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PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

| 1 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE: « to make the whole MED space a territory able to match international competition » |
| 12 STATES from the Mediterranean coastal regions, together to take on common challenges |
| 4 MAIN PRIORITIES: innovation, environment, accessibility to the territories, balanced territorial development |
| 2 KEY CRITERIA: project with strong transnational and concrete dimension |
The MED Programme funds projects from the coastal and Mediterranean regions of 12 Member States. The programme has also invited Mediterranean candidates or potential candidate countries to the European Union to join. The cooperation space has since welcome Croatia, Montenegro as well as Bosnia Herzegovina. These countries participate with the European funds of the IPA (Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance).

Cyprus: the entire country
Spain: six autonomous regions – Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic islands, Murcia, Valencia – and the two autonomous cities – Ceuta and Melilla
France: four regions – Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence Alpes Côte d’Azur, Rhône-Alpes
Greece: the entire country
Malta: the entire country

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Portugal: two regions – Algarve, Alentejo
United-Kingdom: one region of Economic Programming – Gibraltar
Slovenia: the entire country

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IN ADDITION, A MED LIAISON OFFICE HAS BEEN SET IN VALENCIA (SPAIN) TO COORDINATE BETWEEN THE MED PROGRAMME AND THE ENPI MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN.
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STAKES FOR A MORE COMPETITIVE SPACE

A diagnosis and a SWOT analysis have highlighted major common stakes in the MED space on which the strategy of the Programme has been based.

→ Four priority axes have been defined

The programme area faces strong international competition and gaps between its different regions. The MED space must encourage dissemination of innovative technologies and know-how as well as strengthen strategic cooperation between public and private stakeholders.

Examples of “Innovation” oriented projects

> Building transnational networks between organisations that support businesses, economic operators, chambers of commerce, clusters... to facilitate technology transfer as well as the dissemination of innovative practices and know-how.

> Developing transnational networks of research and resource centres, innovation and entrepreneurship centres and intermediate structures that facilitate innovation processes.
Richness and fragility of natural resources and heritage, pressure on fragile areas, regular water supply threats, concentration of major risks…

The MED space is a space rich of assets with a high biodiversity that needs to be protected on different environmental levels through transnational coordinated initiatives.

Examples of « Environment » oriented projects

> Promoting transnational partnerships to protect, enhance, and increase the awareness of the fragile areas and their resources from the integrated territorial development and sustainable tourism point of view, promoting biodiversity through protection and enhancement of natural resources.

> Creating and disseminating innovative materials and production processes that allow reducing energy consumption amongst public stakeholders and businesses.

Because of its geographical feature, composed of many isolated territories, the MED space encounters accessibility and connection problems between its regions, its economic poles, and its harbours, or again with surrounding international areas. At the same time, the development of economic activities and tourism put a high level of pressure on the area. This situation needs to be tackled by organising the means of transportation and better access to the telecommunications network.

Examples of « improving Accessibility of territories » oriented project

> Building transnational partnerships to promote multimodal transport systems in urban areas (train, cars, public transport, cycling, etc) and promoting the use of transportation modes with a low environmental impact.

> Supporting transnational actions allowing a more efficient use of ICT for civil society, administrations and economic operators.
WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM THE FUNDS?

Regions and towns administrations, research centres, and national authorities in charge of related sectors, universities as well as non profit making associations: the Programme welcomes projects from various horizons. A larger but not exhaustive list of potential beneficiaries is available in the « MED Operational Programme ».

WHICH KIND OF PROJECTS IS FUNDED?

Even if the project forms a certain continuity for the earlier Mediterranean programmes for territorial cooperation, Archimed and Medocc, the MED Programme aims at going further in the capitalisation of the efforts of the preceding generations. Thus the programme funds projects featuring a strong transnational and concrete orientation.

WHAT DOES A “TRANSNATIONAL PROJECT” MEAN?

Partners in a transnational project share its key steps such as problematic, goals, strategy, action plans, and implementing common solutions for the benefit of all. To have a transnational dimension, the project has to bring a solution to a problem that could not be solved without a partnership or has to bring an added-value to the area compared to a more local solution.

WHAT DOES A “CONCRETE PROJECT” MEAN?

A concrete project is related to a cycle that implies the analysis of the sector and the existing situation, the identification of common challenges, the formulation of transnational strategies and action plans, the implementation of a solution and the generation of outputs from which all the partners can benefit. Thus, the projects cannot be based only on the objective of knowledge and experience exchange between partners. They must be based on strategies aiming at bringing a concrete contribution to the realisation of the objectives of the Programme.
HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

> You wish to know the practical details to access the programme?
> You are looking for a partner or are willing to submit an idea for a project?
> You wish to know about the approved projects?
> You need to know the dates for the next call or want to send your application for a co-funding of your project?
> You want to know your national resource person?

Please, visit the Programme website and read the reference documents for more information

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