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# Synergies between H2020 and MED Programme

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An overview of achieved results.

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### Horizon 2020 Secure, clean and efficient energy Work Programme



- Focus on research and innovation
- Biannual Work Programme, direct management
- Calls: Energy efficiency, Competitive Low-Carbon Energy,
   Smart Cities and Communities
- Topics in the calls structured along the specific challenge, scope and expected impact.
- Types of actions: Research and Innovation Actions (RIA) 100% funding rate, Innovation Actions (IA) 70%, Coordination and Support Action (CSA) -100%







#### **Axis 2 -Low Carbon Economy**



- **ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN BUILDINGS**: to raise capacity for better management of energy in public buildings at transnational level
- **RENEWABLE ENERGY**: to increase the share of renewable local energy sources in energy mix strategies and plans in specific MED territories (islands and rural areas)
- TRANSPORT: to increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them

#### **Horizontal Projects (Axis 2)**

Communication and Capitalisation of modular projects for low carbon transport economy

Agency for SMEs



# Key differences between the programmes



- Research excellence vs. socio-economic development
- Multi-country approach (consortia) vs. place-based (Mediterranean region)
- Competition for funds vs. geographical pre-allocation
- Biannually adjusted work programmes vs. 7-year-OP
- Centralised management vs. shared management





### **Complementarities**

H2020



#### **MED Programme**

#### Integrated approach:

- Innovative Technology development
- Innovative Business models
- Develop plans for market uptake
- Check existing market barriers and work out proposals for solutions (policy, legislation, regulation, etc.)

### Module-based approach:

- Studying
- Testing
- Capitalising
- Integrated projects

Horizontal projects
to promote the modular
projects' communication and
capitalisation actions within a
joint framework







## Synergies through capitalisation of the project results



• Building up on existing experience - Intelligent Europe Programme

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/projects/

• Learning from the current H2020 Projects

<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/horizon-2020-72-million-45-new-energy-efficiency-projects">https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/horizon-2020-72-million-45-new-energy-efficiency-projects</a>







## Synergies through thematic capitalisation and communication



- The European portal for energy efficiency in buildings: <u>www.buildup.eu</u>
- The urban mobility observatory: www.eltis.org
- Technical support initiative ManagEnergy assisting actors from the public sector and their advisers working on energy efficiency and renewable energy at the local and regional level

www.managenergy.net

Energy training for builders <a href="http://buildupskills.eu/">http://buildupskills.eu/</a>







### **Funding synergies**



Combining H2020 funding with ERDF in the same, in parallel or in successive projects, provided that:

- (i) The same costs are not financed twice; and
- (ii) National/private co-funding under ESIF is not replaced by H2020 (and vice versa)

The principles of no **DOUBLE FUNDING** and **NO SUBSTITUTION OF FUNDS** 







#### **Examples of synergy instruments in PL OP Smart Growth**

R&I projects carrying out by companies (OPSG Priority Axis 1) -> complementary to SME Instrument /Fast track to innovation (H2020)

not enough budget available due to many high quality projects

project proposal to H2020 SME Instrument/Fast track to innovation

Evaluated as high quality project, above threshold

projects goes for funding to OPSG (but not automatic funding)





### **Synergies**





### Cooperation – it counts!

- Joint workshops on energy topics since 2012
- Technical meetings
- Consultation on call preparation
- Future use of communication channels







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# Thank you for your attention!

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