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**Challenges, priorities and opportunities**

## **Disclaimer**

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# ENPI, ENI and NEXT MED

Driving cooperation across borders in the Mediterranean since 2007

- NEXT MED is the **third edition** of the largest EU-funded programme for cooperation between the two shores of the Mediterranean
- Contribute to joint prosperity, stability and security by addressing together common challenges
- Key principles: **co-ownership, balanced partnership, common benefits**
- Programme managed by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia on behalf of the European Commission and the participating countries

# The ambition of NEXT MED Programme

The vision of the Programme is to contribute to a **smart, sustainable and equal development** for **everyone** in the Mediterranean Basin by supporting a **balanced, sustainable and ambitious cooperation** as well as **multilevel governance**.



# A potentially enlarged geographical coverage



- 15 participating countries, 90+ eligible territories
- Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israël, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Türkiye
- The participation of the partner countries will have to be validated through a financial agreement with the European Commission

## Reinforced financial means

Budget up by 21% compared to the ENI CBC Med Programme

PROGRAMME ALLOCATIONS	
Fund	Amount
ERDF	€ 96.199.962,00
NDICI	€ 147.625.817,00
IPA III	€ 9.500.000,00
Total programme amount (EU)	€ 253.325.779,00
Technical Assistance (10%)	€ 23.029.616,00
Total EU contribution for projects (90%)	<b>€ 230.296.163,00</b>
Match funding (10%) to be provided at project level	<b>€ 28.147.313,00</b>
TOTAL PROGRAMME PROJET VALUE	€ 281.473.092,00

Elements of continuity compared with the 2014-2020 Programme:

- 90% Max co-financing rate of projects
- Pre-financing to projects

# The priorities of the Programme

3 policy objectives, 1 Interreg specific objective and 9 specific objectives

<b>A more competitive and smarter Mediterranean</b> <b>€ 66.658.241 (29%)</b>	<b>A greener, low-carbon transitioning towards a net zero carbon economy and resilient Mediterranean</b> <b>€ 96.979.680 (42%)</b>	<b>A more social and inclusive Mediterranean</b> <b>€ 48.882.710 (21%)</b>	<b>Interreg Specific Objective 'A better cooperation governance'</b> <b>€ 17.775.531 (8%)</b>
<b>Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments</b> <b>€ 26.663.296,36 (12%)</b>	<b>Promoting access to water and sustainable water management</b> <b>€ 24.244.920 (10.5%)</b>	<b>Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning</b> through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training <b>€ 33.329.120 (14%)</b>	<b>Other actions to support better cooperation governance (NEW)</b> <b>€ 17.775.531 (8%)</b>
<b>Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies</b> <b>€ 39.994.944,55 (17%)</b>	<b>Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions</b> <b>€ 24.244.920 (10.5%)</b>	<b>Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems</b> , including primary care, and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care (NEW) <b>€ 15.553.589 (7%)</b>	
	<b>Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience</b> , taking into account eco-system based approaches (NEW) <b>€ 24.244.920 (10.5%)</b>		
	<b>Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy (NEW)</b> <b>€ 24.244.920 (10.5%)</b>		



# A transversal approach

## Key sectors

A set of indicative key sectors identified to **maximise the impact of the projects** carried out under the different specific objectives:

- Sustainable tourism, cultural heritage
- Creative and cultural industries
- Digital transition
- Agriculture and agri-food
- **Blue growth** (blue jobs, skills, investment, marine and maritime technologies, etc.)
- Circular economy
- Education and training
- ...



**Foster a transversal and horizontal approach**





# Blue economy: the importance of synergies

Ensure coherence with main strategies and initiatives:

- A new approach for a sustainable blue economy in the EU Transforming the EU's Blue Economy for a Sustainable Future (COM/2021/240 final)
- Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Ministerial declaration on Sustainable Blue Economy (2 February 2021)
- WestMED Initiative
- BLUEMED Initiative for Blue Jobs and Growth in the Mediterranean
- General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) 2030 Strategy

# Type of projects and calls

## Proposal from the Managing Authority

### First Call Standard

- Open to all specific objectives and to the Interreg Specific Objective
- *Youth strand*: focus on projects involving organizations provided by young people as Lead Beneficiary or Partners
- **45% of the budget: €103,6 million**

### Second Call Green Transition

- Open to the relevant specific objectives and to the Interreg specific objective
- Achieve green results with a transversal approach
- Sustainable Impact
- **35% of the budget: €80.6 million**

### Third Call Capitalisation

- Open to all specific objectives and to the Interreg Specific Objective
- New projects
- Enhancement of the results of a selection of projects from NEXT MED and other initiatives
- Deployment of effective solutions
- Stimulate synergies with other initiatives
- **15% of the budget: €34.5 million**

### Fourth Call Consolidation

- Open to all specific objectives and to the Interreg Specific Objective
- NEXT MED projects on course our already closed only
- Support the continuation of successful projects and strengthen results
- **5% of the budget: €11.5 million**

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