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Call for green transition projects

Key features and main eligibility rules

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About us

Making cooperation happen in the Mediterranean since 2007

- Third edition of the **largest EU-funded external cooperation** programme in the Mediterranean Sea Basin.
- Building on over **175 projects**, involving **1,300+ partners** and **€400M** invested.
- Focus: Joint **prosperity, stability**, and **security** through **shared solutions** to **common challenges**.
- Principles: **Co-ownership**, equal cooperation, balanced partnerships, shared benefits.



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We are

- **Enablers** of **connections** building bridges among thousands of communities and organizations across the Mediterranean.
- **Providers** of **collective solutions** that improve the lives of thousands across the region.
- **Catalysts** for **sustainable and harmonious growth**, empowering stakeholders to turn challenges into opportunities and fostering resilience for a thriving Mediterranean future.



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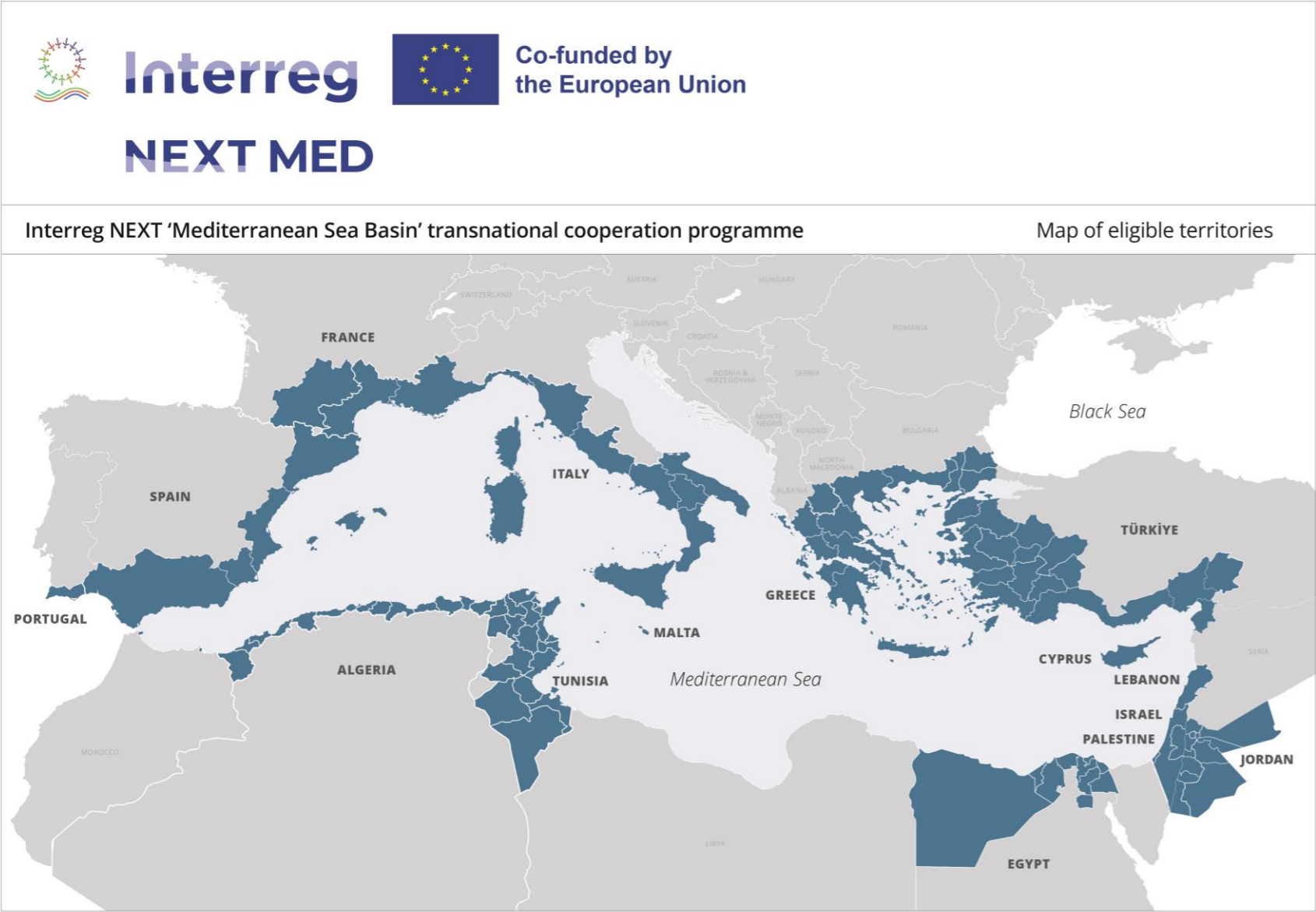


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Working together across borders



15 participating countries

100+ territories

200+ million people live in the cooperation area

€263 million in budget



Our vision for a better Mediterranean



**Competitive
and smart**

**Green and
low-carbon**

**Social and
inclusive**

**Multilevel
governance**



1. Key features of the call



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Call highlights

Scope

- Open to 4 Programme Priorities and 9 Specific Objectives (refer to Terms of Reference).
- Each proposal to focus on a single Specific Objective.

Financial framework

- €83.7M allocated per Specific Objective.
- 89% EU contribution.
- Minimum 50% of project budget must be spent in Mediterranean Partner Countries.

Project types

- Green Transformation.
- Eco-Youth.
- Duration: 24 or 36 months.

Partnership requirements

- Minimum 3 participating countries in partnerships.
- At least 1 Mediterranean Partner Country and 1 EU Mediterranean Country in each partnership.



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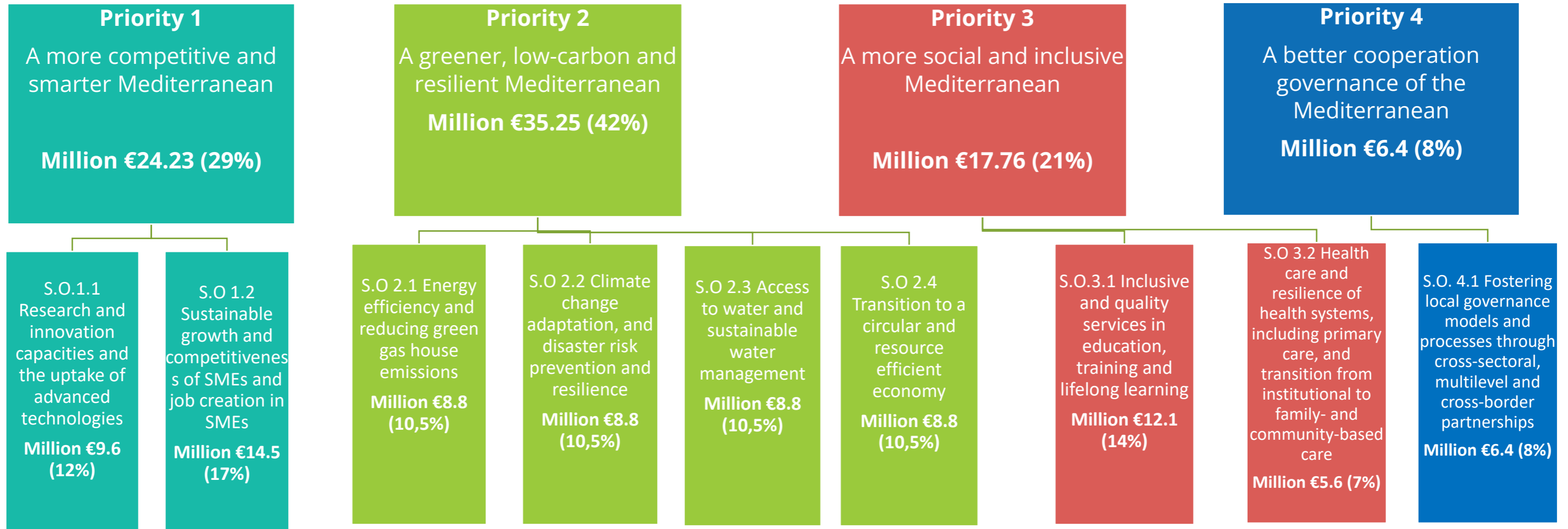


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Budget available per Specific Objective



2. Types of projects



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Types of projects – Applying to the 4 call priorities

- Focus on developing, scaling, and implementing innovative green transition solutions.
- Emphasis on pilots: small infrastructure and demo actions.
- Expected impact: technical, cultural (behavior change), and regulatory (policy support).
- Up to **€3.5 million** per project.

Green transformation projects



- Empowering youth in the green transition.
- Projects designed by youth for youth: involving youth-led/oriented organizations as project partner.
- €16 million (**20% of the call budget**) available.
- Up to **€2 million** per project.

Eco-Youth projects



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Gen Z: From climate activists to project designers

- **Authentic Youth Empowerment:** No "youthwashing", youth lead on issues they care about.
- **Innovation & Fresh Perspectives:** Creative, out-of-the-box solutions.
- **Tech Savviness:** Young people adeptly use digital tools and social media to raise awareness, mobilize communities.
- **Advocacy and Activism:** Ability to influence public opinion and policy.
- **Passion & Energy:** Drive and inspire societal change.



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Participation requirements for eco-youth projects

Meeting at least **one of the two** following criteria:

At least 2 partner organisations whose majority of staff involved in the management is **aged 18-30**

And/or

At least 2 partner organisations whose **core mission*** is to work for the **benefit of young people**



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*Demonstrate **at least two years** of experience from the date of the launching of the call in leading or participating in projects addressing Youth with similar managed budget as for the share of the requested grant.



Project financial dimension

		Max.	Min.
Green transformation	Total project costs	€3.5 million	€2 million
	89% EU contribution	€3.115 million	€1.78 million
	11% project co-financing	€385.000	€220.000
Eco-Youth	Total project costs	€2 million	€700.000
	89% EU contribution	€1.780 million	€623.000
	11% project co-financing	€220.000	€77.000



3. Eligibility and participation rules



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Who can participate

Participation open to a **wide range of organizations** (not physical persons), including:

- National, regional and local public administrations
- Public agencies
- Universities and research centers
- NGOs and CSOs, foundations, associations
- Business support organizations, incubators/accelerators, chambers of commerce, SMEs
- International and intergovernmental organizations*

All organisations registered for a least two years from the launching date of the call



Eligibility criteria

Eligible countries

- Applicants and partners must be from eligible areas in the **15 participating countries**.
- Exception for **advisory partners** (see next slide).
- Associates from worldwide but no funding.

Partnership requirements

- Minimum **3 participating countries** in partnership.
- At least **1 Mediterranean Partner Country and 1 EU Mediterranean Country** in each partnership.
- A maximum of **2 organizations** per country allowed in the same partnership.
- **Recommended:** max. 7 organizations per partnership with East-West balance.



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Participation criteria

Number of project proposals

- Each organization can **apply once as Applicant** per Specific Objective.
- **No limit** on participation **as a partner** in multiple projects.
- A **maximum of two grants** can be awarded as Lead Partner per organization.
- If more than two proposals are preselected, only the **top two ranked** will be financed.

Location of activities

- General rule: Activities must take place **in the Programme area** of the countries participating in the project.
- Exception: Activities outside Programme area allowed if **duly justified and add value**; assessed case-by-case.



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New feature: Advisory partners

- **A maximum of 1 partner per project** may be from **non-eligible areas** of the 15 participating countries (e.g., Île-de-France, France; Constantine, Algeria; Lisbon, Portugal; Ankara, Türkiye, etc.).
- Participation is subject to Monitoring Committee approval based on demonstrated **specific and unique expertise**.
- Activities must **benefit the Programme area** (e.g., studies by advisory partners must focus on Programme territories; trainings organized by advisory partners must be held in the Programme area with participants from these territories, etc.).
- Advisory partners **cannot act as Lead Partners**.
- Must be **established for at least 2 years** from the date of the launching of the call.



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Next steps

- Call for proposal to open from **14 January to 15 April 2025**
- **Partner search platform** available:
<https://connectingmed.eu/>
- **10 online partner search** events from 15 to 23 of January 2025. Calendar available at
<https://connectingmed.eu/partner-search-events/>
- National info events from **last week of January to first week of March** (calendar to be published on the Programme website)



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