



Launch of first call for modular projects under the Interreg Mediterranean 2014-2020 Programme

The Funds and Programmes Division within the Parliamentary Secretariat for the EU Presidency 2017 and EU Funds, Ministry of European Affairs and Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto, is pleased to announce the launch of the first call for modular projects under the Interreg Mediterranean 2014-2020 Programme. The call shall remain open until **noon of 2nd November 2015** (first deadline).

Approved by the European Commission on 3rd June 2015, the Interreg Mediterranean Programme is one of the 2014-2020 Territorial Cooperation Programmes that the Funds and Programmes Division acts as the national coordinator for. With a global budget worth over €275 million that includes ERDF funding, national funding and IPA funding, the Interreg Mediterranean promotes cooperation between regions from 10 Mediterranean EU Member States (Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain and UK-Gibraltar) and 3 Mediterranean EU candidate countries (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Montenegro).

The first call for modular projects will focus on three priority axes. Priority Axis 1 shall promote Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth, Priority Axis 2 shall foster low-carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories i.e. cities, islands and rural areas, and Priority Axis 3 shall protect and promote Mediterranean natural and cultural resources. The indicative ERDF allocation for this call is €75M (i.e. €25M for each priority axis).

In targeting one of the above Priority Axes, project proposals must take on a modular approach, hence the term ‘modular projects’, whereby projects shall be composed of single or multi-modules that focus on the study and exploration of innovative subjects, or the testing of previously identified instruments, policies, and strategies, or the capitalisation on existing project results. A project can focus on one of these modules or a combination of modules. More detailed information on the Priority Axes (such as their Terms of Reference) and the modular approach is available on the Programme’s website <http://interreg-med.eu>

The Programme also facilitates the search for project partners. Interested applicants who would like to propose a project and need to find suitable partners that they can collaborate efforts with and contribute towards the project are invited to join the online partner search forum of the Interreg MED Community on <http://interreg-med.eu/en/med-community/>. This networking tool also assists those who are willing to join as partners in proposed projects.

National, regional and local public bodies, private institutions and international organisations acting under the national law of any EU MED Member State are eligible to participate in modular projects. Public bodies and bodies governed by public law are eligible for 85% ERDF co-financing rate of the project’s total eligible budget, whereas, in case of state aid relevant activities, private institutions may receive 85% ERDF co-financing if in compliance with the *de minimis* Regulation or 50% if applying the General Block Exemption Regulation.

In order to submit a project application, Lead Partners must first register electronically on SYNERGIE CTE, an online monitoring tool accessible through <https://synergie-cte.asp-public.fr/>. The application form must be entirely filled in online and **validated by 2nd November 2015, 12:00 noon local time (GMT +1)**. Compulsory annexes to the application form must also be uploaded on SYNERGIE CTE by **9th November 2015, 12:00 noon local time (GMT +1)**. Failure to comply to these requirements and deadlines will automatically invalidate the application.

Applicants are invited to establish the 1st September 2016 as starting date for their projects in the application.

In addition, Maltese applicants are obliged to provide the Funds and Programmes Division with certified true copies of the following until 23rd November 2015 (i.e. two weeks from the deadline for online submission of compulsory annexes to the application):

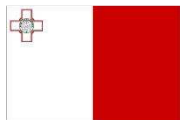
- i. Project remit within the mandate of the beneficiary (only Ministries are excluded from providing this document);
- ii. State Aid declaration;
- iii. VAT declaration;
- iv. Copy of the application form

Bodies governed by public law and private non-profit bodies are to also provide:

- v. Confirmation of the legal status (Bodies governed by public law are to provide the statute/legal framework. Private non-profit bodies are to provide their legal framework and their registration as Voluntary Organisations);
- vi. Proof of financing (100%) (A set of audited accounts for the last 2 financial years are to be provided. If not available for Financial Year 2014, the Management Accounts of the entity are to be provided).

Information seminars on the Interreg Mediterranean 2014-2020 Programme, with particular focus on the first call for modular project proposals, will be held in collaboration with MEUSAC on 17th September 2015 in Gozo (University of Malta - Gozo Campus) and on 18th September 2015 in Malta ('The Fortress Builders' – Valletta). Participation may be registered on funding.meusac@gov.mt until 15th September 2015.

Further information on the above mentioned call or on the Interreg Mediterranean 2014-2020 Programme may be obtained from the Territorial Cooperation Unit on 2200 1142 or fpd.meaim@gov.mt.



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