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- Interreg VI-B NEXT Mediterranean Sea Basin (NEXT MED) Joint Operational Programme approved by Commission Implementing Decision C(2022) 9543 of 12 December 2022;
- 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

The first call for proposals addresses the 4 Priorities of the Programme and related 9 Specific Objectives. Each proposal shall **indicate one Specific Objective only within the concerned Priority**. The evaluation of the Application Form will be done in relation with the Priority and Specific Objective under which it was submitted.

The total EU contribution available for this call for standard projects is **€103.633.273,00** indicatively distributed amongst the 4 Priorities and 9 Specific Objectives as follows:

Priority	Specific Objective	EU co-financing	Project co-financing	Total
1. A more competitive and smarter Mediterranean	TOTAL	29.996.208,00 €	3.666.204,00 €	33.662.412,00 €
	1.1 Research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	11.998.483,00 €	1.466.482,00 €	13.464.965,00 €
	1.2 Sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs	17.997.725,00 €	2.199.722,00 €	20.197.447,00 €
2. A greener, low-carbon and resilient Mediterranean	TOTAL	43.640.857,00 €	5.333.883,00 €	48.974.740,00 €
	2.1 Energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions	10.910.215,00 €	1.333.470,00 €	12.243.685,00 €
	2.2 Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches	10.910.214,00 €	1.333.471,00 €	12.243.685,00 €
	2.3 Access to water and sustainable water management	10.910.214,00 €	1.333.471,00 €	12.243.685,00 €
	2.4 Transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	10.910.214,00 €	1.333.471,00 €	12.243.685,00 €
3. A more social and inclusive Mediterranean	TOTAL	21.997.219,00 €	2.688.549,00 €	24.685.769,00 €
	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	14.958.109,00 €	1.828.213,00 €	16.786.323,00 €



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- partnership including at least 2 organisations whose core mission is to work for the benefits of young people (demonstrating at least two years of experience prior to the date of the launching of the call in leading or participating in projects addressing youth with similar managed budget as for the share of the requested grant).

Moreover, all proposals shall have the **scope to deliver mainly for young people** according to the definition provided above (the consistency and coherence of the project proposal with this scope will be assessed during the evaluation phase).

- **Governance projects:** related exclusively to Priority4 “A better cooperation governance for the Mediterranean” and related Specific Objective 4.1, the purpose of these projects is to improve the capacities of public authorities (relevant regional, local, urban and other public authorities) and other stakeholders (economic and social partners, research institutions and universities, bodies representing civil society) to design and effectively deliver public services that aim at the socio-economic and environmental well-being of citizens and places, specifically on a local scale (regional/municipal level).

Who may apply?

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

COUNTRIES	ELIGIBLE REGIONS
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



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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).

The **same organisation can apply only once as Applicant** (Lead Partner) under each Specific Objective. 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 the same Specific Objective, all concerned projects submitted under that Specific Objective will be rejected.

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

Please note that this call for proposals is launched under suspension clause. Partners located in Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC) eligible territories may apply but can only receive Programme funds if their respective country has signed a Financing Agreement (FA) with the European Commission **by the 30th of June 2024**.

The updated list of countries which have signed the Financing Agreement can be found on the Programme website.

The possible situations regarding project proposals with partners from MPCs which have not signed the Financing Agreements before the said deadline are the following:



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All documents included in the Application Pack can be downloaded from the Programme website.

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

The deadline for the submission of project proposals is **28th of March 2024 at 1 pm (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.

**The Head of the Operational
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Managing Authority of the
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