

Discovering the Interreg NEXT MED Programme

Objectives, Priorities and Opportunities

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Interreg NEXT MED at a glance

Making cooperation happen in the Mediterranean since 2007

- Interreg NEXT MED is the third edition of the largest EU-funded external cooperation programme in the Mediterranean Sea Basin programme
- It builds on the experience accumulated by 80 ENI CBC MED (2014-2020 period) projects and 95 ENPI CBC MED (2007-2013 period) projects, involving over 1.300 project partners and over €400 million in project funding
- Contribution to joint prosperity, stability and security by addressing together common challenges
- Key principles: co-ownership, cooperation on equal footing, balanced partnership, common benefits











NEXT MED, a new member of the Interreg community



Interreg (short for 'European Territorial Cooperation): goal of EU cohesion policy that aims to solve problems across borders and to jointly develop the potential of diverse territories

Total budget: nearly €10 billion for 2021-2027 EU period

Around 100 **cooperation programmes** operate across borders, both within and outside the EU

30+ years of experience

2021-2027: **reinforced cooperation with partner countries** though Interreg IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance) and Interreg NEXT (**Ne**ighborhood **Ext**ernal)

More info on: https://interreg.eu/





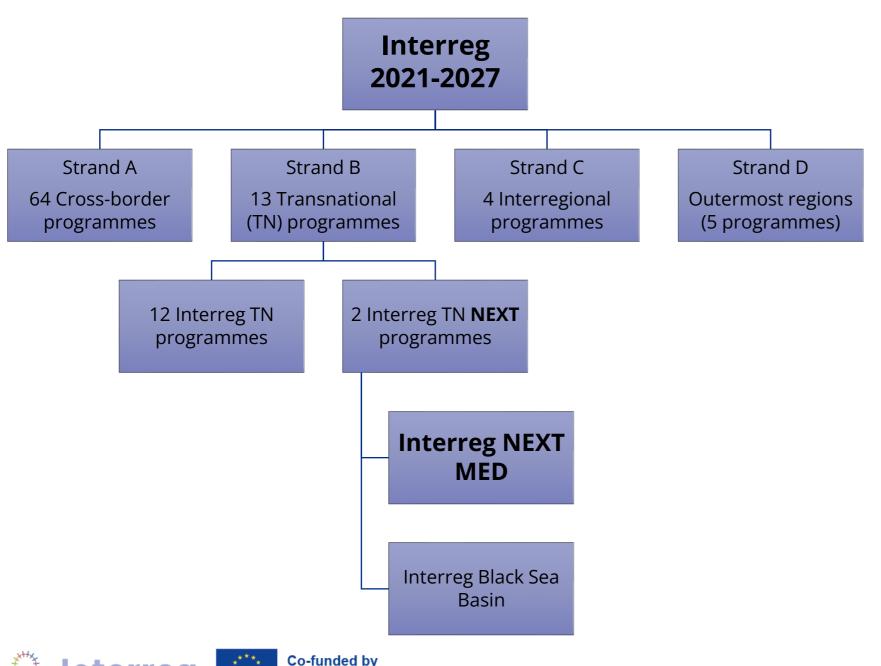








NEXT MED, an Interreg transnational cooperation programme



the European Union

- Transnational cooperation, known as Interreg B, allows for cooperation over larger transnational territories or around sea basins
- Promote better cooperation and regional development within and beyond the Union by a joint approach to tackle common issues
- Support a wide range of project investment related to innovation, environment, accessibility, telecommunications, urban development











Management of Interreg NEXT MED

Monitoring Committee

DECISION-MAKING BODY

Members representing the 15 participating countries

Assessment Board

SUPERVISION OF THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Members designated by the 15 participating countries

Programme structures MANAGEMENT

Managing Authority

Region of Sardinia (Italy)

Joint Secretariat

Region of Sardinia (Italy)

Branch Office Western MED

Region of Valencia (Spain)

Branch Office Eastern MED

ASEZA-Aqaba (Jordan)

Programme structures AUDIT

Audit Authority

Region of Sardinia (Italy)

Group of Auditors

Members representing the 15 participating countries

National structures SUPPORT AT NATIONAL

LEVEL

National Authority

Responsible of programme at national level

National Controller or Control Contact Point

For the verification of project expenditures

National Contact Points

1 per each participating country

Simplified figure representing the Interreg NEXT MED organizational structure







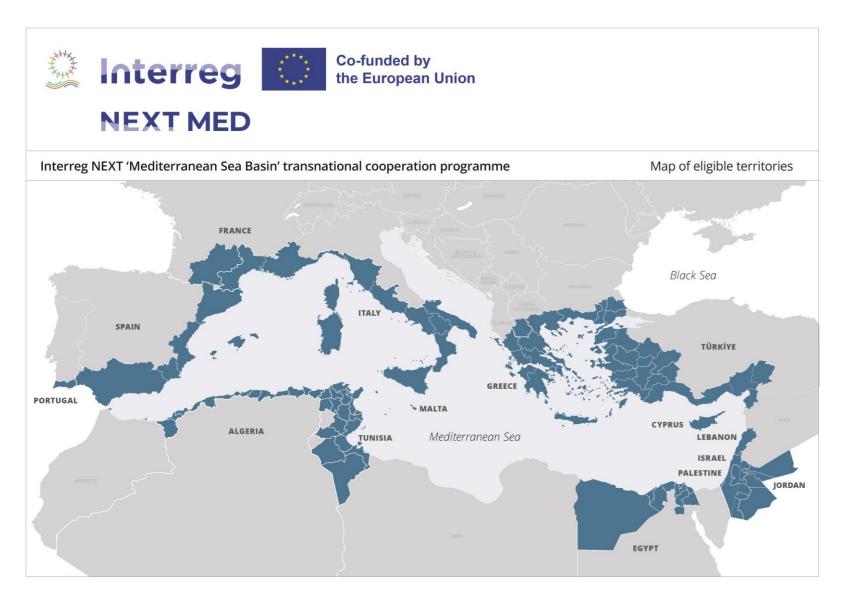






Interreg NEXT MED

Largest transnational cooperation programme on the EU's external borders



Co-funded by

the European Union

15 participating* countries:

Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israël, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Türkiye

90+ eligible territories

200+ million people live in the cooperation area











^{*}Eligiblity of Mediterranean Partner Countries partner countries to be confirmed upon signature of a financial agreement with the European Commission

Interreg NEXT MED vision and ambition

The vision of the Programme is to contribute to a smart, sustainable and fair development for all across the Mediterranean Basin by supporting a balanced, long-lasting and far-reaching cooperation as well as multilevel governance











Budget increased by 26.5% since 2007

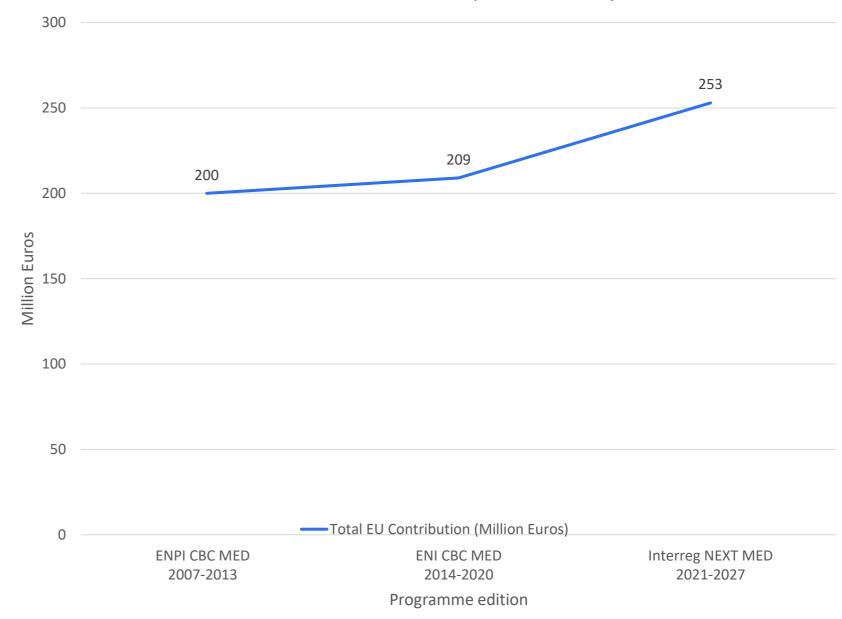
EU contribution to Interreg NEXT MED

Funds	Amount
European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)	€96.199.962,00
Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI)	€147.625.817,00
Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance III (IPA)	€ 9.500.000,00
Total EU Contribution	€253.325.779,00*

^{*}Additional €9.7 million granted by the European Commission and to be included in Interreg NEX MED budget following an official modification of the approved Programme Document



Total EU Contribution (Million Euros)













4 Priorities and 9 Specific Objectives

Priority 1

A more competitive and smarter Mediterranean Million €66.6 (29%)

S.O. 1.1 Research and innovation capacities, uptake of advanced technologies Million €26.6

(12%)

Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs Million €39.9 (17%)

Priority 2

A greener, low-carbon and resilient Mediterranean Million €96.9 (42%)

Priority 3

A more social and inclusive Mediterranean Million €48.4 (21%)

Priority 4

A better cooperation governance of the Mediterranean

Million €17.7 (8%)

S.O. 1.2 S.O 2.1 Energy efficiency and reducing green

gas house

Million €24.2 (10,5%)

adaptation, and disaster risk resilience, taking nto account eco system based approaches

S.O. 2.2 Climate

Million €24.2 (10,5%)

S.O. 2.3 Access to water and sustainable water

Million €24.2 (10,5%)

S.O. 2.4 Transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

Million €24.2 (10,5%)

S.O. 3.1 Equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning

> Million €33.3 (14%)

S.O. 3.2 Equal access to health care and resilience of health systems, including primary care, and transition from institutional to family- and community-based care

Million €15.5 (7%)

S.O. 4.1 Other governance actions: Fostering local governance models and processes through cross-sectoral, multilevel and cross-border partnerships

Million €17.7 (8%)













Interreg NEXT MED timeline of calls for proposals

(indicative*)

Standard Projects: open to all Specific Objectives (SO)

Green Transition: open to all relevant S.O. Focus on green results and impact

Capitalization: open to all SO Focus on exploiting synergies and maximizing impact of previous results

Consolidation: open to all SO Only for Interreg NEXT MED projects (closed or on-course)

First Call **Standard**

2023 Million €103.6 Second Call

Green Transition

2024

Million €80.6

Third Call **Capitalization**

2025

Million €34.5

Fourth Call

Consolidation

2026

Million €11.5

*The first call for proposals has been approved by the Monitoring Committee (MC) while the 3 other ones are proposals of the Managing Authority, including the budget, to be further discussed and confirmed by the MC.















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