

A Framework of European Funds for Med Area



Life Programme
Horizon 2020 Programme
Erasmus Plus
Cosme Programme
EuropeAid

LIFE Programme 2014-2020



The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the **environment and climate action which contributes to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental and climate policy** and legislation by co-financing projects with European added value.

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/index.htm>

LIFE 2014-2020 Objectives

- contributing towards a **resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate-resilient economy**; protecting and improving the **environment**; maintaining and improving **biodiversity**, ecosystems and, in particular, the **Natura 2000 network**
- improving the development, implementation and enforcement of **Union environmental and climate policy and legislation**
- **integrating and mainstreaming** of environmental and climate objectives into other Union policies
- improving environmental and climate **governance**
- Implementing the **7th Environment Action Programme**



LIFE 2014-2020 – Priority Areas



Subprogramme Environment

- LIFE Nature & Biodiversity
- LIFE Environment & Resource Efficiency
- LIFE Environmental Governance & Information

Subprogramme Climate Action

- LIFE Climate Change Adaptation
- LIFE Climate Change Mitigation
- LIFE Climate Governance and Information

LIFE 2014-2020

Eligible countries & Beneficiaries

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- **European Countries;**
- **EFTA countries** which are parties to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA);
- **candidate countries, potential candidates and acceding countries to the Union;**
- countries to which **the European Neighbourhood Policy** applies;
- countries which have become **members of the European Environmental Agency;**

BENEFICIARIES

- A proposal may be submitted by any **legal person registered** in the European Union (**coordinating beneficiary**).
- Other partners (associated beneficiary) may be legally registered outside the European Union.
- Applicants may fall into **three types of beneficiaries: public bodies, private commercial organisations and private non-commercial organisations (including NGOs).**

LIFE 2014-2020 – Type of Projects

- ➔ **Traditional projects:** best practice, innovation and demonstration projects, as well as dissemination/information projects and governance projects;
- ➔ **Integrated projects:** projects aiming at the implementation on a large territorial scale plans and strategies required by EU legislation in the areas of nature, water, waste, air;
- ➔ **Preparatory projects:** projects identified by the Commission to support specific needs for the implementation and development of EU environmental or climate policy and legislation
- ➔ **Capacity building projects:** financial support to the activities required to build the capacity of Member States with a view to enabling their more effective participation in LIFE.

LIFE 2014-2020 - Budget



EU FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

Sub-programme Environment and Climate Action: Level of Financing (EU co-financing rate) 50%-75%

HORIZON 2020 Programme 2014-2020



Horizon 2020 is the **European Program for research and innovation** for the funding period 2014-2020. By coupling research and innovation, **Horizon 2020 is helping to achieve this with its emphasis on excellent science, industrial leadership and tackling societal challenges.**

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/>



HORIZON 2020 – Objectives & Priorities

Horizon 2020 structure consists of **three priorities or pillars**, which are implemented through specific programmes and a dedicated financial contribution:

- Excellent science
- Industrial leadership
- Societal challenges

OBJECTIVES

- Promoting scientific excellence and the European research system;
- Increasing and supporting competitiveness and European industrial leadership;
- Responding to the major societal challenges Europe is facing by helping to bridge the gap between research and the market.

HORIZON 2020

Eligible countries & Beneficiaries

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- 27 EU Member States;
- acceding countries, candidate countries and potential candidates, in accordance with the general principles and general terms and conditions for the participation;
- Third countries that fulfil these criteria:
 - have a good capacity in science, technology and innovation;
 - have a good track record of participation in Union research and innovation programmes;
 - have close economic and geographical links to the Union.

BENEFICIARIES

Private Sector, Public Sector, Bodies, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic, Institutions and research centers

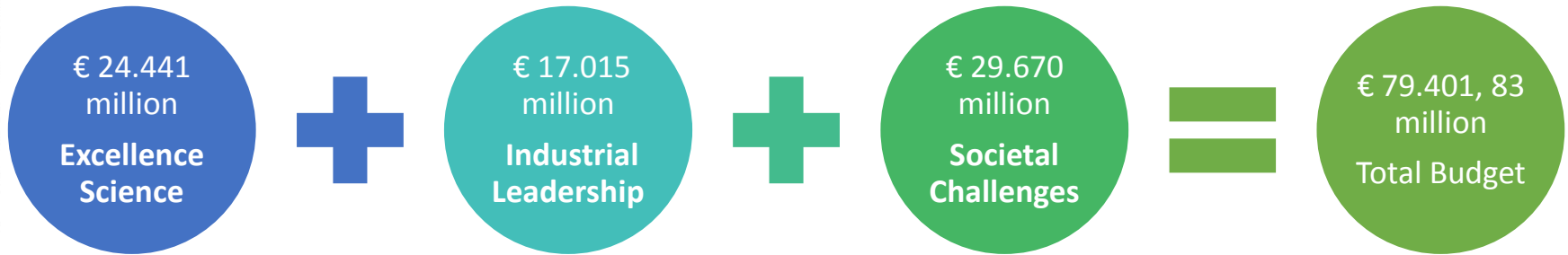
HORIZON 2020- Supported Actions

EXCELLENT SCIENCE: European Research Council (ERC) provides substantial grants to top-level individual researchers working in Europe; Future and emerging technologies (FET) opens up new fields of research and innovation; Marie Curie Actions develops research and innovation skills through the training, mobility and career development of researchers; Funding is also available for supporting access to, and networking of priority research infrastructures across Europe.

INDUSTRIAL LEADERSHIP Development of industrial capabilities in Key Enabling Technologies (KETs) which include (including ICT - Nanotechnologies - Advanced materials - Biotechnology -Advanced manufacturing and processing Space); Access to risk finance (Debt facility, Equity facility and Specific implementation aspects); Innovation in SMEs (Mainstreaming SME support and Specific support).

SOCIETAL CHALLENGES: Health, demographic change and wellbeing; Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research, and the bio-economy; Secure, clean and efficient energy; Smart, green and integrated transport; Inclusive, innovative and secure societies; Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials.

HORIZON 2020 – Budget



EU FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

- **For research and development projects** the share of the EU contribution can be **up to 100%** of the total eligible costs;
 - **For innovation projects up to 70% of the costs**, with the exception of non-profit legal entities which can also receive up to 100% in these actions;
- In all cases **indirect costs will be covered by a flat rate of 25% of the direct costs.**

ERASMUS PLUS Programme 2014-2020

Erasmus+ is the EU Programme in the fields of education, training, youth and sport.



Erasmus+ is the result of the integration of the following EU programmes implemented during the period 2007-2013:

- The Youth in Action Programme;
- The Erasmus Mundus Programme;
- Tempus;
- Alfa;
- Edulink;
- Programmes of cooperation with industrialized countries in the field of higher education.

<http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/>

ERASMUS PLUS - Objectives & Priorities

Erasmus+ particularly aims to contribute to reach the following Europe 2020 headline targets:

- reduction of early school leaving rates;
- increase of 30-34 years old students having completed third level of education.

The objective of the Programme is to

- **increase the quality and relevance of Europe education** systems by providing funding
- for the **professional development** of education and training staff, as well as youth workers
- and for **cooperation between universities**, colleges, schools, enterprises, and not-for-profit organizations.

ERASMUS PLUS Eligible Countries & Beneficiaries

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

The Erasmus+ Programme is open to :

- EU Member States;
- Non EU Programme Countries (FYROM, Iceland, Liechtenstein; Norway; Turkey);

The following countries can take part in certain Actions of the Programme, subject to specific criteria or conditions:

South-Mediterranean countries: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia.

BENEFICIARIES

Private Sector, Public Sector, Non-Profit Organizations, Academic institutions and research centers

ERASMUS PLUS –Key Actions

➤ KEY ACTION 1 (KA1) –LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS

Projects under this Action promote transnational mobility activities targeting learners (students, trainees, apprentices, young people and volunteers), and staff (professors, teachers, trainers, youth workers, and people working in organizations active in the education, training and youth fields).

➤ KEY ACTION 2 (KA2) –COOPERATION FOR INNOVATION AND THE EXCHANGE OF GOOD PRACTICES

The actions under Key Action 2 make it possible for organisations from different participating countries to work together, to develop, share and transfer best practices and innovative approaches in the fields of education, training and youth.

➤ KEY ACTION 3 (KA3) –SUPPORT FOR POLICY REFORM

The actions under Key Action 3 promote the active participation of young people in democratic life in Europe and their interaction with decision-makers.

ERASMUS PLUS –Key Actions 2

➤ JEAN MONNET ACTIVITIES

The Jean Monnet Actions aim at promoting excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide. These Actions also aim at fostering the dialogue between the academic world and policy-makers, in particular with the aim of enhancing governance of EU policies.

➤ SPORT

The specific objectives in the field of sport are to: tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport; promote and support good governance in sport and dual careers of athletes; promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health enhancing physical activity, through increased participation in, and equal access to sport for all.



ERASMUS PLUS –Budget

€14.774,52
million
Total Budget

EU FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

The maximum EU co-financing rate will be from 50% to 80%.

COSME Programme 2014 - 2020

The new Programme for the **Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises** (COSME) aims at supporting the competitiveness, growth and sustainability of EU's enterprises, in particular SMEs, and promoting entrepreneurship.



With small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs), current and potential entrepreneurs and business support organisations as its main targets, the **programme provides better access to finance, deliver business support services** and promote entrepreneurship.

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/cosme/index_en.htm

COSME – Objectives & Priorities

COSME aims at strengthening the competitiveness and sustainability of the EU's enterprises, at encouraging an entrepreneurial culture and promoting the creation and growth of SMEs.

These objectives will be met by improving:

- ➔ access to finance for SMEs;
- ➔ access to markets, inside the Union but also at global level;
- ➔ framework conditions for businesses;
- ➔ entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial culture.



COSME

Eligible Countries & Beneficiaries

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

- Member States;
- EFTA countries;
- Accession countries, candidate countries and potential candidates;
- Countries under the scope of the European neighbourhood policies, when admitted;
- Other third countries with no financial contribution.

BENEFICIARIES

Private Sector, Public Sector

COSME – Supported Actions

- **Access to finance for SMEs through dedicated financial instruments** in the different phases of their lifecycle: creation, expansion and business transfer.
- **Enterprise Europe Network:** a network of business service centres. The Enterprise Europe Network is a “one-stop shop” for the business needs of SMEs in the EU and beyond. It brings together more than 600 business support organisations from across 60 countries, including chambers of commerce and industry, technology centres or development agencies.
- **Promotion of entrepreneurship trans-national networks,** to exchange good practices and identify scope for expanding business activities.
- **Improvement of framework conditions for the competitiveness of enterprises** and policy development
- **Internationalisation of SMEs**



COSME - Budget

€ 2.298,
24million
Total
Budget

LEVEL OF FINANCING (EU CO-FINANCING RATE)

40%-60%



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DEVCO - EuropeAid Programme

The Directorate General for Development and Cooperation (DEVCO) - **EuropeAid** is responsible for formulating EU development cooperation policy and defining sectoral policies in the field of :



- **external aid**, in order to reduce poverty in the world;
- **sustainable economic, social and environmental development**;
- **promotion of democracy, the rule of law, good governance and the respect of human rights.**

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/general_en

DEVCO – EuropeAid Objectives & Priorities

GENERAL OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of cooperation under this Instrument is the reduction and, in the long term, the eradication of poverty.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- fostering sustainable economic, social and environmental development;
- promoting democracy, the rule of law, good governance and respect for human rights.

DEVCO – EuropeAid – Eligible Countries & Partners

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES

Geographic Programmes support cooperation with 46 developing countries in Latin America, Asia and Central Asia, the Gulf region (Iran, Iraq and Yemen) and South Africa. While, the Thematic Programmes are open for all developing countries (including those covered by the ENPI and the EDF). The full list of each eligible country can be found in the Annex I-III for this Instruments- Proposal.

ELIGIBLE PARTNERS

- partner countries and regions, and their institutions;
- decentralised bodies in the partner countries (municipalities, provinces, departments and regions);
- joint bodies set up by the partner countries and regions with the Community;
- Non State Actors;
- international organizations;
- EU agencies



DEVCO – EuropeAid – Supported Actions

GEOGRAPHIC PROGRAMMES

Union cooperation activities are implemented for activities of national, regional, transregional and continental nature. Within each country programme, the Union concentrates its assistance on three sectors. The geographic programmes cover the possible areas for cooperation and distinguish between regional and bilateral cooperation.

THEMATIC PROGRAMMES

⇒ GLOBAL PUBLIC GOODS AND CHALLENGES THEMATIC PROGRAMME

The main fields of activities include, inter alia, environment and climate change, sustainable energy, human development (including health, education, gender equality, employment, skills, social protection and social inclusion as well as economic development-related aspects such as growth, jobs, trade and private sector engagement), food security and migration and asylum.

DEVCO – EuropeAid – Supported Actions 2

⇒ CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS (CSOS) AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES (LAS) THEMATIC PROGRAMME

The programme promotes an inclusive and empowered civil society and local authorities, increases awareness and mobilisation on development issues, and strengthens the capacity for policy dialogue on development.

⇒ PAN-AFRICAN PROGRAMME

This programme implements the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) and is complementary and coherent with ENI, EDF and the thematic programmes under DCI. It supports in particular activities of trans-regional, continental and trans-continental nature.

DEVCO – EuropeAid – Call for proposal



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Ref. # - Title	Published	Updated	Status	Type	Geographical Zone	Programme
151561 - Complementary support to the development of waste management schemes	25/04/2016	22/06/2016	Open » 15/07/2016	Action Grants	Lebanon	Neighbourhood
151990 - Améliorer la participation des femmes dans la vie économique et publique	22/06/2016	21/06/2016	Open » 25/08/2016	Action Grants	Tunisia	Neighbourhood
152641 - Appui aux organisations de la société civile en Algérie - Secteur Pêche et Aquaculture	20/06/2016	16/06/2016	Open	Action Grants	Algeria	Neighbourhood
152002 - EU Support to Improved Technical and Management Capacity within SMEs in Jordan	16/06/2016	16/06/2016	Open » 1/08/2016	Action Grants	Jordan	Neighbourhood
152087 - Cultural Activities 2016	23/05/2016	16/06/2016	Open » 11/07/2016	Action Grants	Lebanon	Neighbourhood
152303	20/05/2016	16/06/2016	Open » 4/07/2016	Action Grants	Mediterranean Region	Neighbourhood

Important tips for a good EU/international project

Transnationality / EU added value

- the project fosters the geographical mobility?
- does the project has a strong partnership and a clear definition of partner's roles? dimension?
- Actions and objectives of the project can be better reached at EU / international level rather than at national or local level?
- “Does the proposal have a real cross-border added value? Why cooperation is needed to achieve it in all concerned territories? How relevant from a cross-border point of view is the proposal to the common challenges and particular needs in all involved territories?”

Cross cutting issues

gender equality; democracy and human rights; environmental sustainability



Strategic evaluation

Relevance

This award criterion is a key to success

- Explain the “**Cross-Border Cooperation**” (CBC) added value: **ENI is a CBC Programme**, not a development cooperation initiative. Therefore, rather than clarifying only “why the project is needed” in a given area, **focus on common needs and how to share ideas and solutions**
- Identify your **final beneficiaries** and explain how their needs are detected, instead of including general statements (i.e. search for reliable source of information and include quantitative data)

Innovation and originality

- How is my project innovative?
- “Does the proposal demonstrate valuable, new and/or innovative solutions that go beyond the existing practice in the sector and/or in the concerned territories?”
- It creates new solutions and methods?
- It defines new objectives? Does the project changes already existing systems?
- It introduces new approaches?
- It introduces new methodologies or strategies in the area?
→ (state of the art analysis and of already founded projects)

<http://www.enpicbcmed.eu/projects/running-projects>



Sustainability – tips

- Projects tend to approach the sustainability process at the implementation phase rather than during the design
- Describe the **multiplier effect at both at EU and and MPC level**, rather than only on one side of the Mediterranean basin;
- Explain the **practical arrangements** you envisage to implement, instead of making general statements without tangible evidences
- Answer following questions:
 - Is the proposal likely to have multiplier effects? At what scale? In addition, does the project foresee effective actions and strategies to ensure the transfer and capitalization of its results?
 - Are the expected results of the proposed project sustainable: - financially (how will the results be financed after the end of the project?) - institutionally (will structures, allowing the results to continue, be in place at the end of the project) - at policy level (where applicable) (what will be the structural impact of the project — e.g. will it lead to improved legislation, codes of conduct, methods, etc?)? - environmentally (where applicable) (will the project have environmental externalities?)

Some tips for a good EU / international project

- Describe and quantify your target groups, answer following questions: how clearly defined and strategically chosen are the involved target groups? Does the proposal define their needs appropriately? Are the project outputs consistent with the needs of the target groups?
- Describe and **quantify your target groups** and select their needs
- Explain the **operational synergies with other projects** *e.g.: the survey carried out by project "X" will be helpful for ..., since ...* instead of providing a list of project names

The Partnership in the EU / international project

- The **consortium or partnerships** is the group of partners that carry out the project activities, following clear tasks and budget breakdown;
- The partnership structure:
- **« Applicant »** or coordinator (the body responsible for the preparation and submission of the proposal and responsible for the management and implementation of the project in case the proposal is admitted to receive funds)
- **"partners"** cooperate actively to the implementation of the project activities and results. It is important to define clear roles and responsibilities from the beginning
- Refer to Grant Contract and Partnership Agreement Model for understanding Applicant and partners' obligations, duties and responsibilities

Structure of the partnership

The **partnership**:

- should be composed by partners that have different competences and know how;
 - Partners come from public or private bodies (it is suggested to have public partners in order to guarantee the future sustainability of the project);
 - Fair budget distribution (most of the time partners have to co-finance the project and therefore they need a good financial capacity);
 - Partners with experience in EU projects are an added value;
- Technical partners, partners in charge of communication, partner in charge of the management of the project

Partner search

- Participation to **infodays** (organized by the EU commission or by the MA); partner search session within these infodays
- Programme website partner search tool:
<http://www.enpicbcmed.eu/enicbcmed-2014-2020/project-ideas-and-partner-search>
- Ad hoc platform: territorial cooperation, ENI and IPA
<https://www.keep.eu/keep/>; Partner Search Research and Innovation topics:
https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/organisations/partner_search.html
- The applicant should draft a project idea to be used for contacting partners and institutions;
- Contact “National Contact Points”;
- Social media;
- Contact partners that have already participated in previous or similar call for proposal;
- Other ideas?

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**Opinion....
Questions...
Suggestions...**



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