

### INTERREG MED PROGRAMME 2014 – 2020

#### Introduction

The MED Programme is a transnational programme of European territorial cooperation. It is financed by the European Union as an instrument of its regional policy. The transnational setup allows the programme to tackle territorial challenges beyond national boundaries, such as environmental risk management, international business or transport corridors.

#### Objectives

- ➔ To improve the area's competitiveness in a way that guarantees growth and employment for the next generations (Lisbon strategy).
- ➔ To promote territorial cohesion and environmental protection, according to the logic of sustainable development (Goteborg strategy).

#### Priority Axes

Thematic fields as follows:

1. Innovation and economic development (clusters);
2. Low-carbon economy (energy efficiency in buildings, RES, LC transports);
3. Sustainable development (valorisation of natural and cultural resources + protected areas)

#### Budget

The Programme has a total budget (including national co-funding) of €265 million for the period 2014-2020 (224M€ ERDF + 9M€ IPA)

#### Funding

- ↪ ERDF co-financing rate for partners not concerned by state aid: 85%
- ↪ ERDF co-financing rate for economic operators and structures concerned by state aid: 85% or 50%
- ↪ Private co-financing expected in Axis 1, 2, and 3

### Eligible Costs

Staff costs, travelling and subsistence, consumables, information and dissemination expenses, equipment etc.

### Eligible Regions

Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, France: 5 regions - Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Midi-Pyrénées, Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur, Rhône-Alpes, Italy: 19 regions : Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmonte, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Valle D'Aoste, Veneto, Malta, Portugal: 3 régions: Algarve, Alentejo, Lisbonne, Slovenia, Spain : 6 autonomous regions - Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic islands, Murcia, Valencia - and the two autonomous cities - Ceuta and Melilla, United-Kingdom: 1 region of the economic Programme – Gibraltar.

Participating with the European funds of the IPA: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro

**This makes totally 57 regions divided among 10 EU Member States and 3 IPA countries.**

### Eligible Beneficiaries

Public and private-sector bodies (tbc)

### Timeline

Pre-call announced at the end of June 2015. The official announcement of the first Call for Proposals is on the 1<sup>st</sup> September and the deadline for submission is the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015.