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Main features of the call for standards projects

Call 1 standard projects: Main features

- ✓ Call open to 11 Programme's Priorities
- ✓ Budget allocated: **€ 84.6 million** (ENI funds)
- ✓ Financial allocation per priority
- ✓ Partnership: Min. 3 countries (at least 1 EUMC and 1 MPC)
- ✓ Duration: 24; 30; 36 months



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Call 1 – Documents (1/2)

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
- ✓ **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
- ✓ Informative note on **financial capacity**
- ✓ Specific **national provisions**

Call 1 – Documents (2/2)

Documents needed for proposals submission:

Electronic application Form (eAF) as the ONLY tool for project submission

Mandatory documents to be submitted (uploaded) with the eAF:

- ✓ Declaration by the Applicant
- ✓ Partner Statement by the partners
- ✓ International Organisation declaration (as the case may be)
- ✓ Associated partner declaration (as the case may be)
- ✓ State aid self assessment check grid
- ✓ Administrative costs justification

Call 1 – EU contribution breakdown 1/2

TOTAL CALL BUDGET: € 84.668.413,86

Promote economic and social development

€ 50.801.048,31

1. Business and SME development

2. Support to education, research, technological development and innovation

3. Promotion of social inclusion and fight against poverty

1.1 Support innovative start-up and recently established enterprises

€ 6.773.473,11

2.1 Support technological transfer and commercialisation of research results

€ 7.620.157,25

3.1 Provide young people, especially those belonging to the NEETS and women, with marketable skills

€ 7.620.157,25

1.2 Strengthen and support networks, clusters, consortia and value-chains

€ 6.773.473,11

2.2 Support SMEs in accessing research and innovation

€ 7.620.157,25

3.2 Support social and solidarity economic actors

€ 7.620.157,25

1.3 Encourage sustainable tourism initiatives and actions

€ 6.773.473,11



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Call 1 – EU contribution breakdown 2/2

TOTAL CALL BUDGET: € 84.668.413,86

**Address common challenges in
environment**

€ 33.867.365,55

**Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and
mitigation**

**Support innovative
and technological
solutions to increase
water efficiency and
encourage use of non-
conventional water
supply**

€ 8.466.841,39

**Reduce municipal
waste generation and
promote source
separated collection
and the optimal
exploitation of its
organic component**

€ 8.466.841,39

**Support cost-effective
and innovative energy
rehabilitations
relevant to building
types and climatic
zones, with a focus on
public buildings**

€ 8.466.841,39

**Incorporate the
Ecosystem-Based
management approach
to ICZM into local
development planning**

€ 8.466.841,39

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:** 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)
- ✓ Applicants and Partners from MPCs are eligible only if their Countries have signed the Financing Agreement with the EC, before the closing date of the Call for proposals.

* These countries must still sign the Financing Agreement with the EC Check updated list of the MPCs signed FA at: www.enicbcmcd.eu



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Eligibility of territories (par. 4.1 GfA): activities

General Rule: project activities **should 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 body**(national and local administrations, other public bodies)
- ✓ **Body 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 Body** (enterprises, NGOs, associations and other no profit organisations, etc.)
- ✓ **International Organisation** 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).

Financial Dimension

- ✓ Minimum EU contribution → € 1.000.000
- ✓ Maximum contribution → € 3.000.000
- ✓ Maximum total project costs → € 3.500.000

BUT

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

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

EXAMPLE:

TOTAL total project costs € 3.400.000

ENI contribution: € 3.000.000 (approx. 88%)

Project Co-financing: € 400.000 (approx. 12%)



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Specific Requirements (4.4)

Conditions to be met:

1. Applicants can submit **only 1 proposal for each priority (alert in e-AF)**;
2. **No limitation** for the participation as partner;
3. Max. 2 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 11 proposals** as Applicant (one per priority) but in the event all 11 pass all the evaluation steps, **only the 2 highest ranked projects will be financed.**

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 = € 2.000.000

- a) At least € 1.200.000 (60%) directly allocated to MPCs
- b) € 800.000 (40%) allocated to MPCs and € 400.000 (20%) 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 an **organisation**.

Exception:

- ✓ if there is only **one** partner from a MPC, this may manage also 50% of the total direct budgeted costs

Example: TOTAL DIRECT COSTS OF THE PROJECT = € 2.000.000

Applicant (GR): € 600.000 (30%)

PP1 (IT): € 400.000 (20%)

PP2 (TUN): € 1.000.000 (50%)



financial capacity need to be ensured!!

Compliance with State Aid provisions (par. 4.5)

Rule EC IR 897/2014 art. 12, 31 and 39: Applicants and partners shall
Comply with the State Aid provisions

How it is applied by the Programme:

- ✓ Private and public bodies of **EU Member States** (acting as economic operators within the project) are not allowed to receive public funding exceeding the thresholds set by the *de minimis* regulation (EC) 1407/2013.
- ✓ **In MPCs it applies in compliance with bilateral agreements** with the EU, and only in case the aid affects the trade between the EU and the concerned country (check informative note on state aid).
- ✓ State aid vs project activities → Specific **self assessment grid** to be provided with the e-AF by the Applicant.
- ✓ **A State Aid declaration** → (concerned organisations only), as supporting document and only for step 2 of the evaluation process.



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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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