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# Main Features of the Call for Standards Projects

ENI CBC Med Programme - Managing Authority  
Regione Autonoma della Sardegna

# Call 1 standard projects: Main features

- ✓ Call open to 11 Programme's Priorities
- ✓ Budget allocated: **€ 84.6 million** (ENI funds)
- ✓ Financial allocation per priority
- ✓ Partnership: Min. 3 countries (at least 1 EUMC and 1 MPC)
- ✓ Duration: 24; 30; 36 months



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# Call 1 – Documents (1/2)

## Reference document to read to be able to submit a proposal :

- ✓ **Call for proposals**
- ✓ **Guidelines for grant Applicants** to support Applicants in project design and development
- ✓ **Joint Operational Programme**
- ✓ **Glossary**, providing definitions for the main concepts and tools
- ✓ Model of the **Grant contract**
- ✓ Indicative model of **Partnership Agreement**
- ✓ Note on **State Aid** and self assessment grid
- ✓ Informative note on **financial capacity**
- ✓ Specific **national provisions**



# Call 1 – Documents (2/2)

## Documents needed for proposals submission:

**Electronic application Form (eAF)** as the ONLY tool for project submission

## Mandatory documents to be submitted (uploaded) with the eAF:

- ✓ Declaration by the Applicant
- ✓ Partner Statement by the partners
- ✓ International Organisation declaration (as the case may be)
- ✓ Associated partner declaration (as the case may be)
- ✓ State aid self assessment check grid
- ✓ Administrative cost justification



## Call 1 – EU contribution breakdown 1/2

**TOTAL CALL BUDGET: € 84.668.413,86**

**Promote economic and social development**

**€ 50.801.048,31**

**1. Business and SME development**

**2. Support to education, research, technological development and innovation**

**3. Promotion of social inclusion and fight against poverty**

1.1 Support innovative start-up and recently established enterprises

2.1 Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results

3.1 Provide young people, especially those belonging to the NEETS and women, with marketable skills

€ 6.773.473,11

€ 7.620.157,25

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1.2 Strengthen and support networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains

2.2 Support SMEs in accessing research and innovation

3.2 Support social and solidarity economic actors

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1.3 Encourage sustainable tourism initiatives and actions

€ 6.773.473,11



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## Call 1 – EU contribution breakdown 2/2

**TOTAL CALL BUDGET: € 84.668.413,86**

**Address common challenges in  
environment**

**€ 33.867.365,55**

**Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and  
mitigation**

**Support innovative  
and technological  
solutions to increase  
water efficiency and  
encourage use of non-  
conventional water  
supply**

**€ 8.466.841,39**

**Reduce municipal  
waste generation and  
promote source  
separated collection  
and the optimal  
exploitation of its  
organic component**

**€ 8.466.841,39**

**Support cost-effective  
and innovative energy  
rehabilitations  
relevant to building  
types and climatic  
zones, with a focus on  
public buildings**

**€ 8.466.841,39**

**Incorporate the  
Ecosystem-Based  
management approach  
to ICZM into local  
development planning**

**€ 8.466.841,39**



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# Admission requirements Chap. 4 Guidelines for Applicants (GfA)

- ✓ **Eligible territories**
- ✓ **Financial dimension**
- ✓ **Specific requirements**
- ✓ **Eligibility of Applicant and Partners**
- ✓ **Eligibility of budget costs**



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# Eligibility of territories (par. 4.1 GfA)

## Countries participating in the Programme:

- **EUMCs:** Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain.
- **MPCs:** Egypt\*, Jordan, Israel\*, Lebanon\*, Palestine\*, Tunisia.

## General rules (par. 4.3.1):

- ✓ Applicants and Partners **must be located in eligible territories** of these countries ONLY (max. 3 from the same country)
- ✓ Partners **may** come also from adjoining regions listed in par. 4.1 but 20% direct costs maximum allocation of budget (see par. 4.3.1)
- ✓ Applicants and Partners from MPCs are eligible only if their Countries have signed the Financing Agreement with the EC, before the closing date of the Call for proposals.

\* These countries must still sign the Financing Agreement with the EC Check updated list of the MPCs signed FA at: [www.enicbcmed.eu](http://www.enicbcmed.eu)



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# Eligibility of territories (par. 4.1 GfA): activities

**General Rule:** project activities **must be implemented** in eligible territories of the countries represented in the partnership

## Exceptions for geographical activities implementation:

- ✓ Only if partners coming from adjoining territories are involved, project activities **may** take place in these areas
- ✓ Activities outside the eligible **area allowed on a case by case basis** by considering their added value to be clearly justified in the Application Form



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## Specific rules geographical eligibility (par. 4.3.1 GfA)

Participation is allowed with limitations for:

**International Organisations**



**only** if having operational offices in eligible area (do not count for min. and max. geographical criteria par. 4.4)

**Ministries and national PAs outside eligible territories  
participating countries**



if added value is demonstrated and activities are implemented through local offices, if available



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## Specific rules of geographical eligibility (par. 4.3.1 GfA)

**Headquarters out of eligible area but decentralized registered office or structure in the eligible regions**



1) if established **at least 2 years before the deadline** for submission Application Form;

**and**

2) **proved capacity** to undertake legal obligations and assume financial responsibility.

**Applicants and partners based in Lisbon region**



may apply only under the Overarching Objective 1



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## Eligibility of Applicants and Partners (4.3.2)

### Participation allowed for entities with legal status of:

- ✓ **Public body**(national and local administrations, other public bodies)
- ✓ **Body governed by public law** as defined by art. 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU (in MPCs those obliged to follow national rules check with NCP)
- ✓ **Private Body** (enterprises, NGOs, associations and other no profit organisations, etc.)
- ✓ **International Organisation** with limitations (see above and par. 4.4) set up by intergovernmental agreements and accepting specific programme obligations through a **specific declaration to be submitted.**



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## Participation out of the partnership (4.3.2)

### Entities not acting as Applicants and Partners:

- ✓ **Associates** → organisations involved in the project but **they cannot receive project funding** (travel and subsistence paid by the Applicant or PP) or participate in procurement procedures launched by the project (ex. as subcontractors). No geographical requirements but a specific form to be submitted for proving their involvement.
- ✓ **Subcontractors** → some activities can be outsourced by Applicant and Partners **but not the whole project implementation** (bulk of the project). Applicant and Partners **cannot be sub-contracted** by themselves.
- ✓ **Sub-grantees** → recipients of the sub-grants as **natural or legal persons** resident or established in participating countries applicant and partners (max. 60.000 each for a total of 30% project direct costs).



# Financial Dimension

- ✓ Minimum EU contribution → € 1.000.000
- ✓ Maximum contribution → € 3.000.000
- ✓ Maximum total project costs → € 3.500.000

**BUT**

Max EU contribution **90%** of the total eligible costs.

Min. co-financing **10%** of the total eligible costs

## EXAMPLE:

**TOTAL total project costs** € 3.400.000

**ENI contribution:** € 3.000.000 (approx. 88%)

**Project Co-financing:** € 400.000 (approx. 12%)





# Specific Requirements (4.4)

## Conditions to be met:

1. Applicants can submit **only 1 proposal for each priority (alert in e-AF)**;
2. **No limitation** for the participation as partner;
3. Max. 2 grants (those highest ranked) financed to same Applicant

**Example:** the same university (considered as ONE entity regardless the independence of different departments) can submit **a maximum of 11 proposals** as Applicant (one per priority) but in the event all 11 pass all the evaluation steps, **only the 2 highest ranked projects will be financed.**



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## Specific Financial Requirements (4.4.3)

At least 50% of the total direct costs shall be dedicated to activities to be implemented in MPCs territories either through



- a) allocating **at least 50%** of the budgeted direct costs to MPCs Partners
- or
- b) allocating less than 50% of direct costs to MPCs partners but the EU partners shall justify the difference to reach the said 50% by using their direct costs to implement activities in MPCs

**Example: TOTAL DIRECT COSTS OF THE PROJECT = € 2.000.000**

- a) At least € 1.200.000 (60%) directly allocated to MPCs
- b) € 800.000 (40%) allocated to MPCs and € 400.000 (20%) managed by EU PPs to implement activities in MPCs ( neither travel nor staff costs allowed!).



## Specific Financial Requirements (4.4.3)

**General Rule:** A maximum of **35%** of the total direct costs can be allocated to an **organisation**.

### Exception:

- ✓ if there is only one partner from a MPC, this may manage also 50% of the total direct budgeted costs

**Example: TOTAL DIRECT COSTS OF THE PROJECT = € 2.000.000**

Applicant (GR): € 600.000 (30%)

PP1 (IT): € 400.000 (20%)

PP2 (TUN): € 1.000.000 (50%)  **financial capacity need to be ensured!!**



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# Compliance with State Aid provisions (par. 4.5)

Rule EC IR 897/2014 art. 12, 31 and 39: Applicants and partners shall Comply with the State Aid provisions

## How it is applied by the Programme:

- ✓ Private and public bodies of **EU Member States** (acting as economic operators within the project) are not allowed to receive public funding exceeding the thresholds set by the *de minimis* regulation (EC) 1407/2013.
- ✓ **In MPCs it applies in compliance with bilateral agreements** with the EU, and only in case the aid affects the trade between the EU and the concerned country (check informative note on state aid).
- ✓ State aid vs project activities → Specific **self assessment grid** to be provided with the e-AF by the Applicant.
- ✓ **A State Aid declaration** → (concerned organisations only), as supporting document and only for step 2 of the evaluation process.



## Ineligible Proposals (par. 4.7) and Exclusion situations (Par. 4.8)

Project proposals concerning only or mainly the following activities are ineligible:



individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses; individual scholarships for studies or training courses etc.

Applicants and PPs will be excluded from the call for proposals or from the grant if:



(check Art. 45 of the ENI IR ) they are bankrupt or being wound up, fraud, corruption, conflict of interest, etc.

**Specific cases:** failure to reimburse sums to the ENPI JMA and/or EC; attempts to obtain confidential information or to influence the selection process



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