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PROGRAMME/CALL	MED PROGRAMME
Programme	<p>The MED programme, active for the period 2014-2020, concerns the support to regional cooperation among Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>The programme aims mainly to strengthen transnational and regional intervention strategies in fields of Mediterranean importance where transnational cooperation can contribute to improve regional and territorial practices.</p>
General objectives	<p>The MED programme shall contribute to achieve the following overall objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to promote sustainable growth in the Mediterranean area fostering innovative concepts and practices (technologies, governance, innovative services, etc.), a reasonable use of resources (energy, water, maritime resources, etc.) and supporting social integration through integrated and territorially based cooperation approach. <p>The specific objectives of the programme are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area; (SO 1.1) - To raise capacity for better management of energy in public buildings at transnational level; (SO 2.1) - To increase the share of renewable local energy sources in energy mix strategies and plans in MED territories; (SO 2.2) - To increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them; (SO 2.3) - To enhance sustainable development policies for more efficient valorisation of natural resources and cultural heritage in coastal and adjacent maritime areas; (OS 3.1) - To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas; (SO 3.2) - To support the process of developing multilateral coordination frameworks and strengthening the existing ones in the Mediterranean for joint responses to common challenges. (SO

	<p>4.1)</p> <p>Besides the thematic concentration and the choice of thematic objective, specific issues will be addressed in a cross-cutting way in the different investment priorities of the programme contributing to the overall objectives of the programme, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • information and Communication Technologies; • social cohesion and social innovation; • data and knowledge management; • territorial and eco-systemic approach.
Types of projects funded	<p>The types of projects to be funded by MED 2014-2020 will be illustrated with the launch of the Programme, and it is not known yet.</p> <p>Paying attention to the various dimensions of a project (analysis, definition of strategies, implementation of activities and pilot projects, dissemination/transfer of experiences), the programme will give the possibility to improve expertise, knowledge, networking and support capacity building for public and private bodies. When relevant, it will support pilot actions to test tools, processes, governance systems contributing to improve public interventions and support long term sustainable development in key sectors of green and blue growth (energy, agriculture and agribusiness, biotechnologies, eco-construction, etc.).</p> <p>From the action and output point of view, taking into account its strategy, the MED programme is mainly delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Policies and strategies; - Methodologies and tools; - Pilot actions; - Action plans; - Joint management systems and cooperation agreements.
Eligible activities	<p>The projects that can be funded under the MED programme concern 4 main Priority Axis, 4 thematic objectives and 6 Investment priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Priority Axis 1: Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth</u> <i>Thematic Objective 1: Strengthening research, technological development and innovation through:</i> <u>IP 1b:</u> Promoting business investment in innovation and research, and developing links and synergies between enterprises, R&D centres and higher education, in particular product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Types of actions consist mainly in the development of clusters and networks, development of models and tools, and transfer of knowledge, awareness-raising, capitalization activities. Pilot projects with investment are not likely, at least not frequent. <p>- <u>Priority Axis 2: Fostering low-carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories: cities, islands and remote areas</u> <i>Thematic Objective 4: Supporting the shift toward a low-carbon economy in all sectors</i> <u>IP 4c:</u> Supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use in public infrastructures, including in public buildings, and in the housing sector; <u>IP 4e:</u> Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas, including the promotion of sustainable multi-modal urban mobility and mitigation relevant adaptation measures. The Axis includes 3 distinctive domains of activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - energy efficiency, - renewable energy production and use, and - low carbon mobility. </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Foreseen activities consist of capacity building, awareness-raising, strategy building, training and changing practices, (not only of end-users but also of public authorities, and eventually of enterprises). Feasibility studies and analyses, elaborating policy plans, services and tools, will also form part of activities. In this priority the likelihood of small-scale investment is high, and pilot projects including investment could be relatively frequent (ICT services and solutions, energy efficiency tools, pilot services...). <p>- <u>Priority Axis 3: Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources</u> <i>Thematic Objective 6: Protecting the environment and promotion resource efficiency</i> <u>IP 6c:</u> Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage;</p>
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	<p><u>IP 6d</u>: Protecting and restoring biodiversity, soil protection and restoration and promoting ecosystem services including NATURA 2000 and green infrastructures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Main types of activity: Focus on analysis, studies, policy-planning and strategy development, but also on transfer of practices and policy implementing measures. Pilot projects with investments are not likely to be frequent, although some amount of pilot projects to test tools or services, are probable. <p>- <u>Priority Axis 4: A shared Mediterranean Sea</u> <i>Thematic objective 11: Enhancing institutional capacity and an efficient public administration by strengthening of institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to implementation of the ERDF.</i></p> <p><u>IP 11</u>: Enhancing governance in the Mediterranean area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Taking into account the experimental nature of this Priority, and also the possibility to finance earmarked ‘macro-regional’ pilot projects of the EUSAIR via thematic Priorities (especially within the Priority 3), the budget level should be adjusted to the estimated possibilities to mobilize key stakeholders, which are in particular state, regional and local authorities. One must recognize that also political support is necessary for the relevant use of the budget of this Priority, and as a programme there is no certitude of these dynamics. However, it is vital to offer a support mechanism to encourage positive development in Mediterranean multi-lateral governance.
Eligible organizations	<p>Organizations that can access funding within MED 2020s Programme are organizations from the public and private sector, including enterprises.</p> <p>Their target participation depends on the Priority Axis that will be selected, indicatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for priority Axis 1 - Innovation capacity: SME's and structures accompanying them, public authorities, and research structures. - for priority Axis 2 - Low-carbon economy: public authorities, research structures, enterprises, and NGO's/civil society structures and the latter might play an important role in regard to end users. - for priority Axis – Environment: public authorities, but also associations and NGO's, research bodies and to some extent enterprises.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - for priority Axis 4 - Enhancing Mediterranean coordination: state, regional and local authorities.
Eligible countries	<p>The MED programme is open to the participation of the entities listed above established in one of the following countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all regions from Cyprus, Greece, Malta, Slovenia and Croatia; • 5 regions from France (Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Midi-Pyrénées, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Rhône-Alpes); • 19 regions from Italy (Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmonte, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Valle D'Aoste, Veneto); • 3 regions from Portugal (Algarve, Alentejo, Lisbon); • 6 autonomous regions from Spain (Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic islands, Murcia, Valencia and the two autonomous cities - Ceuta and Melilla) • 1 region of economic programming from United-Kingdom (Gibraltar). <p>And countries participate with the European funds of the IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Albania; - Bosnia Herzegovina; - Montenegro.
Duration	<p>The MED Programme shall be implemented for the period from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2020.</p> <p>The expected duration of the projects to be funded is still unknown</p>
Budget	<p>The overall programme budget corresponds to 257 million EUR, with an ERDF contribution of 224,308,732 million EUR.</p> <p>The proposal for budget allocation is set as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 32% for priority Axis 1: Innovation capacity; - 20% for priority Axis 2: Low-carbon economy; - 34% for priority Axis 3: Environment; - 8% for priority Axis 4: Enhancing Mediterranean coordination.
Deadlines	<p>The MED programme is expected to be officially launched in next months.</p> <p>At present no deadlines are known.</p>
How to apply	<p>Project applications can be submitted following calls for proposals whose terms of reference will be published on the programme website.</p> <p>At present, since the Programme has not been officially launched, this</p>

	information is missing.
Evaluation criteria	Details of the selection procedure will be made available upon the launch of the programme and through the publication of the programme manual.
Link	Med Draft Cooperation Programme Document Med Official Website MED Summary Document

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