



**CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION**

**WITHIN THE**

**EUROPEAN NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PARTNERSHIP INSTRUMENT (ENPI)**

**MEDITERRANEAN**

**SEA BASIN PROGRAMME**

**2007-2013**

**ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME**

**FOR GRANTS**

**of the Joint Managing Authority of the  
ENPI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme**

**2009**

## **1. Basic act and Financing source**

Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument;

Decision of the European Commission adopting the ENPI CBC Med Programme (n. C 4242/2008) of 14 August 2008, following the approval of the Programme by the participating countries.

Financed by ENPI/ERDF funds (budget line n. 19 08 02 01 and 19 08 02 02).

## **2. Objectives of the Programme, priorities for 2009 and expected results**

The **general objective** of the Programme is to contribute to promoting the sustainable and harmonious cooperation process at the Mediterranean Basin level by dealing with the common challenges and enhancing its endogenous potential.

The Programme will be developed on the basis of the following **four priorities and related measures**:

- **Priority 1: Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories**
  - 1.1 Support to innovation and research in the process of local development of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries,
  - 1.2 Strengthening economic clusters creating synergies among potentials of the Mediterranean Sea Basin countries,
  - 1.3 Strengthening the national strategies of territorial planning by integrating the different levels, and promotion of balanced and sustainable socio-economic development.
- **Priority 2: Promotion of environmental sustainability at the basin level**
  - 2.1 Prevention and reduction of risk factors for the environment and enhancement of natural common heritage,
  - 2.2 Promotion of renewable energies use and improvement of energy efficiency contributing to addressing, among other challenges, climate change.
- **Priority 3: Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the mobility of persons, goods and capitals<sup>1</sup>**
  - 3.1 Support to people flows among territories as a means of cultural, social and economic enrichment,
  - 3.2 Improvement of conditions and modalities of circulation of goods and capitals among the territories.
- **Priority 4: Promotion of cultural dialogue and local governance**
  - 4.1 Support to mobility, exchanges, training and professionalism of young people,
  - 4.2 Support to the artistic creativity in all its expressions to encourage dialogue among communities,
  - 4.3 Improvement of governance processes at local level.

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<sup>1</sup> The participation of actors coming from the eligible territories of Tunisia and Egypt to the projects related to Priority 3 is not envisaged.

Each measure will be implemented through different typologies of cross-border joint actions such as among others research and innovation activities, promotion of networks, exchanges and transfer of good practices, training, awareness raising campaigns, etc... (further details can be found in the text of the ENPI CBC Med Joint Operational Programme, in particular in Annex A).

### **3. Eligibility conditions**

Applicants must be located in the eligible regions as defined by the Strategy Paper for cross-border programmes and by the ENPI CBC Med Joint Operational Programme.

The main typologies of actors which can participate to the Programme include, among others: public bodies and local, regional and central administrations, companies and other private organisations, universities, non-governmental organisations, traders' associations and organisations representing economic and social interests.

Partnerships promoting a standard project, should include a minimum of three partners of which at least one from EU Mediterranean country and a one from Mediterranean partner country.

Additional information will be made available once the Guidelines for Applicants for the 2009 call for proposals are published.

### **4. Selection and award criteria**

The evaluation will be carried out in accordance with the following documents:

- ENPI CBC MED Joint Operational Programme adopted with the Decision of the European Commission n. C 4242/2008, of 14 August 2008;
- Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument;
- Commission Regulation (EC) n. 951/2007 laying down implementing rules for cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EC) No 1638/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down general provisions establishing a European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument;
- Practical Guide to contract procedures for EC external actions;
- Guidelines for applicants approved by the Joint Monitoring Committee.

### **5. Maximum rate of Community financing**

The maximum EC co-financing rate is 90% of the total eligible costs of the projects.

### **6. Schedule of the call for proposals**

Expected launch date for the call for proposals for **standard projects**: March 2009.

The call for proposals will be published on the Programme's website: <http://www.enpicbcmmed.eu>

### **7. Indicative amount of the call for proposals**

The global indicative funds made available under this call for proposals amount to 32 million euro.