Interreg MED Programme
Second Call for Modular Projects

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STATE OF THE ART AFTER THE 1ST MODULAR AND HORIZONTAL CALLS
Interreg MED 2014-2020

- **13 countries 57 regions in Med**

- **10 EU MS + 3 IPA countries**

  => 122 million inhabitants  
  => 860 000 km²  
  => 15 000 km coastal area
Budget

€ ERDF funds: approx. 224 M€
€ IPA funds: approx. 9 M€
€ including national co-funding: 265 M€

€ ERDF/IPA co-financing level: 85%
€ Economic actors and those where State Aid rules are applicable:
85% (de minimis) or 50% (GBER)
PRIORITY AXIS 1: Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth

PRIORITY AXIS 2: Fostering low carbon strategies and E.E. in specific MED territories: cities, islands and remote areas

PRIORITY AXIS 3: Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources Areas

One territorial priority axis

Three thematic priority axes

Interreg Mediterranean
The Modular approach

The modules:

1. Module 1: STUDYING: designing common approaches & strategies at TN
2. Module 2: TESTING: Pilot demonstration actions

The modular projects:

- **Single Modules.**
- **Combination of Modules.**

The horizontal projects:

1) community building, 2) joint communication, 3) joint capitalisation/transfer

Focus on **synergies mechanisms**, thematic communities.
Programme Architecture

3rd level impact
Mediterranean
SHAREd VISION
on policies &
actions

HORIZONTAL projects
2nd level impact

Thematic transnational
communities

1. HP Green Growth
2. HP Blue Growth
3. HP Social & Creative

exchanges

Facilitation

Results

exchanges

Facilitation

Results

Facilitation

Results

Innovation

Low-carbon economy

Natural and cultural Resources

1st level impact
Local results

MODULAR projects

Axis 4 – platform

Interreg Mediterranean
## Total ERDF/IPA Programmed Modular & Horizontal (2015)

### Modular projects
61
- **Axis 1** – 16 projects: €31,110,971.96
- **Axis 2** – 22 projects: €39,189,278.88
- **Axis 3** – 23 projects: €42,553,156.66

### Horizontal projects
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### Financials

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<td>708,588.49</td>
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<td><strong>Axis 2 – 22 projects</strong></td>
<td>39,189,278.88</td>
<td>1,601,948.43</td>
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<td><strong>Axis 3 – 23 projects</strong></td>
<td>42,553,156.66</td>
<td>782,185.73</td>
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### ERDF/IPA remaining budget

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<td>40,672,236.04</td>
<td>1,911,030.51</td>
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<td><strong>Axe 2</strong></td>
<td>5,675,226.12</td>
<td>269,209.57</td>
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<td><strong>Axe 3</strong></td>
<td>33,716,503.34</td>
<td>2,398,780.27</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>80,063,965.50</td>
<td>4,579,020.35</td>
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Approved projects – Axis 1

- **M1**
  - **HP SYNGGI Green Growth**: ARISTOIL
  - **HP InnoBlueGrowth Blue Growth**: MAESTRALE PROteuS iBLUE
  - **HP TALIA Social & Creative**: COWORKMed open DOORS

- **M1+2**
  - **HP SYNGGI Green Growth**: ARISTOIL
  - **HP InnoBlueGrowth Blue Growth**: MAESTRALE PROteuS iBLUE
  - **HP TALIA Social & Creative**: COWORKMed open DOORS

- **M2**
  - **GREENOMED**: CAMARG PEFMED
  - **PELAGOS**: PELAGOS

- **M2+3**
  - **GREENOMED**: CAMARG PEFMED
  - **PELAGOS**: PELAGOS
  - **MADRE**: GRASPINNO

- **M3**
  - **MADRE**: GRASPINNO
  - **Co-Create**: CreativeWear ChIMERA Prominent MED Co-Create

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<th>M2</th>
<th>M2+3</th>
<th>M3</th>
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| **HP MEDNICE**  
Efficient Buildings | SISMA | PRIORITEE  
IMPULSE  
STEPPING  
ENERJ  
EduFootprint | TEESCHOOLS  
SHERPA  
CESBA MED |
| **HP GREENCAP**  
Renewable Energy | PRISMI | PEGASUS  
ForBioEnergy  
StoRES  
LOCAL4GREEN | COMPOSE |
| **HP GO SUMP**  
Urban Transport | CAMP-sUmp | SUMPORT  
MOBILITAS  
REMEDIO  
MOTIVATE | LOCATIONS |

Approved projects – Axis 2

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Approved projects – Axis 3

- HP BleuTourMed_C3 SIROCCO: ShapeTourism
- HP PANACeA: ACT4LITTER, ConFish, POSBEMED, AMAre

Projects:

- M1: ShapeTourism SIROCCO
- M1+2: MEDFEST EMbleMatIC BLUEISLANDS CO-EVOLVE BLUEMED CASTWATER
- M2: TOURISMED DestiMED ALTER ECO
- M2+3: MEDCYCLETOUR MITOMED+ CONSUME-LESS

For the moment, no capitalisation projects
Key principles of INTERREG MED Programme

More info: see Programme Manual of INTERREG MED Programme: [www.interreg-med.eu](http://www.interreg-med.eu)
Quality and excellence of projects

Effective answer to common challenges
  • TERRITORIAL Cooperation
  • Sharing expertise
  • Encourage real and positive changes
  • Think on final beneficiaries

Coherence between working plan and related budget
  • Realistic budget
  • Risk management in project implementation
  • Effective and USEFUL evaluation
Capitalisation 2.0

**Existing MED projects, results and initiatives**
- Library of deliverables
- Projects databases

**With other INTERREG Programmes and projects**
- E.g. INTERREG IV C Capitalisation platforms
- Central Europe
- ADRION Programme
- KEEP Database

**With other initiatives at European, National and sub-national levels**
- European: EIB, Horizon2020, LIFE Programme
- National: Strategies for innovation, energy, tourism.
- Sub-national: regional and local regulation, policies, plans.
Intervention Logic  
(Matching Programme-project objectives)

**INVESTMENT PRIORITY 6.d**
Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services (…)

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3.2**
To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas

**Expected result**
Maintained biodiversity of ecosystems via better integration of protected areas in territorial development strategies

**Types of projects**
- M1
- M7
- M1 + M2
- M7 + M8

**Result indicator**
Share of protected areas meeting their conservation goals and objectives (thanks to improved management)

**Output indicators**

- **3.2.a** Number of joint governance plans
- **3.2.b** Surface of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status
- **3.2.c** Number of protected areas engaged (through charters, protocols, MoU) in implementing management strategies

**PRIORIT AXIS 1**
Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth

**INVESTMENT PRIORITY 1.b**
Promoting business investment in R&D, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 1.1**
To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks in key sectors of the MED area

**Expected result**
Reinforced, empowered and strengthened transnational innovative clusters and networks in key sectors of the MED area

**Types of projects**
- M1
- M7
- M1 + M2
- M7 + M8

**Result indicator**
Share of innovative clusters (or breeding R&D activities) referring to their members a consolidated mix of transnational activities in key sectors of the MED area

**Output indicators**

- **1.1.a** Number of operational instruments to further innovation of SMEs
- **1.1.b** Number of enterprises receiving grants
- **1.1.c** Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support
- **1.1.d** Number of transnational innovation clusters suggested
Interreg Med 2nd call for modular projects

SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS
## 2nd call for modular projects

### AXIS 1 INNOVATION

**Blue Growth**
- fishing & aquaculture, biotechnologies, coastal and maritime tourism

**Green Growth**
- in particular, smart cities

**Creative and Cultural Industries**

**Social Innovation**
- in particular, social entrepreneurship

### AXIS 2 LOW CARBON ECONOMY

**3.1 Coastal and Maritime Sustainable Tourism**
- Focus on concrete implementation at large scale of ICZM and MSP principles and systematization of use of existing tools to monitor the sustainability of tourism in the area.

**3.2 Management and networking of protected areas**
- Focus on better integration of protected areas in regional development strategies and more intensive cooperation and networking between Interreg MED regions.

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**NOTE:** Projects will not be supported if they only include a single module.
INTEGRATED projects

**AXIS 1 INNOVATION**
- Blue Growth
- Green Growth
- Creative and Cultural Industries + Social Innovation

1 PROJECT PER THEME

**AXIS 2 LOW CARBON ECONOMY**
1 PROJECT ON S.O. 2.3.
- Increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them.

**AXIS 3 ENVIRONMENT**
- 3.1 Coastal and Maritime Sustainable Tourism
- 3.2 Management and networking of protected areas

1 PROJECT PER THEME
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<td><strong>Cultural and creative industries + Social Innovation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Efficient buildings</strong></td>
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## Single-module

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<th>M3 Capitalising</th>
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| **Expected outputs** (non exhaustive) | Preliminary & feasibility studies  
Pilot activities  
Evaluation  
Plan of transferability of results | Policy recommendations  
MoU / Agreements  
Procedures and regulatory proposals  
Charters  
Protocols |
| **Duration**     | 30 months                               | 18 months                                |
| **Budget**       | 1.2 – 2.5 M €                           | 0.6 – 1.2 M €                            |
| **Partnership**  | Max 10 PP: operational and institutional partners | Max 8 PP: mainly institutional or networks partners |

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## Multi-module

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<td>SWOT analysis, State of the art, Benchmarking analysis, Models, Action plans, Strategies, Instruments</td>
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<td>Preliminary &amp; feasibility studies, Pilot activities, Evaluation, Plan of transferability of results</td>
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<td>Policy recommendations, MoU, Agreements, Procedures &amp; regulatory proposals, Charters, Protocols</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td><strong>48 months</strong></td>
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<td>(M1: 15-m / M2: 21 m / M3: 12 m)</td>
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<td><strong>Budget</strong></td>
<td><strong>3.6 – 6 M €</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Partnership</strong></td>
<td>Max 15 PP: institutional, operational and scientific partners and networks</td>
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# Axis 1 - Innovation

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<th>To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area</th>
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<td>Result Indicator</td>
<td>Share of innovative clusters offering to their members a consolidated mix of transnational activities in key sectors of the MED area</td>
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| Main Focus         | **Blue Growth**  
Blue Energy  
**Fishing & Aquaculture**  
Maritime Surveillance  
Biotechnologies  
Coastal and maritime tourism  

**Social Innovation**  
Open Data  
**Social entrepreneurship**  
Public Sector Innovation |
|                    | **Green Growth**  
Renewable Energy  
Energy Efficiency  
**Waste Management / Recycling**  
Smart cities  
Eco-innovation |
|                    | **Cultural & Creative Industries** |
| Additional: **RIS3 monitoring & evaluation**, territorial & thematic data | |
| Modules            | M2 – Testing  
M3 – Capitalising  
about 4 projects  
about 7 projects  
M1+M2+M3  
about 1 integrated project for each sub-theme |
### Axis 2 – Low Carbon Economy

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<th>To increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them</th>
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<td><strong>Result Indicator</strong></td>
<td>Share of urban plans including low carbon transport and multimodal connection soft actions</td>
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<td><strong>Main Focus</strong></td>
<td>Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs) or measures in the Mediterranean, implementing services for tourists, passengers and freight, aiming to preserve its natural-cultural heritage and social cohesion, which makes the Mediterranean cities unique and attractive.</td>
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<td><strong>Modules</strong></td>
<td>M1 + M2 + M3 – about 1 integrated project</td>
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## Axis 3 - Environment

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<th>To enhance the development of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism</th>
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<td>Result Indicator</td>
<td>Level of sustainability of tourism in MED coastal regions</td>
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<td>Main Focus</td>
<td>1. <strong>How to integrate tourism development into wider strategies?</strong></td>
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<td>- Tourism in Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)</td>
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<td>- Tourism in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP)</td>
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<td>- Tourism in integrated regional development policies</td>
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<td>2. <strong>How to enhance sustainable and responsible tourism management?</strong></td>
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<td>- improving planning and management of coastal tourist destinations</td>
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<td>- preventing negative impacts on natural and cultural heritage</td>
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<td>- promoting an innovative, sustainable and high quality offer</td>
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<td>M3 – Capitalising</td>
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<th>To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas</th>
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<td>Share of protected areas meeting their conservation goals and objectives (thanks to their improved management)</td>
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<td>Main Focus</td>
<td>1. To strengthen better integration of protected areas in national, regional and local territorial development strategies through awareness raising on protection of fragile areas, including generating policy-making support</td>
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<td>2. To strengthen networking of protected areas through supporting more intensive cooperation between competent public authorities and key stakeholders</td>
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<td>3. To improve monitoring and management of protected areas through supporting scientific, technical and management knowledge base for the monitoring of pressures and impacts on ecosystems, including efficient governance of protected areas</td>
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<td>Modules</td>
<td>M2-Testing M3-Capitalising about 3 projects about 4 projects M1+M2+M3 about 1 integrated project</td>
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Second call for Modular projects

The second call for Modular project proposals is open since 30th January 2017 12:00 (Paris Time). It will close on 31st March 2017 at 12:00 (Paris Time). Please be aware that the call is restricted on different levels.

Firstly, only three types of modular projects are allowed. Secondly, each proposal has to be submitted to a single Specific Objective. In addition, specific conditions apply to each Specific Objective, namely the type of projects accepted in this call for proposals.

Beside is a table summing up the types of projects allowed per specific objective. For more detailed information, we invite you to read the Terms of Reference regarding each Specific Objective and types of project.

For integrated projects, note that the application will be conducted in two phases.

Project proposals have to be submitted electronically using the online monitoring tool, SYNERGIE CTE.

Documents

Single module projects (M2 and M3)

Application pack Each application pack contains the following:
- Terms of reference
- Application form template
- Partner declaration system

Integrated projects (M1 + M2 + M3)

Application pack Each application pack contains the following:
- Terms of Reference
- Pre-application form template
- Partner expression of interest
Interreg Med 2nd call for modular projects

RULES AND PROCEDURES
# ELIGIBILITY OF PARTNERS

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<th>Lead Partner</th>
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<td>National, regional and local public bodies</td>
<td>X</td>
<td>X</td>
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<td>Public equivalent bodies (bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 2(1) of Directive 2014/24/EU)</td>
<td>X</td>
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<td>Private institutions</td>
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<td>International organisations</td>
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IPA partners and ERDF partners outside of the MED area cannot act as Lead Partners.
**EU (ERDF) PARTNERS OUTSIDE THE MED AREA**

Added value and expertise to the implementation
Benefit for the MED area
20% of the ERDF budget of the operation

**Confirmation of eligibility** before approval
Agreement between MED MA and the relevant EU country after approval

In case of failure, the concerned partner could be excluded from the project.
PRIVATE PARTNERS

- Private partners can co-finance with their own funds
- Private structures can not act as Lead Partners
- Private bodies have to observe the basic principles on public procurement laws

Bodies whose main scope of activities within their business profile, as well as their project role, consists of project coordination or management, or other activities that are of a mere executive or supporting character (service providers) cannot be involved as project partners.

Please refer to each ToR for further details on the expected private participation.
PARTNERSHIP – MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

As a minimum requirement, the partnership must involve:

- at least 4 financing partners
- from at least 4 different countries from the MED area
- with at least 3 of the partners located in the Union part of the MED area = 3 ERDF partners within the MED area

Additional recommendations on the most suitable partnership size according to each type of project are included in each ToR.
PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

LP must be a State or a Regional public authority (NUTS I and NUTS II)

WP0
WP1 management
WP2 communication
WP3
WP4
WP 5

Responsible of the WPs must be a State or a Regional Public Authority (NUTS I and NUTS II)

IMPORTANT
PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES ORGANISATIONS INFLUENTIAL AT OPERATIONAL LEVEL IN THE TERRITORY
PARTNERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The LP of pre-application and final application **must** be the same.

A partner in a horizontal project cannot participate in a modular project approved within the same specific objective. National Ministries and Regional authorities can be exempted from this rule, if for particular reasons their participation to a horizontal project is requested (to be justified in the application form).
LOCATION OF THE ACTIVITIES

Project activities should take place in the MED area.

Activities outside of MED area MAY be accepted IF they are:

- for the benefit of the Programme area;
- essential for the implementation of the project;
- explicitly foreseen in the Application Form or, previously authorised by the MA/JS.
Every single partner has to declare if it carries out an economic activity in the project. If the answer is yes, choose between Art. 20 GBER (only SMEs) or De minimis.
The decision on which instrument to apply is to be made by the applicants themselves considering carefully the implications.

Art.20 of GBER aims to simplify the administrative process for SMEs within Interreg projects.

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<td><strong>Maximum public contribution (ERDF grant)</strong></td>
<td>Up to EUR 2 million per SME and per project</td>
<td>Up to EUR 200 000 over a period of 3 fiscal years</td>
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<td><strong>Co-financing rate</strong></td>
<td>Up to 50%</td>
<td>Up to 85%</td>
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<td><strong>Undertakings concerned</strong></td>
<td>Only SMEs</td>
<td>Undertakings in all sectors</td>
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<td>Partner Declaration</td>
<td>Partner declaration + <strong>de minimis</strong> declaration</td>
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**Interreg Mediterranean**

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AVAILABLE BUDGET & CO-FINANCING RATE

- The total **ERDF funds** foreseen for single-module projects is approximately **30 M€**
- The total **IPA funds** foreseen for single-module projects is approximately **1,2 M€**
- ERDF and IPA co-financing remain at **85%**
- Total eligible budget for M2 projects is between **1.2 – 2.5 M €**
- Total eligible budget for M3 projects is between **0.6 – 1.2 M €**

- Co-financing:
  - All ERDF & IPA partners 85%
  - Private partners (State-aid rule applying) – De Minimis 85% or GBER 50%
AVAILABLE BUDGET & CO-FINANCING RATE

- The total **ERDF funds** foreseen for integrated projects is approximately **35 M€**

- The total **IPA funds** foreseen for integrated projects is approximately **1,4 M€**

- ERDF and IPA co-financing remain at **85%**

- Total eligible budget for an integrated project will be between **3.6 M€ - 6 M €**

- Co-financing:
  - All ERDF & IPA partners 85%
  - Private partners (State-aid rule applying) – De Minimis 85% or GBER 50%
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- Single Module Projects (M2/M3)
HOW TO APPLY (I)

1/ Create a lead partner account on SYNERGIE CTE

2/ Fill in the application form on SYNERGIE CTE
   • Before starting Lead partner must choose:
     – the specific objective
     – the type of project to be submitted
   • Guidance on how to fill in the form will be provided.
   • The application form has to be drafted in **English or French**
   • Section summary is requested in both **English AND French**

• **Indicative starting date: 1st December 2017**
3/ Request the additional documents to partners; signed and stamped – compulsory annexes

- **Partner declaration** dated, signed & stamped = all partners
- **“De minimis” declaration** dated, signed & stamped = partners State Aid relevant
- **Associated partner declaration** dated, signed & stamped = associated partners

No other type of document and no modification to the standard documents provided by the Programme will be accepted.
HOW TO APPLY (III)

4/ **Validate** the content of the application form on SYNERGIE CTE (1\(^{st}\) DEADLINE)

- Once the application form is entirely filled in, the Lead Partner must validate it by pressing the **VALIDATION button**.

- A single confirmation e-mail is automatically sent when the validation has been performed correctly.

> **By 31\(^{st}\) of March 2017 at noon – 12.00 (Paris time)**
HOW TO APPLY (IV)

5/ Upload compulsory annexes through SYNERGIE CTE (2ND DEADLINE)

- **Partner declaration** all partners
- **“De minimis” declaration** partners State Aid relevant
- **Associated partner declaration** associated partners
- **Confirmation page “Submitted” of the AF**— dated, signed and stamped

- Each document shall be scanned and uploaded by the LP individually.
- The upload of the compulsory annexes can be done during the completion of the application form.
- Any document shall not exceed the size of 8 MB.

➤ **by 14th of April 2017 at noon – 12.00 (Paris time)**

6/ Gather and keep the paper version of the signed documents
CREATE an ACCOUNT

CREATE a PROPOSAL choosing SO and type of project and FILL IN the Application Form

VALIDATE APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION FORM confirmation page « SUBMITTED »

PARTNERS DECLARATION

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS DECLARATION

De minimis DECLARATION

UPLOAND COMPULSORY ANNEXES

One by one Max 8 MB

From January 30th to March 31st 2017 - 12h00 (Paris time)

From January 30th to April 14th 2017 – 12h00 (Paris time)

Factsheets Terms of Reference Eligibility and Assessment grid Starting date 01/12/2017

Axis: 1 & 3 Single modules M2/M3

Interreg Mediterranean
FROM SUBMISSION TO CONTRACTING SINGLE MODULAR PROJECTS

- **SUBMISSION**
  - From 30th January 2017
- **ADMINISTRATIVE & ELIGIBILITY CHECK**
  - May 2017*
- **QUALITY ASSESSMENT & SELECTION**
  - September 2017*
- **CONTRACTING & START-UP**
  - October - November 2017*
  - December 2017*
- **Cooperation with the JS LP Seminar Subsidy Contract & Partnership Agreement**
  - Start-up
  - Implementation

* Indicative date

AF Annexes Synergie CTE

From 30th January 2017
1st deadline: 31st of March 2017
2nd deadline: 14th of April 2017

Committee decision

Checkgrid
2nd Call for modular projects

- **Integrated Projects (M1+M2+M3)**
INTEGRATED PROJECTS – RULES AND PROCEDURES

The call for applications for integrated projects will consist of two phases:

- **pre-application phase**: open to all project applicants;

- **final application phase**: open exclusively to projects selected by the Interreg MED Steering Committee following the evaluation of the pre applications.
1/ SEND AN E-MAIL TO THE JS
Access to the Synergie CTE system will be granted solely and exclusively upon request by e-mail sent to the following address: programme_med@regionpaca.fr

**Object of the e-mail:** “Synergie CTE – creation of a proposal of an integrated project”

**Information requested:**
- Name of the applicant organization / institution
  (if the organization is already registered on the CTE Synergy database, it will be enough to indicate the known ASP number)
- Tax code or registration code of the organization used at the national level
- Contact person
- Project Axis and Specific Objective
- Project Acronym

**TIP**
Do not wait until the last minute!!

Applications for opening of accounts for “integrated” modular projects will be guaranteed until the 15th March 2017
HOW TO APPLY (II)

2/ VALIDATE THE LEAD PARTNER ACCOUNT
Active your account using the activation link sent by e-mail (by SYNERGIE CTE)

3/ ACCESS TO THE SYSTEM
After the activation of the account LP will be allowed to enter the system, work on the Pre-application Form and upload the compulsory annexes at any time until the submission deadlines

Do not leave things to the last minute!!
Last day for the submission is usually very busy for the system and it could slow down.
Any problem in submitting the proposal or uploading the documents not caused directly by SYNERGIE CTE will not be considered.
APPLICATION IN 2 PHASES

1st phase

Pre-application
✓ January 30th 2017
✓ March 31th, 2017
✓ **ONLY** through SYNERGIE

Compulsory annexes to be uploaded (14 April 2017):
✓ Pre-application form confirmation page
✓ Partners expressions of interest

2nd phase

Full Application Form

Beginning of June 2017*
End of July 2017*

Compulsory annexes:
✓ Application form confirmation page
✓ Partners declarations
✓ “De minimis” declarations

Eligibility + Assessment + Negotiation

(*indicative)
QUALITY ASSESSMENT - 1st PHASE

- Project’s context - relevance and strategy
- Cooperation characteristics
- Project’s contribution to programme’s objectives, expected results and outputs
- Partnership relevance

Assessment phase

Programme steering committee decision

- Only proposals having the best scores will be admitted in the 2nd phase – Full Application Form
- Recommendations to be taken into consideration while drafting the full application form.

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INFORMATION SEMINAR WITH THE JOINT SECRETARIAT

Recommendations from the assessment
Information exchange about the results of the first call for modular projects
Specific and additional information about the set up of the work plan and the eligibility of the expenditures
Bilateral meetings (if needed)

ONLY PROPOSALS HAVING THE BEST SCORES WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THIS PHASE
FROM SUBMISSION TO CONTRACTING
Call for INTEGRATED PROJECTS
Second phase – Full Application Form

- SUBMISSION OF THE FULL APPLICATION FORM
  - Acceptance to participate in the 2nd phase
    - May, 2017*
- ADMINISTRATIVE & ELIGIBILITY CHECK
  - AF Annexes
    - June 2017*
    - July, 2017*
- QUALITY ASSESSMENT & SELECTION
  - September 2017*
- CONTRACTING & START-UP
  - Steering Committee decision
    - October 2017*
  - Cooperation with the JS LP Seminar Subsidy Contract & Partnership Agreement
    - November 2017*
    - Start-up
      - December 2017*
      - Implementation

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Eligibility and Quality Assessment
ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELIGIBILITY CHECK

List of administrative and eligibility criteria included in the Factsheet Appraisal of project proposals (eligibility and assessment criteria) of the Programme Manual

Proposals failing in any of the criterion will be regarded as non-eligible and eliminated.

MAIN ELIGIBILITY PROBLEMS IN THE PAST

• Application form not validated correctly on Synergie CTE (A.1)
• Compulsory annexes are missing; not duly filled in; signed or stamped (A.2)
• LP located outside of the MED EU area (B.2)
• Wrong amount of the national co-financing included in the partner declarations (B.3)
QUALITY ASSESSMENT – TWO PHASES

**first assessment phase**

The objective is to ensure the respect of the Interreg principles:
- context
- transnationality
- logical framework
- partnership

Carried out on identified sections of the application form.

**second assessment phase**

Carried out on the complete application form on proposals having obtained the minimum score in the first phase.

The **final score** will be composed of the addition of scores of first and second assessment phases.
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SHOULD YOU NEED ANY ASSISTANCE...

• Read the relevant documents: CP, Programme Manual and ToR

• Visit the Interreg MED Programme website: www.interreg-med.eu
  – Presentations of the Applicant seminar
  – FAQ section

• Contact the Joint Secretariat: programme_med@regionpaca.fr

• Contact your National Contact Point
Integrated Projects
Key expectations

- Problems faced and solutions proposed will be relevant across the Mediterranean
- Taking into account previous work carried out at local level, of which results could be brought on a transnational scale
- Modules are built in a logical sequence, as real inputs for the following activities and not in separate way/overlapping
- The partnership is based on multi-level actors: strong local partners/networks (research centers, associations, universities, local authorities, private sector, chambers of commerce etc.)
- Core partners: Regions and state organisations
Financial aspects
Principles for a good budget proposal

Horizontal principles
Economy + Efficiency + Effectiveness

➢ Budget to be agreed with the rest of your partnership

M2 or M3:
Full application: detailed information and detailed budget per partner structured per budget line and WP

➢ Shall reflect the work plan, i.e. outputs, activities and deliverables planned in order to achieve the intended results

Integrated projects:
Pre application phase: partner level ONLY (ERDF/IPA + national contribution)

➢ In proportion with partners participation in the different WPs

➢ Try to anticipate the details by WPs, budget lines & deliverables
MAIN NOVELTIES ON ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE

• Simplified costs:
  – Overheads = flat rate – 15%
  – Preparation costs = lump sum - €30,000

• Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 481/2014
  – 5 Budget Lines
    ➢ Staff costs
    ➢ Office and administrative expenditure
    ➢ Travel and accommodation costs
    ➢ External expertise and services costs
    ➢ Equipment expenditure
  – Exhaustive list of eligible expenditures for each Budget Line
  – Sub-Budget Lines not to be created
  – General principles of expenditures allocated under each Budget Line

➢ Eligibility of expenditure starts on the date of the project approval
Main difficulties in building the project budget 1st call of projects

Main difficulties:

- Staff costs vs. Costs of external experts
- Changes in staff incur changes in administrative costs
- Cost category equipment => pay attention to the sub-categories
- In house companies
- Budget Lines or WP without any Budget – lines at 0€

➢ Be careful: No budget modification is allowed during the first year of project implementation!
LEAD PARTNER REQUIREMENTS

M2 or M3: Public body or a body governed by public law (according to the definition of the Directive 2014/24/EU)

Integrated projects: Regional or National Authority (NUTS I or II)

• Physically based in the MED EU area
• Signatory of a Subsidy Contract with MED MA
• Acceptance of full responsibility:
  ➢ Coordination and Implementation of the entire project
  ➢ Communication among the partnership and with the Programme bodies, especially the MA and the JS

➢ Integrated projects: The LP of pre-application and full application must be the same.
TRAVEL COSTS OF PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THE PARTNER STAFF

External expertise and services providers
Associated partners
In-house companies staff
Invited speakers, chairperson of meetings

Highly recommended: travel and accommodations costs directly borne by the partner organisation. If not, partner must prove the reimbursement of those expenditures to external experts.

ALL general principles and audit trail of expenditures allocated under travel and accommodation budget line MUST be respected.
ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

Shall not receive any ERDF or IPA funds

No budget

• Travel and accommodation expenditures to be borne and claimed by a financing partner
• Cannot act as service provider
• Coming from EU, IPA and third countries
• Associated partner declaration to be signed (in the 2nd phase of the application procedure)
EU (ERDF) PARTNERS OUTSIDE THE MED AREA

Added value and expertise to the implementation
Benefit for the MED area
20% of the ERDF budget of the operation

Confirmation of eligibility before approval
Agreement between MED MA and the relevant EU country after approval*

* In case of failure, the concerned partner will be excluded from the project.
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

• If your organization is already on the Synergie database, use the same register

• Double check all documents uploaded and their content

• In case of doubt, please contact the **Joint Secretariat** (programme_med@regionpaca.fr)
GOOD THINGS TO DO - PARTNER

• Make yourself known!

• **Partner Search Forum** on Interreg MED website

• **Transnational InfoDay** – 22\textsuperscript{nd} February, Barcelona
  – Live Stream
  – Meet potential LPs + partner searches will be displayed

• Get in touch with your **National Contact Point**
  – Make them aware of your capabilities and ambitions

• Contact partners of **ongoing projects** – share experience

• Delegate lists of national InfoDays to be shared
Project Communication
Strategic communication

Timeline

• **Application form 1st phase:** Communication approach: main ideas

• **Application form full phase:** main lines of communication strategy: possible lines of action; minimum activities

• **After project approval:** complete communication plan 6 months after: detail
Strategic communication

What other resources?

- **Financial and human resources** to ensure the project participation in external events other than the horizontal project events and seminars.

- **Financial resources for communication** campaigns or activities.

**Please keep in mind**

No financial resources should be allocated to the development of a website and logo.
Where to find information

Have a look at the ongoing projects

List of Operations

Search for partners and project ideas

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