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Call for Strategic Projects: Guidelines for Applicants

Call for Strategic Projects: Main Features

- ✓ Open to **7** Programme's Priorities
- ✓ ENI funds allocated: **€ 68.518.886,09 M**
- ✓ Financial allocation per priority
- ✓ A proposal shall refer to **one Priority** only
- ✓ Partnership: Min. **4** different organisations (at least 2 EUMC and 2 MPC)
- ✓ Duration: **24 OR 30** Months



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Call for Strategic Projects: Main Features

Thematic Objectives	Priorities	Indicative EU contribution	Co-financing (at least 10% of the total funding)	Total
A.1 Business and SMEs development	A.1.1: Support innovative start-up and recently established enterprises	€ 6.798.008,68	€ 755.334,30	€ 7.553.342,98
	A.1.2: Strengthen and support euro-Mediterranean networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains in traditional sectors and non-traditional sectors	€6.798.008,68	€ 755.334,30	€ 7.553.342,98
A.2 Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	A.2.1: Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results	€15.240.314,49	€ 1.693.368,28	€ 16.933.682,77
A.3 Promotion of social inclusion and the fight against poverty	A.3.1: Provide young people, especially those belonging to the NEETS, and women, with marketable skills	€12.192.251,59	€ 1.354.694,62	€ 13.546.946,21
B.4 Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and mitigation	B.4.1: Water management - Support sustainable initiatives targeting innovative and technological solutions to increase water efficiency	€ 9.163.434,21	€ 1.018.159,36	€ 10.181.593,57
	B.4.2: Waste treatment and recycling - Reduce municipal waste generation, promote source-separated collection and its optimal exploitation	€ 9.163.434,21	€ 1.018.159,36	€ 10.181.593,57
	B.4.3: Renewable energy and energy efficiency - Support cost-effective and innovative energy rehabilitations relevant to building types and climatic zones, with a focus on public buildings	€ 9.163.434,21	€ 1.018.159,36	€ 10.181.593,57



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Call for Strategic Projects: Aim and Focus

“guarantee **deeper focus** on emerging needs of the cooperation area and support **extended impact** on the selected priorities and clear contribution to **EU and national policies** in the region”.

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Call for Strategic Projects: Aim and Focus

- ✓ Build **synergies** with the main EU, national and regional policies, and contribute to the **development of new** public policies and policy-relevant innovations.
- ✓ Be **long-lasting** and **far-reaching** effects and fostering significant **change** through
 - Achievement of **sustainable, tangible and replicable results** that last beyond the Programme, and the **transferability** of good practices.
- ✓ Bring together **key public and private actors** at all levels to foster impact, change and policy innovation.
 - Although of the tailored actions to address the specific needs, the widest involvement of the relevant stakeholders/key actors and networking must be ensured.



Call – Documents

Reference document to read to be able to submit a proposal :

- ✓ **Call for proposals**
- ✓ **Guidelines for grant Applicants** to support Applicants in project design and development
- ✓ **Terms of reference**
- ✓ **Joint Operational Programme**
- ✓ **Glossary**, providing definitions for the main concepts and tools
- ✓ **Model of the Grant contract**
- ✓ **Indicative model of Partnership Agreement**
- ✓ **Note on State Aid** and self assessment grid
- ✓ **Specific national provisions**
- ✓ **Note on personal data processing**

Admission requirements Chap. 4 Guidelines for Applicants (GfA)

- ✓ **Eligible territories**
- ✓ **Financial dimension**
- ✓ **Specific requirements**
- ✓ **Eligibility of Applicant and Partners**
- ✓ **Eligibility of budget costs**



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Eligibility of territories (par. 4.1 GfA)

Countries participating in the Programme:

- **EUMCs:** Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Spain.
- **MPCs:** Algeria*, Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia.

General rules (par. 4.3.1):

- ✓ Applicants and Partners **must be located in eligible territories** of these countries ONLY (max. 3 from the same country)
- ✓ Partners **may** come also from adjoining regions listed in par. 4.1 but 20% direct costs maximum allocation of budget (see par. 4.3.1)

* Algeria must still sign the Financing Agreement with the EC. Check updates on the signature at: www.enicbcmmed.eu



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Eligibility of territories (par. 4.1 GfA): activities

General Rule: project activities **must be implemented** in eligible territories of the countries represented in the partnership.

Exceptions for geographical activities implementation:

- ✓ Only if partners coming from adjoining territories are involved, project activities **may** take place in these areas
- ✓ Activities outside the eligible **area allowed on a case by case basis** by considering their added value to be clearly justified in the Application Form.



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Specific rules geographical eligibility (par. 4.3.1 GfA)

Participation is allowed with limitations for:

International Organisations



only if having operational offices in eligible area (do not count for min. and max. geographical criteria par. 4.4)

Ministries and national PAs outside eligible territories participating countries



if added value is demonstrated and activities are implemented through local offices if available



Specific rules of geographical eligibility (par. 4.3.1 GfA)

Headquarters out of eligible area but decentralized registered office or structure in the eligible regions



1) if established **at least 2 years before the deadline** for submission Application Form;

and

2) **proved capacity** to undertake legal obligations and assume financial responsibility.

Applicants and partners based in Lisbon region



may apply only under the Overarching Objective 1

Eligibility of Applicants and Partners (4.3.2)

Participation allowed for entities with legal status of:

- ✓ **Public bodies** (national and local administrations, other public bodies)
- ✓ **Bodies governed by public law** as defined by art. 2(4) of Directive 2014/24/EU (in MPCs those obliged to follow national rules check with NCP)
- ✓ **Private Bodies** (enterprises, NGOs, associations and other no profit organisations, etc.)
- ✓ **International Organisations** with limitations (see above and par. 4.4) set up by intergovernmental agreements and accepting specific programme obligations through a **specific declaration to be submitted.**



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Participation out of the partnership (4.3.2)

Entities not acting as Applicants and Partners:

- ✓ **Associates** → organisations involved in the project but **they cannot receive project funding** (travel and subsistence paid by the Applicant or PP) or participate in procurement procedures launched by the project (ex. as subcontractors). No geographical requirements but a specific form to be submitted for proving their involvement.
- ✓ **Subcontractors** → some activities can be outsourced by Applicant and Partners **but not the whole project implementation** (bulk of the project). Applicant and Partners **cannot be sub-contracted** by themselves.
- ✓ **Sub-grantees** → recipients of the sub-grants as **natural or legal persons** resident or established in participating countries applicant and partners (max. 60.000 each for a total of 30% project direct costs).



Specific Requirements (4.4)

Conditions to be met:

1. Applicants can submit **only 1 proposal for each priority (alert in e-form)**;
2. **No limitation** for the participation as partner;
3. Max. 3 grants (those highest ranked) financed to same Applicant

Example: the same university (considered as ONE entity regardless the independence of different departments) can submit **a maximum of 7 proposals** as Applicant (one per priority) but in the event all 7 pass all the evaluation steps, **only the best 3 will be financed.**



Financial Dimension

- ✓ Minimum EU contribution → € 2.5 M
- ✓ Maximum contribution → € 3.5 M
- ✓ Maximum total project costs → € 4.0 M

BUT

Max EU contribution **90%** of the total eligible costs.

Min. co-financing **10%** of the total eligible costs

EXAMPLE:

TOTAL total project costs € 4.000.000

ENI contribution: € 3.500.000 (88%)

Project Co-financing: € 500.000 (12%)



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Specific Financial Requirements (4.4.3)

At least 50% of the total direct costs shall be dedicated to activities to be implemented in MPCs territories either through



- a) allocating **at least 50%** of the budgeted direct costs to MPCs Partners
- or
- b) allocating less than 50% of direct costs to MPCs partners but the EU partners shall justify the difference to reach the said 50% by using their direct costs to implement activities in MPCs

Example: TOTAL DIRECT COSTS OF THE PROJECT = € 3.0 M

- a) At least € 1.5 M (50%) directly allocated to MPCs
- b) € 1.2 M (40%) allocated to MPCs and € 0.3 M (10%) managed by EU PPs to implement activities in MPCs (neither travel nor staff costs allowed!).



Specific Financial Requirements (4.4.3)

General Rule: A maximum of **35%** of the total direct costs can be allocated to a **single organisation**.

Please note that the budget dedicated to Work Package 1 “Management” cannot be higher than **20%** of the total direct costs.

Ineligible Proposals (par. 4.7) and Exclusion situations (Par. 4.8)

Project proposals concerning only or mainly the following activities are ineligible:



individual sponsorships for participation in workshops, seminars, conferences, congresses; individual scholarships for studies or training courses etc.

Applicants and PPs will be excluded from the call for proposals or from the grant if:



(check Art. 45 of the ENI IR) they are bankrupt or being wound up, fraud, corruption, conflict of interest, etc.

Specific cases: failure to reimburse sums to the ENPI JMA and/or EC; attempts to obtain confidential information or to influence the selection process

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