



**ENPI
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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN



First call for proposals for Standard Projects

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MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN PROGRAMME 2007-2013



Introduction

The "ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2007/2013" is a multilateral cross-border cooperation programme co-financed by the European Union under the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).

The Programme provides the framework for the implementation of cross-border and cooperation activities in the context of the European Neighbourhood Policy, complementing efforts exerted within the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, with the final aim of developing an area of peace, stability, prosperity and good neighbourliness involving EU Mediterranean Countries (EUMC) and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC).

Reference documents

Before submitting any project proposal, applicants are invited to consult the Joint Operational Programme approved by the European Commission on August 14th 2008, the ENPI Regulation (EC) n. 1638/2006, the ENPI CBC Implementing Rules Regulation (EC) n. 951/2007. These documents are available on the Programme website at www.enpicbcmec.eu.

General objective, priorities and measures

The general objective of the Programme is to contribute to promoting the sustainable and harmonious cooperation process at the Mediterranean Basin level by dealing with the common challenges and enhancing its endogenous potential.

The present call for proposals is open to all the 4 Programme Priorities and to the 10 related Measures:

PRIORITY	MEASURES
1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories	1.1. Support to innovation and research in the process of local development of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries 1.2. Strengthening economic clusters creating synergies among potentials of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries 1.3. Strengthening the national strategies of territorial planning by integrating the different levels, and promotion of balanced and sustainable socio-economic development
2. Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level	2.1. Prevention and reduction of risk factors for the environment and enhancement of natural common heritage 2.2. Promotion of renewable energy use and improvement of energy efficiency contributing to addressing, among other challenges, climate change
3. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals*	3.1. Support to people flows among territories as a means of cultural, social and economic enrichment 3.2. Improvement of conditions and modalities of circulation of goods and capitals among the territories
4. Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance	4.1. Support to mobility, exchanges, training and professionalism of young people 4.2. Support to the artistic creativity in all its expressions to encourage dialogue among communities 4.3. Improvement of the governance processes at local level

*Tunisia and Egypt consider that issues related to Priority 3 fall under the exclusive competence of their central administrations. As a consequence, the participation of actors coming from the eligible territories of these two countries to the projects related to Priority 3 is not envisaged.



Available budget

The allocated budget for this first call for proposals is € 32.811.784

Budget breakdown for each priority is based on the percentage set by the Joint Operational Programme:

PRIORITY	BUDGET ALLOCATION
1. Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories	40% of the total budget: € 13.124.714
2. Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level	30% of the total budget: € 9.843.535
3. Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals	10% of the total budget: € 3.281.178
4. Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance	20% of the total budget: € 6.562.357 (50% of this amount will be allocated to projects having a minimum threshold of € 200.000)

Who can apply for a grant

Applicants and partners must be established in the eligible territories of the countries participating in the Programme and they shall meet the eligibility criteria indicated in the Guidelines for Applicants.

Eligible Partnerships

The minimum requirements defined in the ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme imply that the partnership should involve **at least three partners coming from three different countries of which at least one coming from EUMC and at least one from MPC.**

In the projects selection phase, an added value will be recognized to projects promoted by balanced partnerships including more than one Mediterranean Partner Country.

The partnership should identify a Beneficiary¹ (Lead Partner) responsible from a contractual point of view to the Joint Managing Authority (JMA). The Beneficiary will sign the Grant Contract with the JMA.

Project size

Projects shall have total eligible costs ranging from a minimum of 500.000 € up to a maximum of 2.000.000 €.

For Priority 4 the minimum ceiling for project is reduced at 200.000 € for 50% of the total budget allocated to this priority.

¹ When the project proposal is approved, the Applicant becomes the Beneficiary (see section 2.2 of the Guidelines for Applicants).



Programme contribution to the projects and co-financing rate

The Programme contribution to the projects covers up to 90% of the total eligible costs of the project.

The remaining percentage, which cannot be lower than 10% of the total eligible costs of the project, has to be provided by the project partners' own resources, or by public and private sources other than European Community Budget or the European Development Fund, as co-financing rate.

At least 50% of the total eligible costs of a project shall be dedicated to activities implemented in Mediterranean Partner Countries.

Duration

The planned duration of a project may not exceed 48 months.

Financing Agreement

Please note that this call for proposals is launched under suspension clause. Partners located in Mediterranean Partner Countries eligible territories may apply for ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme funding but can only receive Programme funds if their respective country has signed a Financing Agreement with the European Commission within December 31st 2009.

How to apply

In order to submit a project proposal, Applicants must refer to the Application Pack and to all relevant documents for this call for proposals (in particular the Guidelines for Applicants), which are available on the Programme website at www.enpicbcmmed.eu

Applications must be filled in **English or French**.

The applications have to be submitted in a closed envelope containing:

- One original version
- Two copies
- One CD-Rom.

In case of differences among the submitted versions, the original shall prevail and the Applicant will be requested to resubmit the copies or the CD-ROM.

Signed Application Form must be submitted by registered mail, private courier service or by hand-delivery (a signed and dated certificate of receipt will be given to the deliverer) at the following address:

JOINT MANAGING AUTHORITY
ENPI CBC MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN PROGRAMME
REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA
VIALE TRENTO N. 69
09123 CAGLIARI - ITALY

The outer envelope must bear the wording ***"ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme: call for proposals for standard projects"***, the reference to the Priority and Measure for which the grant is sought,

the full name and address of the Applicant as well as the wording **"NON APRIRE/ NOT TO BE OPENED BEFORE THE OPENING SESSION"**.



Applicants must verify that the Application Form is complete using the checklist (section 4 of the Application Form).

Applications must be sent within September, 16th 2009.

Applications are considered valid if the above-mentioned printed versions and the CD-Rom have been sent within the fixed deadline as evidenced by the date of dispatch, the postmark or the date of the deposit slip. In the case of hand-deliveries, the deadline for receipt is at 6:00 p.m. local time (Italy) as evidenced by the signed and dated receipt. Any application submitted after the deadline will automatically be rejected.

Moreover, for reasons of administrative efficiency, the Joint Managing Authority will reject any application submitted within the said deadline but received after the effective date of approval of the report on administrative compliance check by the Projects Selection Committee (as indicated in the Guidelines for Applicants).

Project selection

All project applications will be assessed by the Projects Selection Committee (PSC) as follows:

1. Administrative conformity check.
2. Only projects satisfying the administrative criteria will be subject to a quality evaluation based on the selection criteria approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee.
3. Verification of the eligibility of the Applicant and Partners.

The detailed selection process and the evaluation criteria are described in the Guidelines for Applicants. The PSC will present a list of selected projects to the Joint Monitoring Committee for approval.

Additional information

Please note that Applicants and Partners coming from the following EU Member States will have to submit 100% of their expenditures through audit verification:

- Italy
- France
- Cyprus
- Greece
- Malta
- Spain.

Further information concerning the Programme, the conditions for submission of project proposals and the evaluation criteria are available at www.enpicbcmmed.eu



It is possible to contact the Joint Managing Authority and the Branch Offices at the following addresses:

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- **BRANCH OFFICE FOR THE WESTERN MEDITERRANEAN - VALENCIA**
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- **BRANCH OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN - AQABA**
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For further information it is also possible to contact **National Contact Points**. A list of the contact details is available at www.enpicbmed.eu