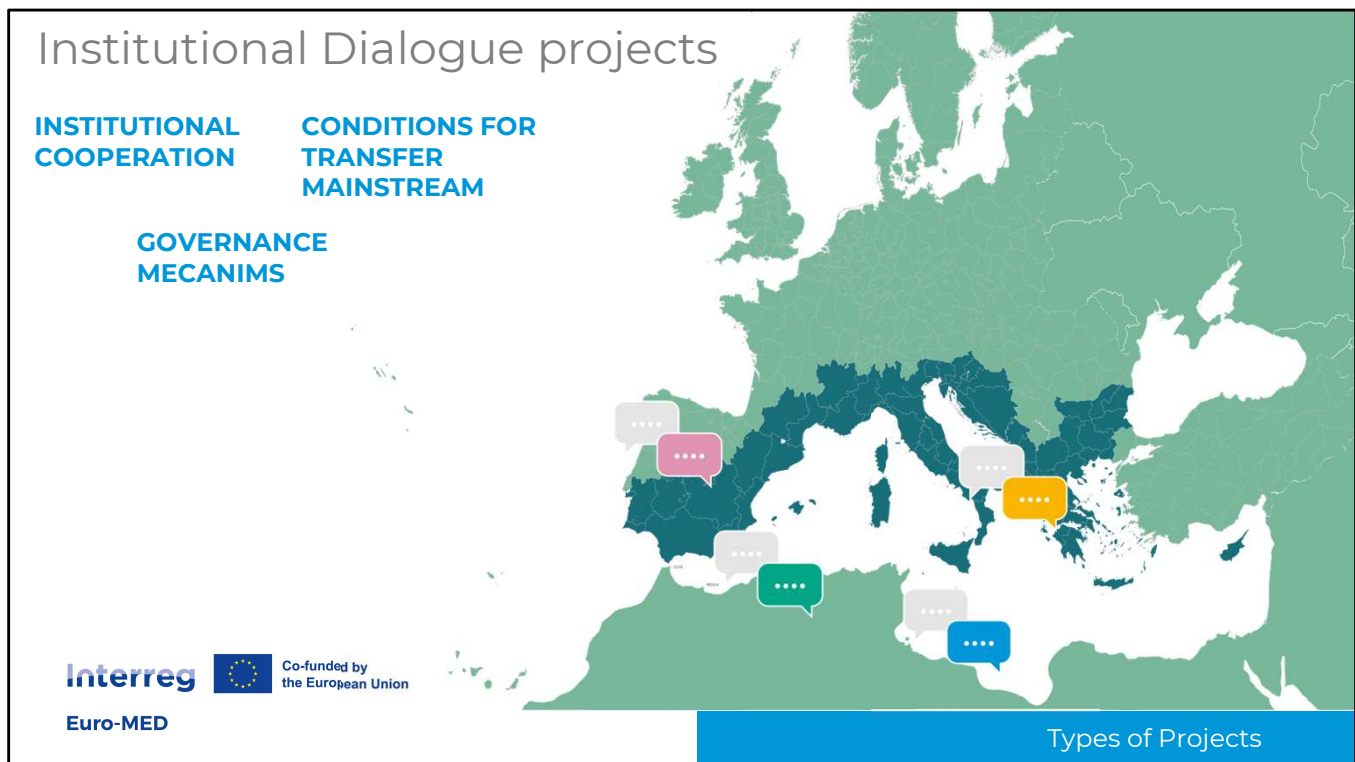
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Types of Projects

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

There is 1 Thematic Community project for each of the 4 missions and for the whole duration of the Programme.



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

There is 1 Institutional Dialogue project for each of the 4 missions and for the whole duration of the Programme.

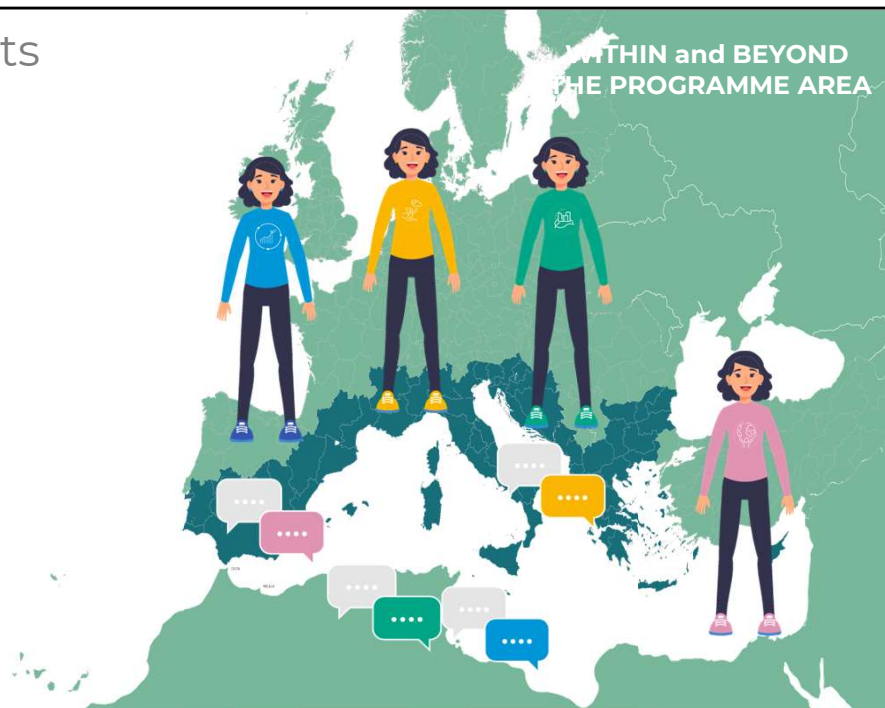
Governance projects  
working together  
on each mission

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THE PROGRAMME AREA

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Governance Projects

The purpose, actions, and skills of both types of governance projects complement each other on each mission. Both aim at amplifying and increasing impact of the projects' results, transferring them into the practices and mainstreaming them into the public policies.

**Thematic Community** projects provide the technical knowledge and work closer with the territories within the Euro-MED Programme area.

**Institutional Dialogue** projects strengthen the institutional exchanges to impact the governance mechanisms within and beyond the Programme area.

In a nutshell of to say it another way: **Both will seek to improve the governance of the issues at the transnational level by engaging in more strategical activities that shall enhance the coordination among actors in the field of the missions.**

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# How can you be part of it?



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# How can you be part of it?

**Co-funded or associated partners**



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**Co-funded or associated partners**

**WHO?**





## EU and IPA bodies can be co-funded partners?

Local public authority (municipality, etc.) - Regional public authority (regional council, etc.) - National public authority (ministry, etc.)

Sectoral agency (local or regional development agency, environmental agency, energy agency, employment agency, etc.)

Infrastructure and (public) service provider (public transport, utility company (water supply, electricity supply, sewage, gas, waste collection, etc.), airport, port, railway, etc.)

Interest groups including NGOs (international organisation, trade union, foundation, charity, voluntary association, club, etc.)

Higher education and research organisations (university faculty, college, research institution, RTD facility, research cluster, etc.)  
Education/training centre and school (primary, secondary, pre-school, vocational training, etc.)

Enterprise, except SME  
SME (micro, small, medium)

Business support organization (chamber of commerce, chamber of trade and crafts, business incubator or innovation centre, business clusters, etc)

European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)

International organisation, European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) (under national law, under international law)

Hospitals and medical centres

Other

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*Depending on ToRs drafted and  
published for each call*

Co-funded and associated partners: WHO?

Bodies from EU countries and countries participating to programmes under the Instrument of pre-adhesion are eligible to be co-funded partner. It means that they have a budget co-financed by 80%. Here is a list of usual eligible partners. Of course, their specific profiles are defined in the Terms of Reference for the call that are drafted and published on our website as part of the document for the call of proposals.

## Bodies from all countries can be associated partners

Local public authority (municipality, etc.) - Regional public authority (regional council, etc.) - National public authority (ministry, etc.)

Sectoral agency (local or regional development agency, environmental agency, energy agency, employment agency, etc.)

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*Must be relevant to the project  
tackled issues and objectives*

Co-funded and associated partners: WHO?

Bodies from all countries can be associated partners. As you can see, their profile are identical. They must be relevant to the issues and objectives tackled by the projects.

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**Co-funded or associated partners**

**STATUS**



### Co-funded partners

- ✓ Any of the listed partners
- ✓ Receive funds
- ✓ Limited number
- ✓ Expected to be integrated from the start
- ✓ Implement activities and report

### Associated partners

- ✓ Any of the listed partners
- ✓ Don't receive funds but paired active partner can cover travel and accommodation costs
- ✓ Potentially unlimited numbers
- ✓ Can be added at any time
- ✓ Take part in activities according to added-value (both ways):
  - Advisory
  - End-users
  - Observer



Co-funded and associated partners: STATUS?

Regarding the status of the partners, the following features apply to each of them.

Given the ambition of the Programme to extend its impact beyond its geographical area, in addition to associated partners from the Programme area, associated partners from outside the Programme area (Southern and eastern Mediterranean shores notably as well as other Balkan countries) that have a particular interest in the Mediterranean territories linked to the 4 missions of the Programme are of great value and their participation in projects is highly recommended and encouraged. Associated partners can represent a bridge between the Euro-MED Programme and others and in that way to facilitate inter-Programme exchanges and result amplification shared actions across the whole Mediterranean area (North to South, East to West).

3 main roles for associated partners are identified:

- ✓ Advisory
- ✓ End-users/takers/final beneficiaries
- ✓ Observer/supporter

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**Co-funded or associated partners**

**ROLES**



Associated as **advisors** to provide expertise



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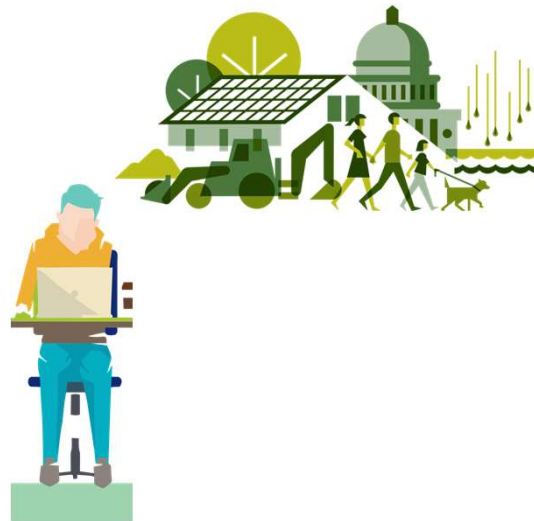
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Co-funded and associated partners: ROLES

As advisors, the associated partner are expected to provide expertise in the tackled issue.

Associated as **end-users** to use the outputs



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Co-funded and associated partners: ROLES

As end-users, takers or final beneficiaries they are interested in implementing, transferring the outputs of the project, tools, actions plans, etc.

Associated as **observers** to support and endorse



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Co-funded and associated partners: ROLES

As observer or supporter, the project seek to increase its outreach and seeks the endorsement of its outputs.



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**Co-funded or associated partners**

**HOW TO BECOME A PARTNER?**



# Check programme website for calls

Get involved –

Programme Interreg Euro-MED  
([interreg-euro-med.eu](https://interreg-euro-med.eu))

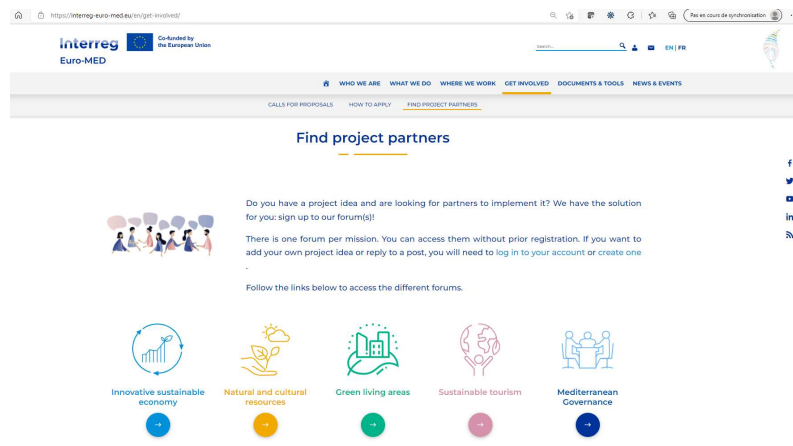
The screenshot shows the 'Calls for proposals' section of the Interreg Euro-MED website. The header includes the Interreg Euro-MED logo and navigation links: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE DO, WHERE WE WORK, GET INVOLVED (highlighted), DOCUMENTS & TOOLS, and NEWS & EVENTS. Below the header, there are three main sections: 'PROVISIONAL CALENDAR', 'Two calls are coming in 2022', and 'OPEN CALLS'. The 'PROVISIONAL CALENDAR' section states that in 2022, two calls for proposals are expected: a call for governance projects on 24th February and a call for thematic projects to be launched around June 2022. The 'Two calls are coming in 2022' section features a timeline diagram with two orange arrows pointing right, labeled 'FIRST CALL' and 'SECOND CALL'. The 'OPEN CALLS' section has a sub-header 'FIRST CALL FOR GOVERNANCE PROJECTS' and states that the first call will be open from Thursday 24th February at noon (Brussels time) to Tuesday 24th May at noon (Brussels time). The footer includes the Interreg Euro-MED logo and the text 'Co-funded by the European Union'.

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Co-funded and associated partners

To become a partner, you need to be updated on the calls for proposals. On the website of the programme, there is a provisional calendar. All the information is published on our website, but not only...

# Register in partners forum



... you can also (and we encourage you) to register in the the partners forum to get in touch with potential co-funded partners and express your interests.

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# How can you be part of it?

**Euro-MED Academy and capacity  
building activities**

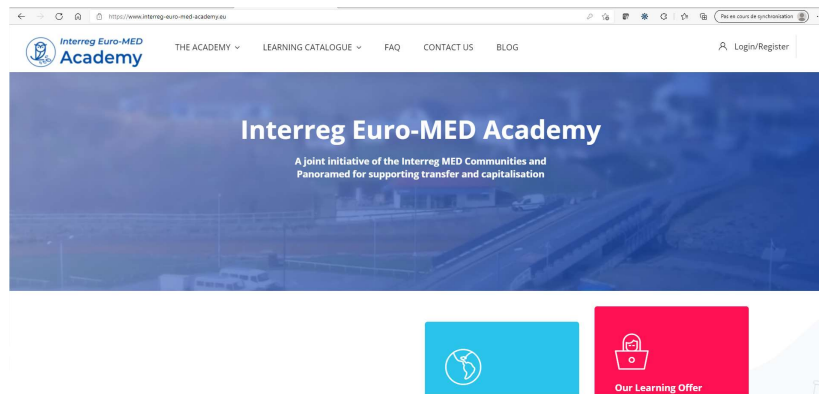


# Benefitting from the project results by training

Get some free training from the Euro-MED Academy

[Interreg Euro-MED Academy  
\(interreg-euro-med-academy.eu\)](https://interreg-euro-med-academy.eu)

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Euro-MED Academy

The Euro-MED Academy is the result of a collaboration between all the projects of the period 2021-27, grouped in project communities. The aim is to share knowledge and improve the skills of a community of interest and practice. The governance projects will continue to feed this academy with the new 2021-27 results and registration to the training modules is free of charge. Facilitating transmission and making it as effective as possible is the whole point of this community to consolidate and amplify the results.

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# On-going and coming calls



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# On-going and coming calls

On-going



## Governance projects

24th of February 2022-  
1st of June 2022

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Co-funded and associated partners

The programme has launched a call for proposals for 8 governance projects on February 24th. It will be running until June 1st.





## Thematic Community Projects

1) Establish conditions for the reuse of results, development of synergies, and increase of coordination between **thematic projects**

2) **Implement transfer, mainstreaming strategies** of thematic project results strategies in practices of public and private actors at local, regional and national levels providing the **technical support**



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## Institutional Dialogue Projects

1) Contribute to implementation of transfer, mainstreaming strategies **engaging** local, regional and national authorities / EU, ETC MA, initiatives, strategies

2) Set-up **long-lasting conditions for permanent institutional and social dialogue** to bridge the transnational dimension with the local solutions, in order to contribute to territorial cohesion at the transnational Mediterranean level regarding each thematic mission



Co-funded and associated partners

Indeed, the on-going call aims at co-financing 4 Thematic Community Projects and 4 Institutional Dialogue Projects, one dedicated to one of the missions. They will be twinned and work in a complementary way to improve governance.

The respective objectives of each type of project are the following one:

The TCP are expected to establish conditions for the reuse of results, development of synergies, and increase of coordination between **thematic projects**

And to **Implement transfer, mainstreaming strategies** of thematic project results strategies in practices of public and private actors at local, regional and national levels providing the **technical support**

Whereas the IDP are expected to Contribute to implementation of transfer, mainstreaming strategies **engaging** local, regional and national authorities / EU, ETC MA,

initiatives, strategies and set-up **long-lasting conditions for permanent**

**institutional and social dialogue** to bridge the transnational dimension with the local solutions, in order to contribute to territorial cohesion at the transnational Mediterranean level regarding each thematic mission

Therefore these 2 types of projects need the support of partners from all the shores of the Mediterranean in the fields of understanding what has been developed in your areas and how it can be exploited to develop synergies. They will be seeking to share and transfer the solutions to actors sharing the same challenges and needs. Also, they will aim at establishing structure and long-lasting channels of dialogues to better coordinate.

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# On-going and coming calls

**Coming**



June 2022

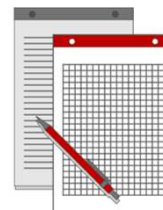
### Study



## THEMATIC PROJECTS



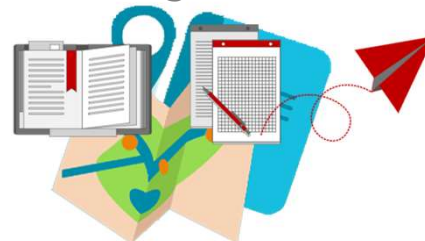
### Test



### Transfer



### Strategic territorial



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In June, the programme will open a call for proposals for thematic projects pursuing the selected specific objectives of the programme presented earlier. We will forecast that about 42 projects will be selected. More information will be posted on the website and we will come back to you with more detailed information about this call. The regulation for the participation will remain the same.

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# In a nutshell



We would like to involve you:

- By become partners (co-funded or associated when not eligible to receive grants)
  - Register in the Forum stating your interest and exchanges with partners
  - Stay tuned on the calls and news
- We will keep you regularly updated on developments
- We will inform you about the training sessions with the Euro-MED Academy



In a nutshell...

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