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Text of the call for capitalisation projects

Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM)

Sustainable Tourism



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Introduction

Interreg NEXT MED is a Programme funded by the European Union (EU) that supports transnational cooperation through the financing of joint projects which aim at making the Mediterranean area more resilient to the shared challenges it faces.

NEXT MED is part of Interreg¹, a key instrument of the European Union which promotes European territorial cooperation across borders by means of joint programmes, projects and networks among national, regional and local actors from different EU Member States and among EU actors and adjacent non-EU countries, partner countries, overseas countries and territories (OCTs).

With a budget of €263million, Interreg NEXT MED aims at contributing to smart, sustainable, fair development for all across the Mediterranean basin by supporting balanced, long-lasting, far-reaching cooperation and multilevel governance. The programme mission is to finance cooperation projects that address joint socio-economic, environmental and governance challenges at the Mediterranean level such as the uptake of advanced technologies, competitiveness of SMEs and job creation, energy efficiency, water management, climate change adaptation, transition to a circular and resource efficient economy, education and training, health care.

The cooperation area, home to over 200 million people, covers over 100 eligible territories of 15 countries: Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Jordan, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Türkiye.

Reference documents

For preparation and implementation of projects, Applicants are invited to consult the following documents:

- Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund;
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments;
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions;
- Interreg VI-B NEXT Mediterranean Sea Basin (NEXT MED) Joint Operational Programme approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 9543 of 12 December 2022;

¹ Available at https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/policy/cooperation/european-territorial_en



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- Guidelines for Grant Applicants, meant for supporting Applicants in project design and development.

All these documents can be consulted on the Programme website (<https://www.interregnextmed.eu>).

Priorities and budget of the call for proposals

Based on the thematic priorities outlined in the Terms of Reference, the Monitoring Committee has opened this call with an EU contribution of **€8.2 million** (€8.250.221,68), distributed among the selected Programme Priorities and selected Specific Objectives, as shown in the table below.

Each proposal shall **indicate one Specific Objective only within the Priority concerned, as well as the connected sustainable tourism topic from the call’s Terms of Reference.**

Priority	Specific Objective	Topic from the Terms of Reference	EU co-financing (92%)	Project co-financing (8%)	Total
1. A more competitive and smarter Mediterranean	TOTAL		€2.400.000	€208.695,65	€2.608.695,65
	1.1 Research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	Innovative and smart tourism products	€1.200.000	€104.347,83	€1.304.347,83
	1.2 Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs		€1.200.000	€104.347,83	€1.304.347,83
2. A greener, low-carbon and resilient Mediterranean	TOTAL		€2.400.000	€208.695,65	€2.608.695,65
	2.2 Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches	Tourism and the green transition	€1.200.000	€104.347,83	€1.304.347,83
	2.4 Transition to a circular and resource		€1.200.000	€104.347,83	€1.304.347,83



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	efficient economy				
	TOTAL		€1.200.000	€104.347,83	€1.304.347,83
3. A more social and inclusive Mediterranean	3.1 Equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and on-line education and training	Social dimension of tourism (employment and upskilling) and inclusive and accessible tourism	€1.200.000	€104.347,83	€1.304.347,83
	TOTAL		€ 2.250.222	€195.671,48	€2.445.893,48
4. A better cooperation governance for the Mediterranean (Interreg Specific Objective)	4.1 Other governance actions: Fostering local governance models and processes through cross-sectoral, multilevel and cross-border partnerships, encouraging cooperation and dialogue between citizens, civil society actors and institutions in view of addressing issues of joint interest at local level through transnational exchanges, bottom-up and	Shared and strategic governance of the tourism offer	€2.250.222	€195.671,48	€2.445.893,48
	TOTAL		€ 2.250.222	€195.671,48	€2.445.893,48





	participatory approaches				
TOTAL			€ 8.250.222	€717.410,61	€8.967.632,61

Type of projects

This call is a coordinated initiative based on **joint Terms of Reference** developed under the **Interreg Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM)**, a strategic framework to strengthen cooperation among Interreg programmes operating across the Mediterranean basin - namely Interreg Euro-MED, Interreg Italy-France Maritime, Interreg NEXT MED, Interreg Greece-Cyprus, Interreg Italy-Croatia, Interreg Italy-Malta, Interreg NEXT Italy-Tunisia, Interreg Italy-Slovenia, Interreg IPA South Adriatic and Interreg IPA ADRION - creating a unique platform for cross-programme coordination and knowledge exchange.

The present call aims to support capitalization projects promoting sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean, by transferring, adapting and scaling up results from existing Interreg projects to new territories and contexts across the region.

Projects funded under this call must therefore build on existing Interreg outputs and focus on replicating, adapting and scaling proven solutions rather than developing entirely new ones. Proposals should contribute to addressing key Mediterranean tourism challenges, including:

- Innovative and smart tourism products
- Tourism and the green transition
- Social dimension of tourism (employment and upskilling) and inclusive and accessible tourism
- Shared and strategic governance of the tourism offer

At the core of this call is the requirement to **identify at least one output** generated by another Mediterranean Multi-Programme (MMM) initiative participating in the coordinated call, and to design concrete activities to reuse, adapt, replicate, and scale it up, explaining relevance to the new context, and detailing how the transfer, adaptation, and/or scaling-up will be effectively carried out. Capitalisation of outputs developed under other EU/relevant frameworks can be considered if this is relevant to the scope of the project proposals.

Who may apply?

Applicants and partners must be established in the countries participating in the Programme as detailed below and they shall meet the eligibility criteria indicated in the Guidelines for Applicants.



COUNTRIES	REGIONS COVERED BY THE PROGRAMME
Algeria	Tlemcen; Ain-Temouchent; Oran; Mostaganem; Chlef; Tipaza; Boumerdes; TiziOuzou; Bejaia; Jijel; Skikda; Annaba; El-Tarf; Alger.
Cyprus	Whole country
Egypt	Matruh; Al Iskandariyah (Alexandria, alex.); Al Buhayrah (Al Beheira);Kafr-Ael-Sheikh; Al Sharqiyah (Al Sharkia); Al Daqahliyah (Al Dakahlia); Damietta; Al Ismailiyah (Al Ismailia); Port Said; Governorate of Cairo.
France	Languedoc-Roussillon; Midi-Pyrénées; Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur; Corse.
Greece	Αττική/Attiki;ΒόρειοΑιγαίο/Voreio Aigaio; ΝότιοΑιγαίο/Notio Aigaio; Κρήτη/Kriti; Ανατολική Μακεδονία, Θράκη/AnatolikiMakedonia, Thraki; Κεντρική Μακεδονία/Kentriki Makedonia; Δυτική Μακεδονία/Dytiki Makedonia; Ήπειρος/Ipeiros; Θεσσαλία/Thessalia; Ιόνια Νησιά/IoniaNisia; ΔυτικήΕλλάδα/DytikiElláda; ΣτερεάΕλλάδα/Sterea Elláda;Πελοπόννησος/Peloponnisos.
Israel	Whole country
Italy	Liguria; Campania; Puglia; Basilicata; Calabria; Sicilia; Sardegna; Toscana; Lazio.
Jordan	Whole country
Lebanon	Whole country
Malta	Whole country
Palestine	Whole country
Portugal	Algarve.
Spain	Catalunya; Comunitat Valenciana; Illes Balears; Andalucía; Región de Murcia; Ciudad de Ceuta; Ciudad de Melilla.
Tunisia	Zaghouan; Kairouan;SidiBouz;Manouba;Siliana; Le Kef; Gafsa; Kebili; Tataouine; Jendouba; Beja; Bizerte; Ariana; Tunis, Ben Arous, Gabes, Mahdia, Medenine, Monastir, Nabeul, Sfax, Sousse.
Türkiye	Tekirdağ, Edirne, Kırklareli; Balıkesir, Çanakkale; İzmir; Aydın, Denizli, Muğla; Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Uşak; Antalya, Isparta, Burdur; Adana, Mersin; Hatay, Kahramanmaraş, Osmaniye.

The **project partnership** shall represent a **minimum of three (3) eligible countries** including at least one (1) EU Mediterranean Country (EUMC) and one (1) Mediterranean Partner Country (MPC) and include at least **5 different organisations**.

The partnership shall **not include more than two (2) organisations from the same country**.

An **exception** to the geographical eligibility rule allows the participation of partners established in non-eligible regions of one of the 15 countries participating in the Programme. These "**Advisory partners**" shall meet specific requirements² and the activities under the responsibility of an Advisory Partner, in case it is involved in a project, must be implemented for the benefit of the territories eligible for the Programme.

The same organisation can apply only once as Applicant (Lead Partner) under this call. No limitation applies for the participation of the same organization at partner level. In case an organisation participates in more than one (1) project as Applicant under this call, all projects submitted by this organisation under the call will be rejected.

Financial requirements

The minimum and maximum EU contribution to projects is reported below.

Minimum EU co-financing	Maximum EU co-financing	Maximum total eligible costs
€920.000	€1.200.000	€1.304.347,83

The EU contribution is fixed to 92% of the project total eligible costs and the project co-financing is set to 8% of the total eligible costs³.

The co-financing provided with the Applicant's and partners' own resources, or with public or private (national/regional/local) sources other than the European Union Budget and the European Development Fund, shall cover the remaining budget costs.

When preparing the budget, **at least 50%** of the project total eligible costs shall be dedicated to activities to be implemented in the Mediterranean Partner Countries territories.

An organisation may be allocated up to a **maximum of 35%** of the project total eligible costs.

Project duration

The project duration shall not be lower than 18 months and must not exceed 24 months.

² For further details, please see the Guidelines for Applicants.

³ Beneficiaries from Italy, Greece and Türkiye are entitled to receive national contribution to provide project co-financing. The conditions and modalities will be set by the respective National Authorities, and they will be published in the Programme webpage.



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Submission of project proposals

Applications must be submitted using the online Application Form available at <https://eform.interregnextmed.eu/>. For the drafting of the proposal, Applicants are also encouraged to use the courtesy application form. Please note that the submission of a proposal can be possible only if using the e-form.

All documents included in the Application Pack can be downloaded from the Programme website (www.interregnextmed.eu).

Proposals must be submitted only in one of the following languages: English or French.

The deadline for the submission of project proposals is **29 October at 1pm (CET)**.

Responsibility for the procedure

Responsibility for the administrative procedures of this call for proposals lays on Sardinia Region, in the person of the Director of the Operational and Authorising Unit of the Managing Authority.

Additional information

The conditions for submission of project proposals and the selection and award criteria are detailed in the Guidelines for Grant Applicants which are an integral part of the Application Pack.

Questions related to the call for proposals may be submitted either in English or French and no later than 15 calendar days before the deadline for the submission of the proposals through the dedicated "Frequently Asked Questions" section of the Programme website.

In case of differences between the Arabic, English and French versions of the documents of the call, the English version shall prevail.

For further information, please visit the Programme website at www.interregnextmed.eu

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