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Call 08

Interreg Euro-MED Programme

16th Monitoring Committee
online
30th June 2026

Calls Calendar

Calls	Status	Priorities	Budget	Opening on	Closing on
1st call: Governance Projects	Closed	ISO 1	19 M€	24/02/2022	01/06/2022
2nd call: Thematic Projects	Closed	PO1/PO2	118 M€	27/06/2022	27/10/2022
3rd call: Governance Projects	Closed	ISO 1	17 M€	29/09/2022	03/11/2022
4th call: Thematic Projects	Closed	PO1/PO2	46 M€	12/03/2024	12/06/2024
5th call: Thematic Projects (Strategic Territorial Projects only)	Closed	PO1/PO2	35 M€	14/01/2025 (2nd phase)	28/02/2025 (2nd phase)
6th call: Thematic Projects (Test projects) – Targeted to projects of the 2nd call only – Fast lane	Closed	PO1/PO2	4 M€	08/01/2026	27/02/2026
7th Call: MMM Capitalisation Thematic Projects (sustainable tourism)	Planned	PO1/PO2	8 M€**	01/09/2026	30/09/2026
8th Call: Thematic Projects (Test projects)	Planned	PO1/PO2	TBD M€**	10/2026	11/2026

* The above calendar may be revised and is subject to the approval of the Monitoring Committee.

** Indicative budget

Call 08: Constraints and identification of topics

Constraints and opportunities:

- Short implementation period = max 2 years -> implies projects with limited number of activities, mature enough for direct implementation and good consumption rate
- Implementation will occur between the end of the 21/27 period and the beginning of 28/34 period
- Budget commitment rate per S.O. and Indicators targets

Proposal based also on:

- An analysis of the Programme document and what is already covered by the 90 financed projects
- ESPON analysis
- Stakeholders' consultation for the harvesting report
- Governance projects consultation
- Analysis of ongoing initiatives, strategies, ... like the Mediterranean Pact, the revised MSSD 26-35, the EU Skills agenda
- Ongoing calls launched simultaneously in the Mediterranean area

Zoom on ESPON proposals for future thematic focuses

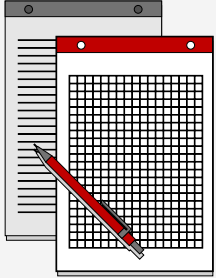


- Consolidate strong thematic focus on **climate adaptation, environmental resilience and the green and blue economy,**
- Continue on **integrated sustainability approaches, linking climate adaptation, biodiversity protection, water management, circular economy and pollution reduction,**
- Give greater attention to **skills development** in the context of **green and blue transitions.**
- Further explore **citizen engagement and participatory approaches.**

Zoom on end of 2024 public consultation proposals for future thematic focuses

- Promote climate adaptation and resilience by strengthening risk management, protecting **protected areas and ecosystems**, and supporting action on emissions and **pollution**.
- Advance **sustainability** through circular and blue economy practices, the energy transition, and stronger **water and food security**, while promoting sustainable mobility and tackling overtourism.
- Strengthen capacity-building and governance through a more inclusive Mediterranean model, encouraging **policy convergence** and a **framework for knowledge and experience exchange**.
- Address the economic and social challenges linked to digital infrastructure, the **development of highly qualified job opportunities** and support for local economies and SMEs.
- Foster innovation by making better use of research and development outputs and promoting **innovative strategies for resilience**.
- Maintain strong attention to **sustainability, urban regeneration, rural renewal**, social inclusion, and technology and innovation.
- Enhance **citizen engagement** to foster community participation and strengthen citizens' voices in decision-making.

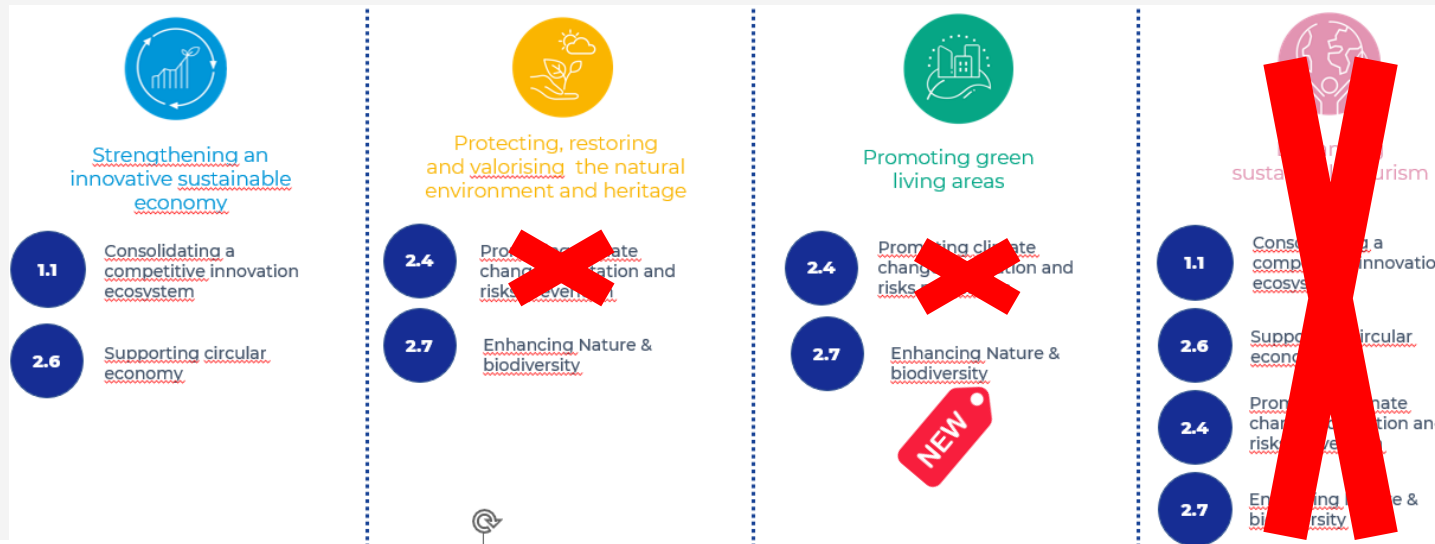
Test



Max: 2.000.000€

24 months

- Call budget: around **20 M€** depends on overprogramming
= around 10 projects
- 3 Missions only, Tourism not open due to MMM coordinated calls
- S.O. 2.4 not open
- Inclusion of S.O.2.7 to Mission GLA
- 1 ToR with dedicated sections per mission



Guiding thread :
“Advancing territorial resilience”

- **Territorial and institutional anchoring** of the proposed actions
 - Projects are expected to mobilize actors directly involved **in policy implementation** and **territorial management**, ensuring that partnerships possess the **operational competences**, **institutional legitimacy**, and **technical capacities** necessary to produce realistic and durable outcomes.
 - They shall favor the integration of their results in local and regional policies, thus contributing to **regional convergence** in the Euro-MED cooperation area and **place-based strategies**. Project should be sufficiently **mature** to ensure that results can be effectively translated into policies or practices and integrate prevention measures.
 - Compulsory activity: one **training** to be included in the **Euro-MED Academy**, to contribute to the **EU skills agenda** for the green and blue transition, promoting reskilling or upscaling aligned with emerging green or blue sectors.

General framework / Key features

- **Link up with existing policies** to support policy coherence and efficiency
 - Mediterranean Pact (based on 1st action plan mainly)
 - Revised MSSD with its flagship initiatives
 - EU Skills agenda
 - UfM Ministerial declaration on Environment
 - UfM Ministerial declaration on Blue Economy
 - Nature Restoration Regulation (particularly for Natural Heritage mission)
 - Global Biodiversity Framework (particularly for Natural Heritage mission)
 - Biodiversity Strategy (particularly for Natural Heritage mission)
 - SwitchMed Programme (particularly for ISE mission)
 - Toward Zero pollution for Air, Water and Soil Action Plan (particularly for ISE mission)
 - EU Green Agenda (particularly for ISE mission)

General framework / Key features

- Possibility to **use existing solutions** developed in other contexts to expand at Euro-MED level : Mission Ocean, Mission Climate, UNEP-MAP, UfM, WestMed, EUSAIR, CBC programmes, regional level programmes or initiatives, ...
- **Maturity of the proposals and readiness of pilot actions** implementation: **operational and fast implementation of investments** to be proven by detailed calendar of public procurements and equipment purchase and installation needs; **identified locations of pilot actions**; identified equipment needed, ...
- **Partnership structure**
 - 10-12 partners
 - Institutional partners and operational partners
 - With direct competence on the field tackled and on policy implementation,
 - Capability to implement the pilot activities : owner of the land/facility or existing agreement with the land/facility owner



Project focus under Mission innovative sustainable economy

Sustainable and innovative production and consumption practices

- **Reducing air and/or water pollution in the construction sector**
- **Reducing air and/or water pollution in the agri-food sector**
- **Reducing water plastic pollution**

1.1

innovative activities including service, technology or non-technology driven innovation, organizational patterns...

2.6

innovative activities which remodel the current linear economy and create pathways towards a circular economy and a sustainable society.

Projects shall cover well identified territories, type of pollution and sector, and clearly contribute to the Zero pollution for Air, Water and Soil Action Plan through measurable impact.





Project focus under Mission Natural Heritage

2.7

Science-policy interface

- **Ecosystem Restoration :** Restoring degraded ecosystems through:
 - Concrete on-the-ground interventions leading to measurable ecological improvements
 - The implementation of restoration-related legislation and plans
 - The consideration of the ecological connectivity in the design of restoration actions

- **Biodiversity Resilience and Management of Terrestrial and Marine sites :**
 - Strengthening the long-term capacity for ecosystem management, conservation, and adaptation to environmental and climate-related pressures through monitoring and management related activities





Project focus under Mission Green Living Areas

Wellbeing and health

> Well being and health in living areas

- Promote a transdisciplinary approach supporting the identification of new lines of action, indicators, and partnerships connecting urban resilience, climate adaptation, environment, and public health
- Focus on health inequalities and social justice
- Integrate monitoring actions and participatory process involving citizens (e.g participatory science)

> Urban agriculture and resilient food systems

- Promote the development of resilient urban agriculture by designing and implementing multifunctional green infrastructure and/or,
- Urban agriculture as a means of promoting social inclusion and neighborhood regeneration, through the transformation of spaces and the integration of citizen participation processes and/or,
- Developing or improving sustainable territorial food systems through integrated governance approaches (involving public authorities, economic stakeholders, civil society, and citizens)



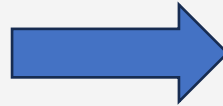
Call 08 Application and Assessment

Proposal for a new application and assessment process

Objective *To assess faster
To avoid difficulties in assessing applications written with the support of Artificial Intelligence*

Process

1 written application
1 oral presentation
2-phase assessment



Simplified written Application

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Pre-selection

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Oral presentation

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Final selection

★ No change in the existing assessment criteria, but assessment split into written application and oral presentation

Addition of an overall appreciation with additional points

Content of Written application

- **Territorial Relevance and strategic alignment** (AF C2.1, C2.5, C2.6, C.2.4):
 - Clear identification of territorial challenge (WHY)
 - Well-identified target groups (WHO)
 - Contribution to relevant policies/strategies (strong territorial anchoring)
 - Strong synergies with existing initiatives
- **Horizontal principles** (AF C.7.6)
- **Partnership** (AF B)
 - Solid and mature partnership
 - Adequate internal resources and capacities
- **Work plan** (AF C4, C5, C6, C7.3)
 - Clear, coherent, logic and well-structured work plan
 - Concrete and realistic outputs and results
 - Well-defined investments
- **Budget** (AF D)

Content of Oral presentation

➤ **Project approach and transnational dimension** (AF C.2.2, C.2.3)

Clear and coherent implementation approach (HOW)
Transnational & cooperation dimension

➤ **Partnership** (AF C.3, C7.1, C7.2)

Clear articulation of roles and responsibilities
Complementarity of partners
Effective coordination
Capacity to ensure quality implementation

➤ **Long Term perspective and sustainability** (AF C.8)

Durability of results
Strong potential for transferability and replication
Ownership

Process of oral presentation

- PowerPoint presentation with a Programme template
- On-line recorded interviews with JS assessors

Additional aspects:

- additional questions on investments, if needed (their relevance, calendar, ownership...)
- additional questions on other aspects requiring further clarification following the 1st phase of assessment

Call 08 Application and Assessment

N°	Administrative and eligibility criteria
A	Administrative check
A.1	The application form was submitted via the online monitoring tool of the Interreg Euro - MED Programme, JEMs, respecting the deadline defined in the Terms of Reference
B	Eligibility Check
B.1	The project meets the minimum criteria relating to the composition of the partnership: 5 partners representing 5 different countries within the Interreg Euro - MED Programme cooperation area
B.2	The Lead Partner is a public body or a body governed by public law (according to the definition of Directive 2014/24/EU)
B.3	The proposal corresponds with the category of project open for this Call and with the duration and budget allocated for this category
B.4	The Specific Objective selected corresponds with the Mission selected

Call 08 Application and Assessment

	Qualitative Assessment Criteria	Assessment sub-questions written application Score /5 per criteria	Assessment sub-questions oral presentation Score /5 per criteria
1	Relevance with Euro-MED context	C2.1, C2.5, C2.6, C2.4	C2.2
2	Cooperation character	Not assessed	C2.3 (C.7.5)
3	Intervention logic	C.1, C.4, A.4	Not assessed
4	Partnership relevance	B	C3 , C7.1, C7.2
5	Horizontal Principles	C7.6	Not assessed
6	Work Plan	C4, C5, C6, C7.3	C8
7	Budget	D & E3	Not assessed
8	Overall appreciation	Not assessed	Oral presentation

Thresholds: Pre-selection: TBD (with eliminatory note <2)

Final selection: 35/50

Question 8 = additional points (max 5 points)

Calendar Call Euro-MED 08

	Indicative date
First presentation of key features and calendar of the Call (online)	July
MC ToRs approval	September 2026
Transnational Informative session (online)	End September 2026
Opening of the written Application step	1st October 2026
Closure of the written Application	2 nd November 2026
Submission of mandatory annexes	16th November 2026
Assessment of written Applications and partners' verifications	Nov. 2026 – Feb. or March 2027 <i>(depending on number of applications received)</i>
Pre-Selection by the Monitoring Committee (by WP)	Early March or April 2027
Oral presentations	March or April 2027
Final selection by the Monitoring Committee (in presence)	April or May 2027
Pre-contracting and contracting procedures	April – May 2027
Starting date of the projects	May or June 2027

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