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DEADLINE

2 November 2015, for Modular projects

11/11/2015

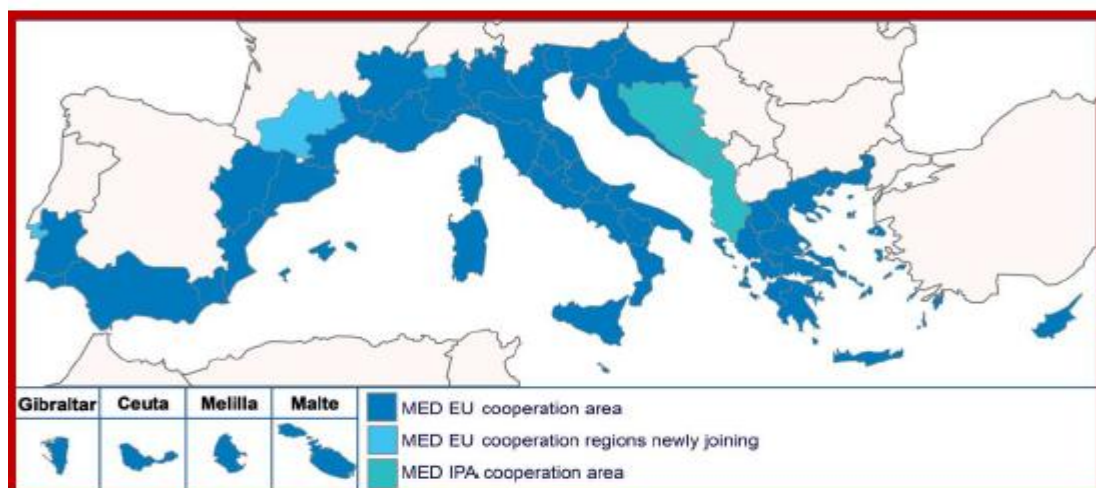
Opening of the preparation phase for Horizontal projects

Objective

...is to promote **sustainable growth** in the Mediterranean area by fostering innovative concepts and practices and a **reasonable use of resources** and by supporting **social integration** through an integrated and territorially based cooperation approach

Eligibility Areas

Three new regions: Lisbon (Portugal), Midi-Pyrénées (France), Valle d'Aoste (Italy). **Totally 57 regions** divided among **10 EU Member States** and **3 IPA countries**.



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Timetable

Indicative timetable for the First call.	
Please take notice that this timetable can be revised if the number of applications exceeds 500.	
END JUNE 2015	23/6/2015 Preparation: all Terms of Reference available (except the complete Applicants Manual and the Application Form)
JULY 2015	Applicants Manual' – complete version – published
SEPTEMBER 2015	1/9/2015 Launch of the 1st call for Modular projects
	22/9/2015 Seminar for Horizontal project applicants
NOVEMBER 2015	2/11/2015 Closure of the call for Modular projects
	11/11/2015 Opening of the preparation phase for Horizontal projects
JANUARY- FEBRUARY 2016	11/1/2016 Closure of the preparation phase for Horizontal projects
	Evaluation 1st phase for all projects
MARCH 2016	Shortlist of Modular projects Conditions and recommendations to Horizontal projects to submit a full application
APRIL-MAY 2016	Evaluation of Module projects 2nd phase Horizontal projects: full application phase open
JUNE – JULY 2016	Selection of Module projects and possibly, Horizontal projects
JULY-AUGUST 2016	Contracting phase of modular projects

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Budget

Programme budget and co-financing rate

Available ERDF funds: **224 Mio €** Available IPA funds: **9 Mio €**

Total programme budget including national co-funding: **265 Mio €**

ERDF co-financing rate (for partners not concerned by state aid): **85%**

ERDF co-financing rate for economic operators
and structures concerned by state aid: **85% or 50%**

The **integrated management of ERDF and IPA funds** will be further implemented.

Specific Areas

Coastal areas with high level of attractiveness important concentration of activities and fragility of natural and cultural resources

Urban areas as centers of innovation and socioeconomic activities and which are confronted to strong environmental challenges with pollution and GHG emissions

Islands that cover 4% of the Mediterranean and represent a major economic, environmental and cultural dimension of the MED area

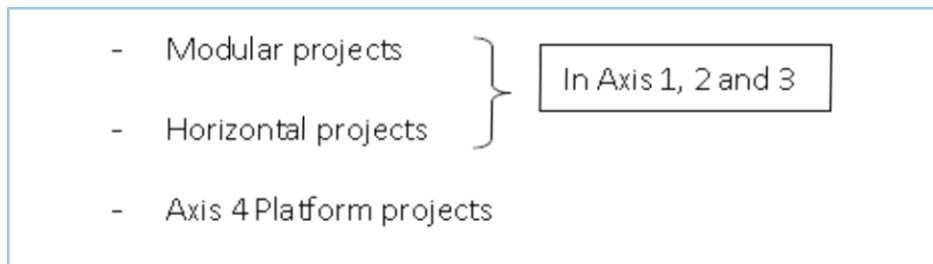
Rural areas characterised by rural activities and low density of population. Their development is hampered by geographical isolation and/or demographic and environmental changes



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New Project Design

The Interreg MED architecture is composed of three typologies of projects



MODULAR PROJECTS: MED projects will be separated in three phases or 'modules' built on each other.

- ✓ **Module 1 - a phase of study and development of strategies and policies;**
- ✓ **Module 2 - a phase of testing, to validate the hypothesis developed;**
- ✓ **Module 3 - a phase of transferability and capitalisation of results at the transnational level.**

M1 - STUDYING: designing common approaches and strategies at transnational level:

Type of activities: design of common approaches, elaboration of common strategies, models, rules and norms at transnational level, analyses, state of the art, share of information and establishment of networks. Projects focused on this module will analyse an intervention field, complement data, networks, references and elaborate shared methodologies, models, and strategies.

These activities can be the main objective of the project or constitute the first phase of a broader project that will use these networks, models and strategies to launch pilot activities or launch a wider process of capitalisation, dissemination and transfer of experiences and results.

Types of outputs: SWOT, state of the art, benchmarking, definition of approaches, joint action plans, common strategies, establishment of networks.

M2 - TESTING: Pilot demonstration actions

Type of activities: a module dedicated to pilot activities where project partners will have the possibility to test processes, techniques, models, in the perspective to setup solutions applicable to a wider set of users and territories. Pilot activities can be setup when the context, data and actors are already well identified and when technical and institutional conditions are favourable. In case of short feedback loops, the pilot activity can include both the preliminary work of analysis and the implementation of the pilot activity. The transferability of pilot activities to the territory is compulsory in this module.

Types of outputs: Preliminary studies (feasibility), common methodology for demonstration, testing and evaluation, plan of results portability

M3 - CAPITALISING: Transfer, dissemination and capitalisation:

Type of activities: When methodologies, practices, intervention tools have been tested and implemented by stakeholders at local or regional level and that they represent a strong interest for wider dissemination in the



INTERREG MED eligible area, projects can propose capitalisation and dissemination activities. A specific attention will be paid to the transfer of results towards regional and national ERDF programmes and to the involvement of end users in the dissemination processes. M3 projects are therefore expected to clearly identify a concrete and limited set of outputs/experiences delivered by previous initiatives (or eventually, on the verge of being delivered) in one very specific theme and capitalise them (by merging them, completing or extrapolating to other areas) in the territories targeted by the project. At this stage, applicants are encouraged to use results of former projects (from ETC or other EU programmes) and work on outputs of other modules. It will be necessary to ensure that tools, practices and methodologies are effectively taken on board by all actors concerned, and applied at local, regional, national or transnational level as broadly as possible and free of charge.

Types of outputs: policy recommendations, Memorandum of Understanding, agreements, procedures, regulatory proposals.

A modular project can be composed by one or several modules depending on its strategy and main objectives, expected results, competences and experience of the partnership. Each one of the possible configurations (single-module or multi-module) is called a type of project

Each modular project should contribute to the communication and capitalisation activities of the Horizontal project to which it is linked.

Horizontal projects

Horizontal projects should capture elements of the modular projects within each thematic Programme specific objective; analyse them, summarise and ensure their transnational dissemination and transferability, in cooperation with the Programme Authorities. They will provide the frame for developing synergies, produce summaries and qualitative analysis as well as coordinate and manage (under supervision of the JS) the communication of a cluster of projects. They will structure and disseminate a message for the entire MED community and will work on thematic inter-axes links (1, 2 and 3) and with the Axis 4 "platform" project (governance).

Horizontal projects will help and support the communication and capitalization of selected modular projects for each call and for each specific objective, proposing relevant tools for coordination between horizontal projects, between horizontal project and modular projects and finally between horizontal projects and the programme level.

Interreg MED Programme web platform and visual identity

For the daily coordination, the Interreg MED Programme will provide a web platform with all the necessary tools and functionalities. It will help horizontal and modular projects to receive/provide information and communicate with all necessary levels. The web platform will be the communication hub, allowing for promotion, but also management, coordination and exchange.

In this regard, modular projects should not foresee budget allocations to develop project websites. This indication is also valid concerning specifically the creation of project logos, since the Programme will also provide a common framework for the logos.

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Success Factors

MED Programme will grant:

- ✓ the coherence, complementarity and **transfer of experiences and practices** with ERDF regional and national programmes that can feed transnational actions and benefit of their results.

Challenges of specific sectors: **blue and green growth** such as tourism, agriculture and agribusiness, marine and environmental industries, energy, transports but also **creative industries and social economy**

- ✓ the setting up of favorable conditions for **transnational discussions and transnational decision making processes**
- ✓ the development of **macro-regional strategies in the Mediterranean**

Synergies and coordination activities between MED and EU **strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)**

Coherence and complementarity with EU thematic programmes, such as Horizon 2020, LIFE +, COSME or the Programme for Social Change and Social Innovation and other such as ENI MED and the Balkan Mediterranean programmes.

The 'ecosystemic' or 'integrated' approach: a final result shall not be a series of isolated proposals working on limited aspects of tourism, transports, creative industry, but a global coordination effort making these domains contribute to the sustainable development of territories

Horizontal Dimensions

Thematic aspects: sustainable development, **equal** opportunities and non-discrimination, equality between men and women.

Transversal issues:

- ✓ **Information and Communication Technologies**
- ✓ **Social cohesion and social innovation**
- ✓ **Data and knowledge management** *Projects are encouraged to deliver datasets in line with the "open data by default" principle.*
- ✓ **Territorial and eco-systemic approach:** *Projects will have to mobilise relevant stakeholders of sectors and institutions from the project intervention field. Partners will have to explore how to make relevant actors from environment protection, tourism, transport, etc. work together*

A new type of partner

Private structures can be involved in MED projects as partners (not as Lead partners).

- ✓ As a novelty, private co-financing will be eligible.
- ✓ The fourth priority axis on the contrary is not open for private co-financing.
- ✓ The co-financing rate of private partners **(50% or 85%)** will depend on the regime to be applied, which is still under discussion within the MED Monitoring Committee

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Priorities

	Budget (Co-financing):	Specific objective	Result indicator
Priority Axis 1: INNOVATION Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth	ERDF: 24.3 M € IPA: 1.075 M € private co-financing for ERDF partners	To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area. Promoting business investment in Research and Innovation (R&I), developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular, in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies.	Aims at measuring the share of innovative clusters (i.e. including RDI activities) offering to their members a consolidated mix of transnational activities in key sectors of the MED area
Priority Axis 2 : Low Carbon Economy Fostering low-carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories: cities, islands and rural areas	ERDF: 8.6 M € IPA: 345.000 € private co-financing for ERDF partners	2.1 To reinforce the capacities of public administrations to optimize energy planning measures leading to a reduction of energy consumption and a better management of energy in public buildings	Aims at increasing the share of regional; subregional and local energy efficiency plans including adapted measures for public building stock.
	ERDF: 8.6 M € IPA: 345.000 €	2.2 To increase the share of renewable local energy sources in energy mix strategies and plans in specific MED territories. (islands and rural areas).	Aims at increasing the share of renewable energy in local energy mix of targeted MED territories: Islands and Rural areas.
	ERDF: 9.8 M € IPA: 0.4 M € private co-financing for ERDF partners	2.3 Increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them.	Aims at defining, increasing and /or improving the number of urban plans which include low carbon transport and multimodal connection soft actions in Mediterranean cities.
Priority Axis 3 : ENVIRONMENT Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources	ERDF: 13.7 M € IPA: 550.000 €	3.1. To enhance the development of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED area	Aims at increasing the sustainability of tourism in coastal regions.
	ERDF: 11.45 M € IPA: 460.000 €	To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas	Aims at increasing the share of protected areas meeting their conservation goals and objectives (thanks to their improved management).

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Priorities/No of projects

PRIORITIES	TYPES OF PROJECTS	Indicative number of projects to be approved
Priority Axis 1 : INNOVATION	M1 –Studying	2 projects
	M2 – Testing	6 projects
	M3 - Capitalising	3 projects
	M1 + M2 – Studying and testing	4 projects
	M2 + M3 – Testing and capitalising	2 projects
Priority Axis 2 : Low Carbon Economy- 2.1	M1 –Studying	1 project
	M2 – Testing	2 projects
	M3 - Capitalising	1 project
	M2 + M3 – Testing and capitalising	2 projects
Priority Axis 2 : Low Carbon Economy- 2.2	M1 –Studying	1 project
	M2 – Testing	2 projects
	M3 - Capitalising	1 project
	M2 + M3 – Testing and capitalising	2 projects
Priority Axis 2 : Low Carbon Economy- 2.3	M1 –Studying	1 project
	M2 – Testing	2 projects
	M3 - Capitalising	1 project
	M2 + M3 – Testing and capitalising	2 projects
Priority Axis 3 : ENVIRONMENT 3.1	M1 –Studying	2 projects
	M2 – Testing	2 projects
	M3 - Capitalising	2 projects
	M1 + M2 – Studying and testing	2 projects
	M2 + M3 – Testing and capitalising	2 projects
Priority Axis 3 : ENVIRONMENT 3.2	M1 –Studying	2 projects
	M2 – Testing	2 projects
	M3 - Capitalising	2 projects
	M1 + M2 – Studying and testing	2 projects
	M2 + M3 – Testing and capitalising	1 project

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Target Groups/Thematic Keywords

PRIORITIES	TARGET GROUPS	Thematic keywords
Priority Axis 1: INNOVATION	SMEs, economic operators and structures accompanying them; public authorities and research structures	Blue and green growth, creative industries and social innovation
Priority Axis 2 : Low Carbon Economy-	Public authorities, research structures, enterprises, NGO's/civil society structures (end user role)	Reduction of Green House Gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy
Priority Axis 3 : ENVIRONMENT 3.1	Public authorities, but also associations and NGO's, research bodies, and to some extent enterprises	Strong attractiveness of coastal areas, environmental strain of urban development, geographical constraints (coastal areas, islands, mountains) and environmental consequences of climate change; Potential of new employment creation for the future.

INTERREG MED PROGRAMME DOCUMENTS

Projects are invited to plan the beginning of their activities on September 1st 2016.

DOWNLOAD

TERMS OF REFERENCE

AXIS 1 – INNOVATION –
4 SUBTHEMES BUT 1 TERM OF REFERENCE

[Term of reference \(4 subthemes\)](#)

- Blue Growth
- Green Growth
- Creative and Cultural Industries
- Social Innovation

AXIS 2 – LOW CARBON ECONOMY –
3 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

[Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings](#)

[Renewable Local Energy Sources](#)

[Sustainable urban Transport](#)

AXIS 3 – NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES –
2 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

[Coastal and Maritime Sustainable Tourism](#)

[Management and networking of protected areas](#)

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INFO

INTERREG MED COOPERATION PROGRAMME 2014-2020

- [PROGRAMME OUTLINE \(UPDATED JUNE 2015\)](#)
- [CITIZENS SUMMARY](#)
- [PPT PROGRAMME OUTLINE](#)
- [INFORMATION FOR IPA PARTNERS](#)

The manual and the application pack WILL BE PUBLISHED

More Info

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