



EUROPEAN UNION



REGIONE AUTONOMA DELLA SARDEGNA

ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme 2007 - 2013

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The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)

➤ Objectives:

- avoiding the emergence of new dividing lines between the enlarged EU and the neighbouring countries;
- creating at the EU borders an area of economic prosperity and stability.

➤ Features:

- It gives an important role to the **territorial cooperation**, based on the active participation of regions and local actors.

The ENP instruments

Up to 2007...

➔ **GEOGRAPHICAL PROGRAMMES**

TACIS (for the Eastern countries and Russia)

MEDA (for the Mediterranean countries)

CARDS (for the Western Balkans countries)

➔ **THEMATIC PROGRAMMES**

i.e. **EIDHR** (European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights)

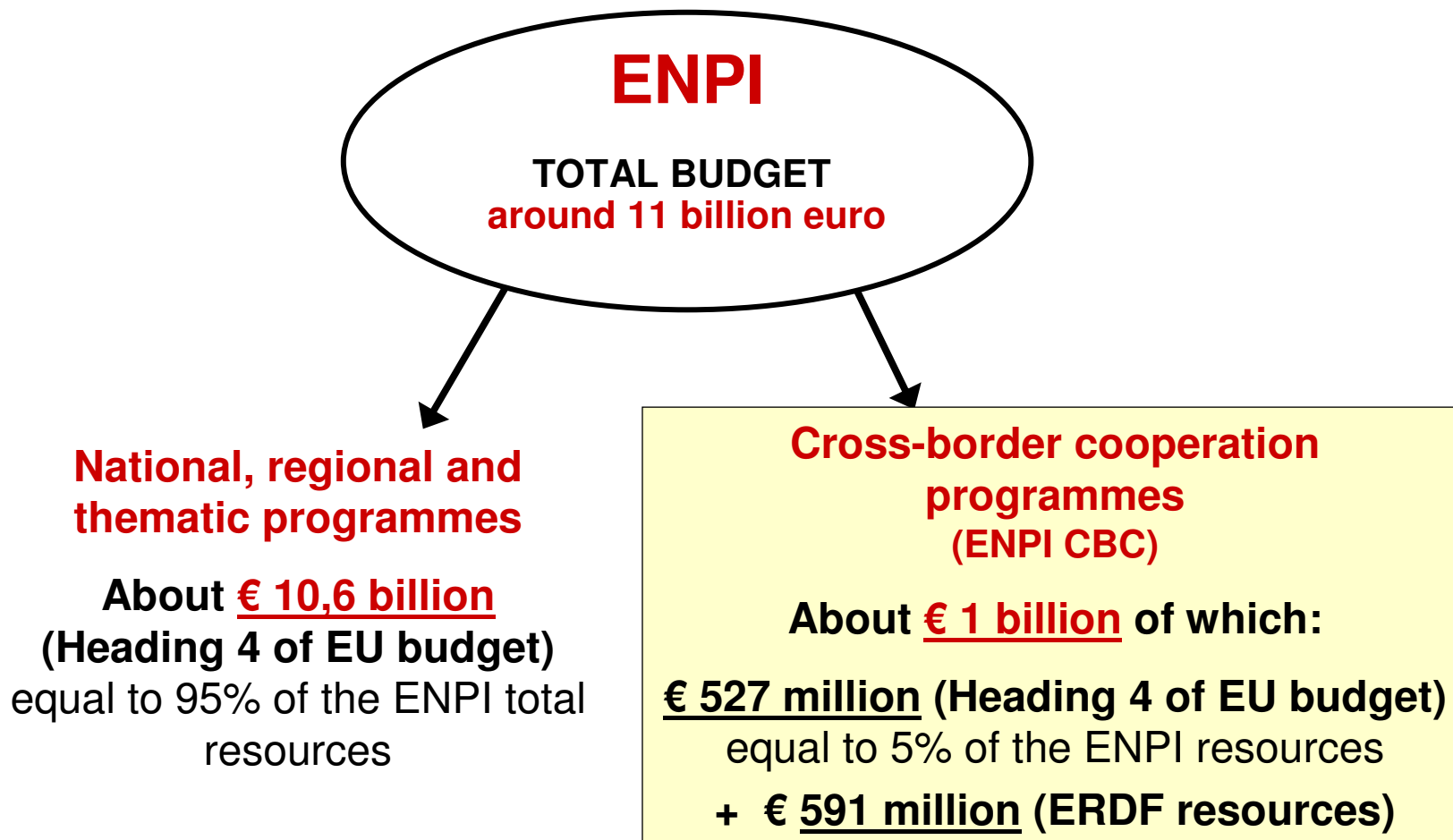
... in the 2007-2013 period:

➔ **EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP
INSTRUMENT (ENPI):**

a **single financial instrument** established by the Regulation (EC) No. 1638/2006 with a total financial allocation of around 11 billion euro.

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

The ENPI - *European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument* - is the financial instrument of the **European Neighbourhood Policy** for the 2007-2013 period.

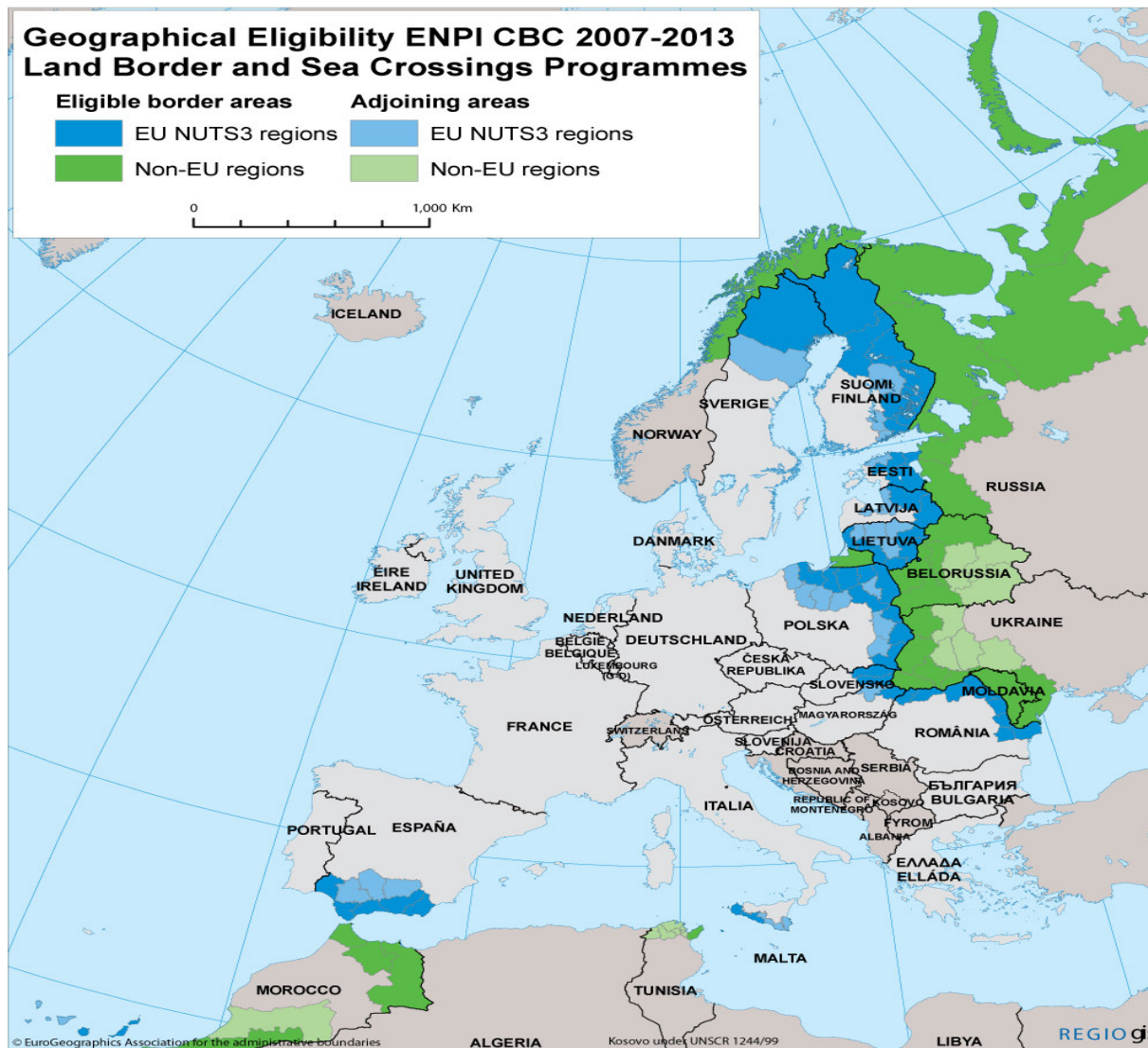


ENPI Cross-Border Programmes

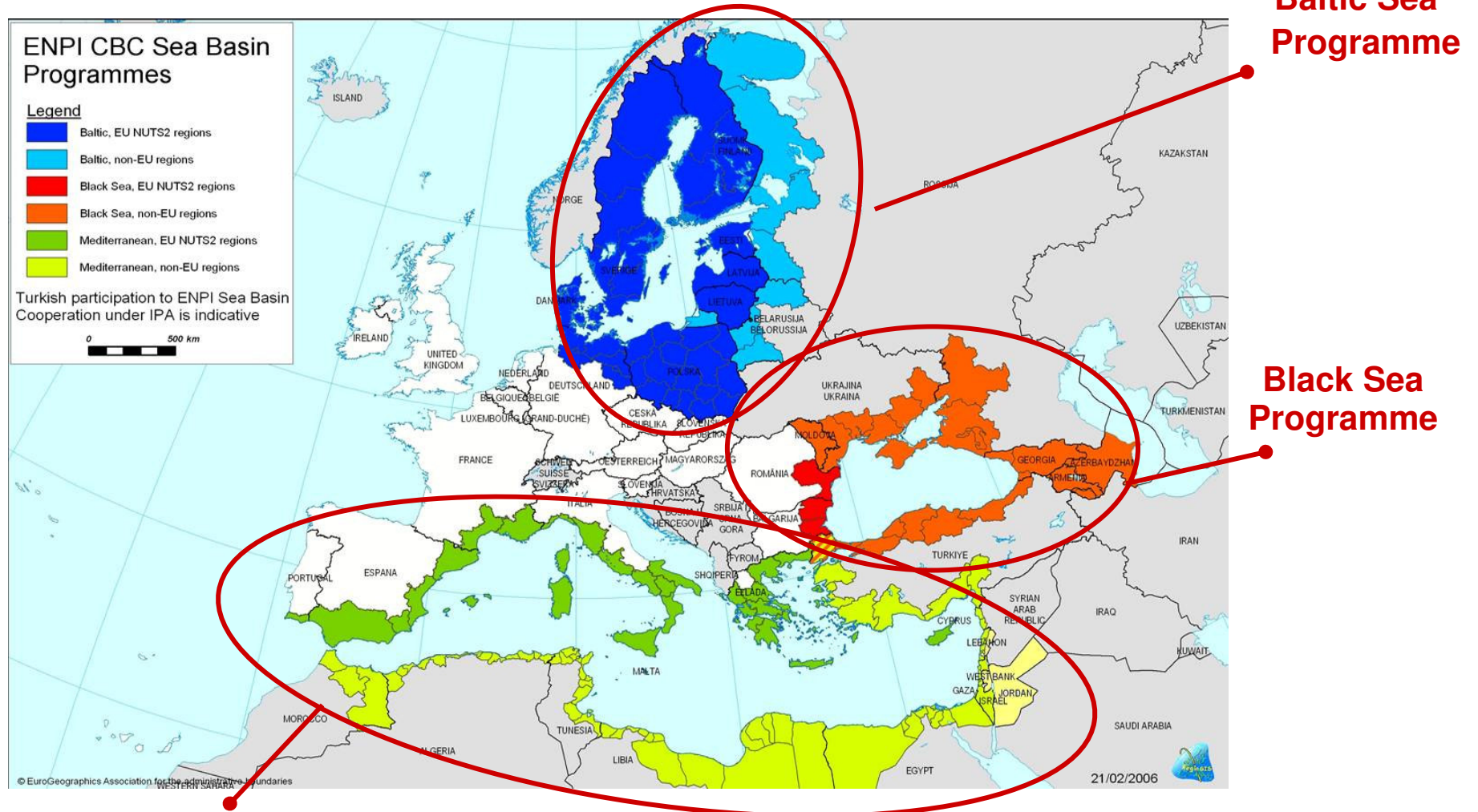
Types of ENPI CBC Programmes:

- land borders or sea crossings common to EU member states and Partner countries
- sea basin common to EU member states and Partner countries

CBC Land Borders and Sea Crossings Programmes



CBC Sea Basin Programmes



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ENPI CBC Med Programme

ENPI CBC Med: eligibility and participation issues

→ ELIGIBLE TERRITORIES

117 regions belonging to 19 different countries

→ POPULATION

143 million habitants

→ **The eligible regions of the following countries are currently participating in the Programme:** Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Jordan, Malta, Palestinian Authority, Portugal, Spain, Syria and Tunisia.

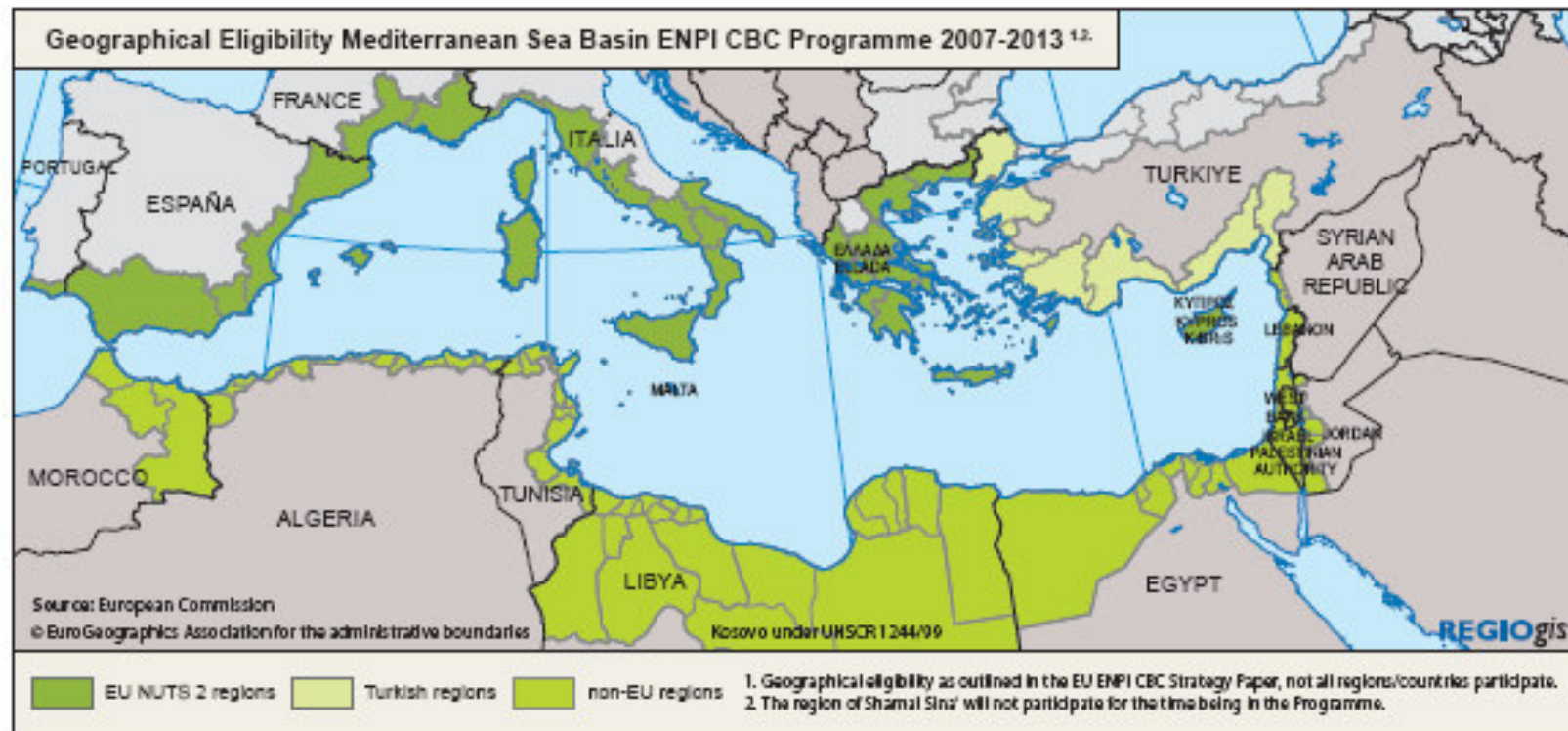
❖ **Algeria, Libya** and the **United Kingdom (Gibraltar)** are eligible countries but they have not yet formally adhered to the Programme, and they do not take part for the time being to its activities.

❖ **Turkey** has required to be excluded from the list of eligible countries,

❖ **Morocco** has officially adhered to the Programme but it seems that it has suspended its participation to all the initiatives implemented within the Neighbourhood policy.

→ **Adjoining regions:** the participation of actors coming from regions adjoining to the eligible territories is envisaged, within the limit of 20% of the project budget. These actors can not be in any case Beneficiaries (Lead Partners) of the projects.

Cooperation area



Eligible territories

Spain: Andalucia, Catalonia, Comunidad Valenciana, Murcia, Ilas Baleares, Ceuta, Melilla

Portugal: Algarve

France: Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

Italy: Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Lazio, Liguria, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia, Toscana

Malta: the entire territory

Greece: Anatoliki Makedonia – Thraki, Kentriki Makedonia, Thessalia, Ipeiros, Ionia Nisia, Dytiki Ellada, Sterea Ellada, Peloponnisos, Attiki, Voreio Aigaio, Kitti, Notio Aigaio

Cyprus: the entire territory

Morocco: Oriental, Taza-Al Hoceima-Taoutinate, Tanger-Tetouan

Tunisia: Médenine, Gabès, Sfax, Mahdia, Monastir, Sousse, Nabeul, Ben Arous, Tunis, Ariana, Bizerte, Béja, Jendouba

Egypt: Marsa Matruh, Al Iskandanyah, Al Buhayrah, Kafr ash Shaykh, Ad Daqahliyah, Dumyat, Ash Sharquiyah, Al Isma'ilyah, Bur Sai'id

Israel: the whole country

Lebanon: the whole country

Syria: Latakia, Tartous

Jordan: Irbid, Al-Balga, Madaba, Al-Karak, Al- Trafila, Al-Aqaba

Palestinian Authority: the entire territory

Programme principles

Key principles in the ENPI Regulation:

- **Common benefits**
- **Partnership**
- **Co-financing**

Dialogue among the participating countries has led to the identification of a set of **principles complementing** those already included in the ENPI Regulation:

- **Co-ownership**
- **Sustainable development**
- **Equality** of opportunities, non-discrimination and respect of human rights
- **Territorial dimension** of the development process
- Support to **competitiveness**
- **Integration and coordination** with other national and local initiatives

Methodological elements

In order to **avoid fragmentation** and dispersion of the Programme actions, the participating countries have decided to **focus** on sectors which:

- constitute **common challenges**;
- contain **innovation** elements (on a technological or organisational level);
- can bring an **added value** to other programmes and initiatives implemented in the cooperation area.

Budget

→ **€ 173,6 million of EU contribution:**

- **€ 156,2 million** for project funding;
- **€ 17,4 million** for technical assistance.

→ **€ 15,6 million of national co-financing.**

* The Programme covers up to 90% of the project total eligible costs, while the remaining 10% will have to be provided by the Beneficiary/partners at project level as co-financing.

Programme objective

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.

Priorities and measures

PRIORITIES	MEASURES	BUDGET
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	€ 68.748.500 40%
	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	€ 51.561.375 30%
	2.2 Promotion of renewable energies 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	€ 17.187.125 10%
	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	€ 34.374.250 20%
	4.2 Support to the artistic creativity in all its expressions to encourage dialogue among communities	
	4.3 Improvement of governance processes at local level	

Priority 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

Examples of possible actions:

- Joint actions of research in the framework of production sectors, research centres, universities, SMEs, public authorities, etc.;
- Networking of innovation and technology-transfer centres for the elaboration of joint projects.

1.2. Strengthening economic clusters creating synergies among potentials of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries

Examples of possible actions :

- Joint strategies and services for the development of trans-mediterranean economic clusters (agro-industrial, textile, tourism, etc.);
- Strengthening cooperation among professional organisations in order to reinforce the competitiveness of the various production sectors.

1.3. Strengthening the national strategies of territorial planning by integrating the different levels, and promotion of balanced and sustainable socio-economic development

Examples of possible actions :

- Cooperation between institutions in charge of territorial planning (transports, coasts/inland, social and educational services).

Priority 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

Examples of possible actions :

- Promoting pilot initiatives for the joint use of new technologies for environmental protection, risk management and territorial planning;
- Support for the reduction of marine pollution in port areas and drawing up of joint protocols for dealing with shipping damages;
- Adoption of joint approaches on water cycle planning and management.

2.2. Promotion of renewable energies use and improvement of energy efficiency contributing to addressing, among other challenges, climate change

Examples of possible actions :

- Joint activities to spread the use of renewable energies and energy efficiency.

Priority 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

Examples of possible actions :

- Joint structures for observing migration flows;
- Promoting information, education and awareness raising campaigns on migration and immigrants' rights, addressed to different target groups.

3.2. Improvement of conditions and modalities of circulation of goods and capitals among the territories

Examples of possible actions :

- Training activities for operators (productive sectors and public administrations) especially in relation to quality standards and health controls (agrofood);
- Strengthening the links and the networking among Mediterranean ports especially through the utilisation of ICT applied to sea transport and port operations.

Priority 4

Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance

4.1 Support to mobility, exchanges, training and professionalism of young people

Examples of possible actions :

- Exchange activities among schools and universities.

4.2 Support to the artistic creativity in all its expressions to encourage dialogue among communities

Examples of possible actions :

- Initiatives of intercultural exchange among young emerging artists.
- Spreading knowledge of Mediterranean cultures through the digitalisation and online diffusion of the cultural heritage.
- Promotion of sustainable actions for the preservation and valorisation of cultural heritage.

4.3 Improvement of governance processes at local level

Examples of possible actions:

- Inter institutional cooperation at local level;
- Training of the elected members and operators of local administrations.

Projects

Two types of projects:

➤ **Strategic projects** (around **40% of the Programme budget** is dedicated to their funding);

➤ **Standard projects.**

➤ **Calls for proposals timeline (tentative):**

3 calls (2008/2009, 2010 and 2011) for standard projects

2 calls (2009 and 2011) for strategic projects

Strategic projects

- Actions will be focused on **issues of strategic interest** for the cooperation area, **chosen by the Joint Monitoring Committee**; they will have to produce a relevant impact from a quantitative and qualitative point of view.
- Projects will be selected through the **launching of calls for proposals**, with a **two-steps procedure**:
1) *concept note*; 2) detailed application form.

	Minimum threshold	Maximum threshold
Financial dimension for each project	2.000.000 €	5.000.000 €

Minimum number of countries represented within the partnership proposing the project	4 of which at least one EU Mediterranean country and one Mediterranean partner country
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Standard projects

- **Proposed by cross-border partnerships**, standard projects will focus on the different Programme priorities.
- Project proposals selected through the **launching of calls for proposals**.

	Minimum threshold	Maximum threshold
Financial dimension for each project	500.000 €*	2.000.000 €
Minimum number of countries represented within the partnership proposing the project	3 of which at least one EU Mediterranean country and one Mediterranean partner country	

- ❖ **50% of the budget allocated to Priority 4** “Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance” can be used for financing **projects with a budget of € 200.000**.

Eligible actors

Main eligible actors

- ➔ Public bodies and local, regional and national authorities;
 - ➔ Universities and research centres;
 - ➔ Non-Governmental Organisations;
 - ➔ Traders' associations and organisations representing economic and social interests;
 - ➔ Companies and other private organisations.
- ❖ The modalities for the **participation of private actors** will be defined in the call for proposals, in compliance with national and EU legislation on State aid.

Management structures

Transparent and shared decision making process :



- **Joint Monitoring Committee**
- **Projects Selection Committee**
- **Joint Managing Authority (Cagliari – Italy)**
- **Joint Technical Secretariat (Cagliari – Italy)**

Diffusion of opportunities offered by the Programme and territorial coverage:



- **Branch Office for the Eastern Mediterranean (Aqaba – Jordan)**
- **Branch Office for the Western Mediterranean (Valencia – Spain).**

National Contact Points in all participating countries

Projects evaluation

- **Who evaluates the projects?** The Projects Selection Committee;
- **What is its composition?** It is composed of 7 members representing 7 participating countries. For the first call for proposals, it is formed by Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Greece, Portugal and Spain.
- **What is the role of the heads of delegations?** They are consulted on the eligibility of the partners, their technical capacity to implement projects as well as on the coherence of the proposals with national and regional policies.
- **Who approves the projects?** List of projects selected by the PSC is transmitted to the JMC for final approval.

Key elements for evaluation

- **Technical, financial and operational capacity of the partnership** (in particular experience in project management);
- **Relevance of the action** with Programme objectives and priorities;
- **Methodology** (global coherence of the project);
- **Sustainability of the expected results** (tangible impacts and multiplier effects);
- **Budget and cost-effectiveness.**

Programme milestones

- **14 August 2008:** Programme approval by European Commission decision.
- **5 and 6 November 2008:** first Joint Monitoring Committee. Approval of relevant Programme documents.
- **December 2008 / January 2009:** second JMC meeting to take place in Jordan for the approval of the first call for proposals and the application pack.
- **Beginning 2009:** Programme launching seminar.

Information and contacts

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