

## **Transnational cooperation program 2014-2020. Interreg MED**

The program Mediterranean 2014-2020. is specific because 13 countries are working together in transnational program for the Mediterranean area and it allows them to tackle challenges beyond national borders, such as reducing carbon-dioxide, the protection of natural and cultural resources and the strengthening of innovation. Countries involved in this program are EU countries: Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom, and 3 IPA countries as well: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro.



The total budget for this period amounts to 265 Mio € composed of 224 Mio €ERDF (European Regional Development Fund), 9 Mio IPA (Instrument of Pre-Accession) and national co-funding.

Private structures can be involved, but not as lead partners.

The main objective of the Programme is to promote sustainable growth in the Mediterranean area by fostering innovative concepts and a reasonable use of resources and by supporting social integration through an integrated and territorially based cooperation approach.

Specific questions:

**Innovation.** Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth

Key target groups: SMEs, economic operators and structures accompanying them; public authorities and research structures

**Low carbon economy.** Fostering low carbon strategies in specific MED territories: cities, islands and remote areas

Key target groups: Public authorities, research structures, enterprises, NGO's/civil society structures

**Natural and cultural resources.** Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources

Key target groups: Public authorities, NGO's, research bodies, and to some extent enterprises

**Governance.** Enhancing Mediterranean governance

Key target groups: Regional, national and international bodies

It is set to last until 2020.

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