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Open Call for proposals

Euro-MED04

Thematic projects : TEST or TRANSFER

25 April 2024

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Strategic framework of the Programme

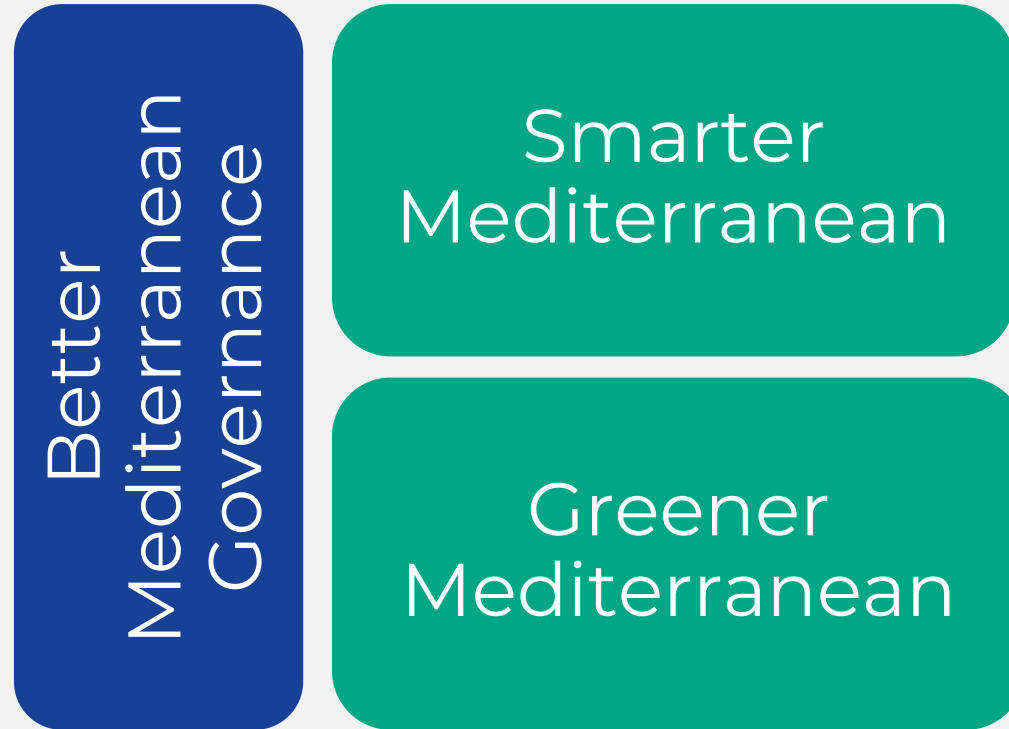
Partners from 14 countries and 69 regions join forces for Interreg Euro-MED



to support the transition towards a climate-neutral and resilient society



The Programme selected 3 priorities



2 thematic priorities > 4 specific objectives

**Smarter
Mediterranean**

1.1

Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem

**Greener
Mediterranean**

2.6

Supporting circular economy

2.4

Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention

2.7

Enhancing Nature & biodiversity

4 interconnected and complementary missions to reach climate-neutral and resilient society



Interreg Euro-MED's missions: a comprehensive approach

Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy



Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage



Promoting green living areas



Enhancing sustainable tourism



Missions, priorities and specific objectives



Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

Smarter Mediterranean

Greener Mediterranean

- 1.1 Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem
- 2.6 Supporting circular economy



Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

- 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention
- 2.7 Enhancing Nature & biodiversity



Promoting green living areas

- 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention



Enhancing sustainable tourism

- 1.1 Consolidating a competitive innovation ecosystem **NOT THIS TIME**
- 2.6 Supporting circular economy
- 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and risks prevention
- 2.7 Enhancing Nature & biodiversity

Better Mediterranean Governance

6.6 A better cooperation governance

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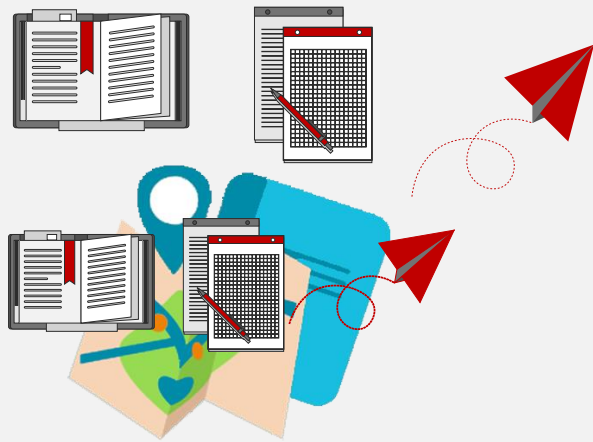
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Presentation of the Call and expectations

Partnership
Key project features

Two types of projects

THEMATIC PROJECTS



GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

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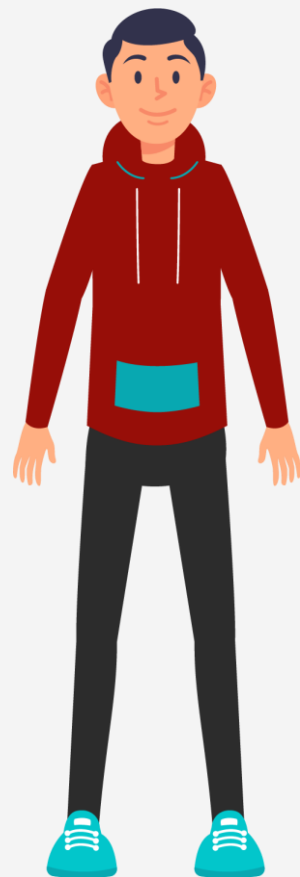


Study

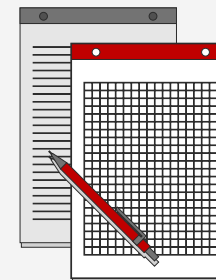
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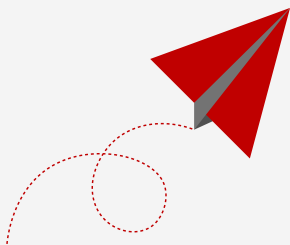
THEMATIC PROJECTS



Test



Transfer



Strategic territorial

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In June 2024!

Thematic projects contribute to the missions



Expected partnership

- **As a minimum**, partners based in **5 different countries**, coming from the 69 regions of the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area
- At least **2 partners** from **an EU region** of the Programme cooperation area
- **Lead Partner** must be a **public body**, or a **body governed by public law**
- Private institutions from **IPA countries** must be **non-profit**

**Organisations from IPA countries
can be Lead Partners!**

Reference documents:
Terms of Reference (Annex I)
Programme Manual

Eligible types of partners

- Local public authority - Regional public authority - National public authority
- Sectoral agency
- Infrastructure and (public) service provider
- Interest groups including NGOs
- Higher education and research organisations
- Education/training centre and school
- Enterprise, including SME
- Business support organization
- European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation (EGTC)
- International organisation, European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG) (under national or international law)
- Hospitals and medical centers
- Other

**Listed in the Programme Manual
Possible restrictions in ToR
published for each call**

Partners status

Co-funded partners

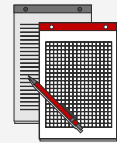
Associated partners

Any of the listed types of partners
Relevant to the project issues and objectives

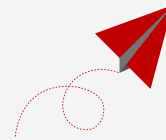
- Bodies from **EU countries** and countries participating to the Programme under the Instrument of Pre-Adhesion (**IPA**)
 - Budget **co-financed by 80%**
 - **Limited number** per project category: recommended maximum 10 for Test, 8 for Transfer
 - Implement activities and report, according to profile:
 - Test : institutional / operational
 - Transfer : institutional / networks
- Bodies **from any country**, within or outside of the EU
 - **Don't receive funds** but paired co-funded partner can cover travel and accommodation costs
 - Potentially, unlimited number
 - Take part in activities according to added-value :
 - Advisory
 - End-users
 - Observer

Projects duration

Total projects duration (implementation + closure activities)



33 months



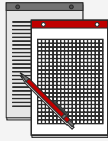
27 months

Starting date of the activities: **1st April 2025**

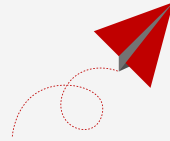


Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference
Courtesy A.Form

Projects budget



Max: 2.500.000€



Max: 1.500.000€

Total budget = EU (80%) + national (20%) co-financing

New rules for 2021-2027 period:

- Costs categories and Simplified costs Options
- Branding and communication
- Eligibility of costs

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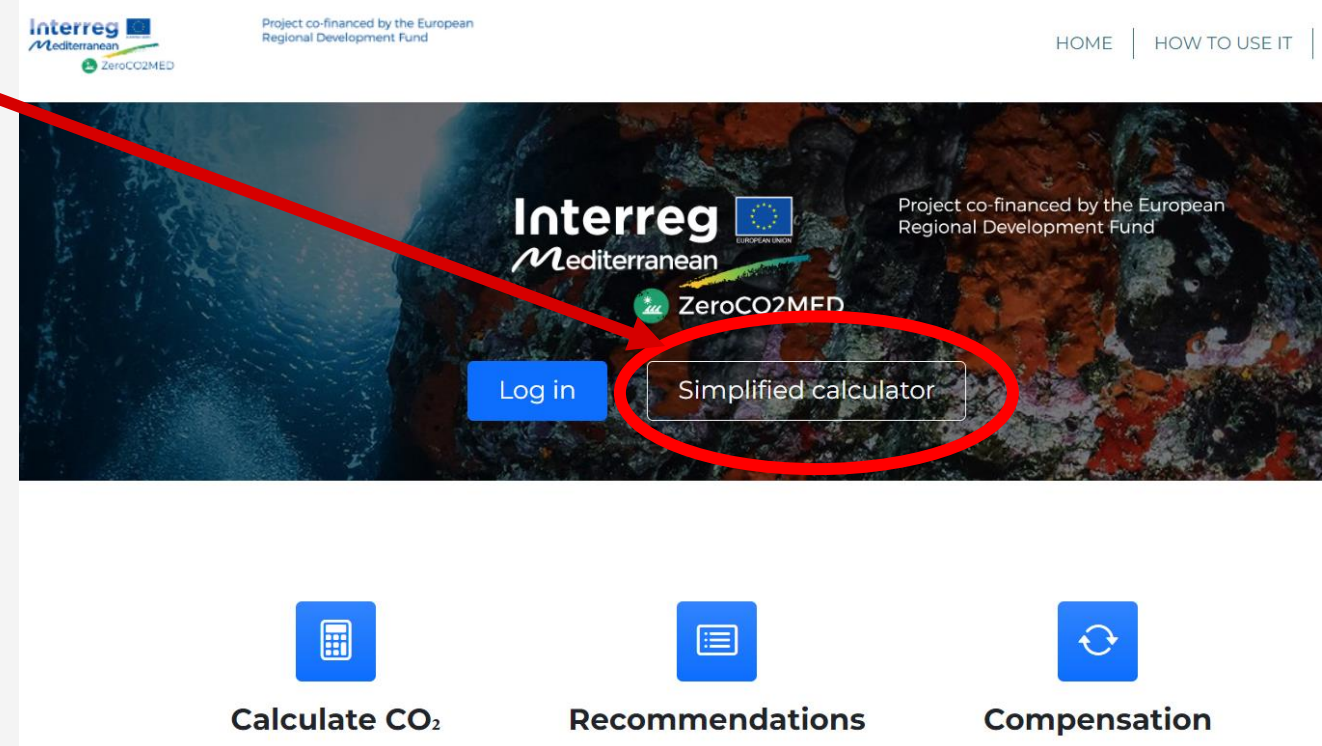
Compulsory activities: Monitoring the project carbon footprint

- **Step 1:** reduce project carbon footprint by design!
- **Step 2:** calculate the project carbon footprint
- **Step 3:** reduce your project emissions when feasible

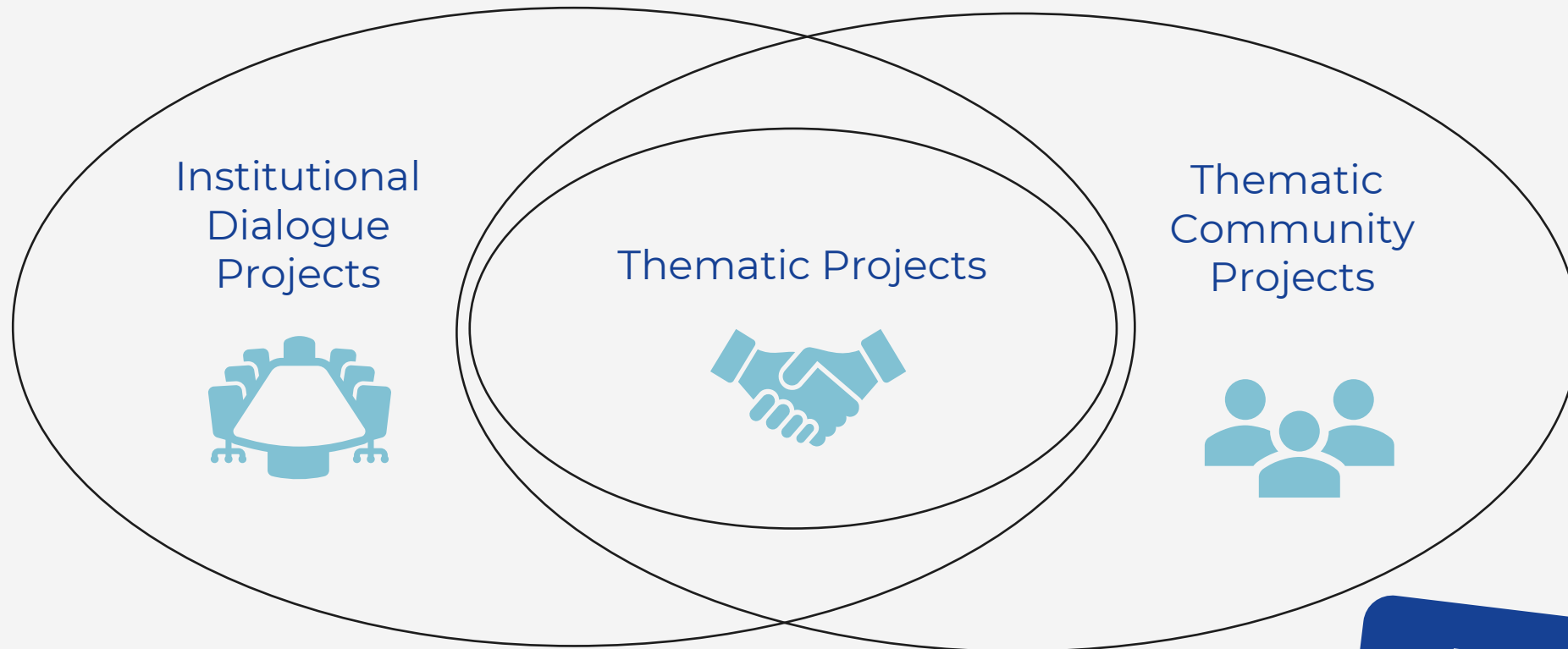
HOW?

- ✓ Methodology for calculation
- ✓ Online tool used for the monitoring and calculation of carbon emissions
- ✓ A range of recommendations for reduction

<https://carbonfootprint.interreg-euro-med.eu/>



Compulsory activities: Coordination with TCP and IDP



Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference

Compulsory activities: what is foreseen at least with TCP



F2F meetings



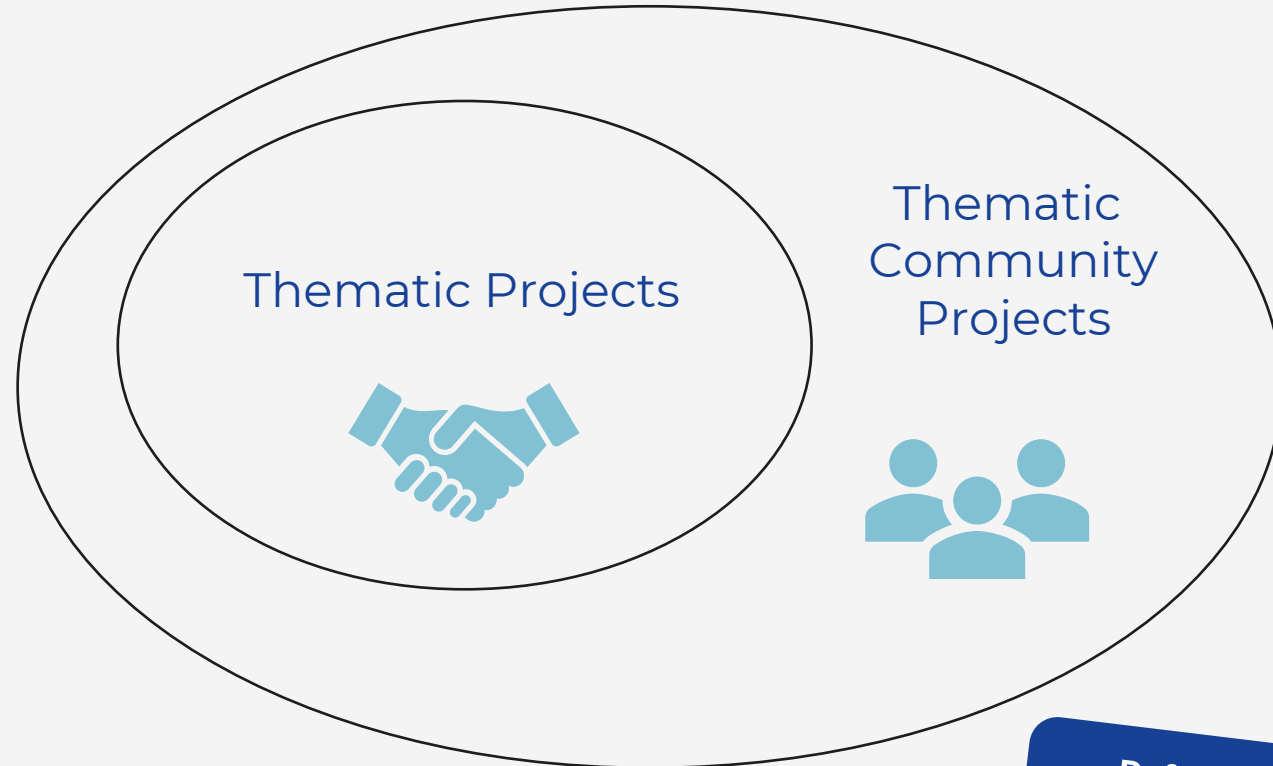
Joint events



1 video of project



Training material



Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference

Compulsory activities: according to GP's strategies



Thematic developments and policy uptakes

- **Database:** provide relevant information to feed the databases developed
- **Working groups:** participate in clustering process, development of synergies, collective thematic work (surveys, review of documents, provision of examples, etc.)
- **Networking activities** (in addition to mandatory joint event): participate in events for collective dissemination, transferring and integration processes
- **Joint capacity building activities:** participate in content development and or participate in training/mentoring/support processes offered by TCP
- **Transferring potential:** provide information to enable proper analysis of replicability, transferability and integration potential of project results
- **Mainstream support:** share previous experiences and mainstream methodologies

Target groups

- National, regional and local public authorities engaged in policymaking
- SMEs, enterprises and business support organisation
- Higher education and research organisation
- Civil society, local communities, interest group and NGOs
- Sectorial agencies in the field of the mission



Specificities detailed in each
Terms of Reference

Target areas

All types of areas are targeted :

- Coastal and maritime areas
- Islands
- Rural and mountain areas
- Urban areas

However, a focus could be made on specific areas to provide adapted outputs

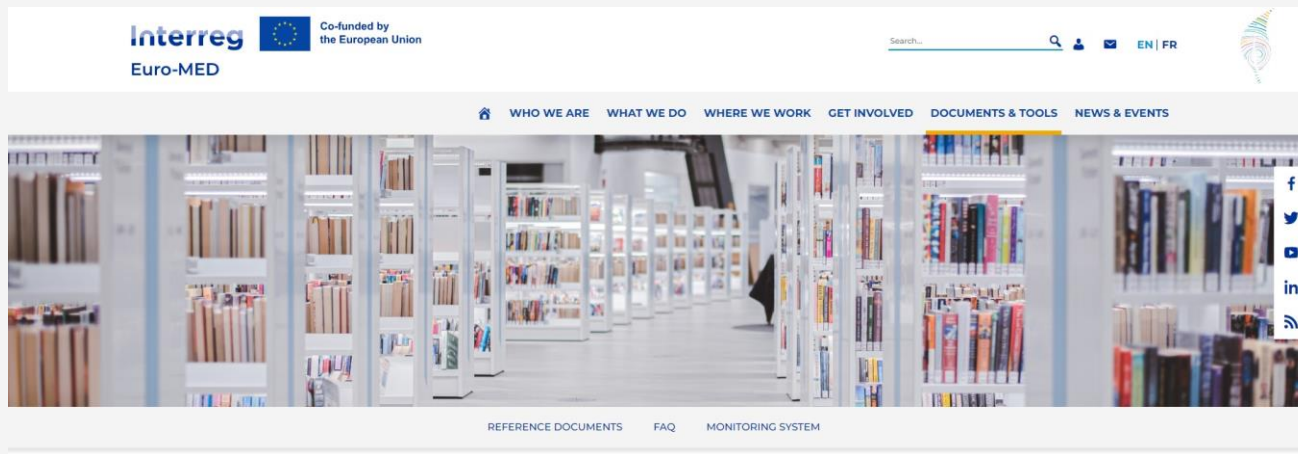


Continuity

When drafting the proposal, please consider the main **results of the Interreg MED projects** funded during 2014-2020

And the **projects funded under the Call02** for Thematic projects that started on 01/01/2024

Follow thematic seminars to get informed!



Complementarity

- Interreg Adrion, NextMed, Marittimo...
- DG MARE, DG ENV ...
- Eusair, Eusalp...
- UfM, Westmed, Bluemed...
- Any results or tools from other initiatives, strategies and Programmes...



SPECIAL FOCUS on results from :

- PRIMA/Horizon Europe
- LIFE
- EMFAF

And the link to [Smart Specialisation Strategies \(S3\)](#)

Convince your reader



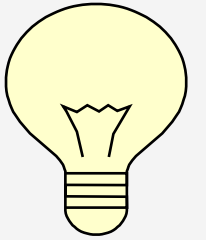
- ✓ Be **Consistent** with the call objectives, the actions, the budget, the partnership...
Do's : read the intervention logic
- ✓ Be **Concrete**. Answer the question « **How could my project lead to a concrete change** » ?
Do's : « By increasing the fraction of recycled plastic waste, the project will substantially reduce plastic waste generation from X tons of plastic used per year to X tons ».
- ✓ **Be precise and straightforward**
Do's : « By promoting the restoration of water polluted environments, the project will contribute to goal 6 of the UN sustainable development »

TIPS per application section

1. **Project relevance** : show clearly the **need** tackled
2. **Cooperation character** : **transnationality** must be essential to reach results
3. **Intervention logic** : must be concrete/direct/**coherent**
4. **Partnership relevance** : careful to geographical **balance**, skills, roles dispatch
5. **Horizontal principles** : show contribution with concrete **examples**
6. **Work plan** : objectives (=WP) must be **operational** and well sequenced
7. **Budget** : well **shared** and reflecting the activities

Follow technical meetings for more details !

Good things to do



- ✓ Read carefully the **Programme Manual** and the specific **ToR**
- ✓ Use the « **list of administrative and eligibility criteria** » and the **specificities** of the call to check your proposal
- ✓ Double check all documents uploaded and their content
- ✓ Follow our thematic and technical seminars
- ✓ In case of doubt, contact the **Joint Secretariat** (programme@interreg-euro-med.eu)

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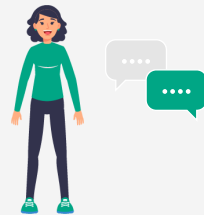
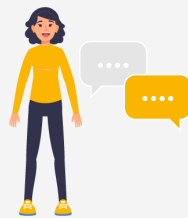
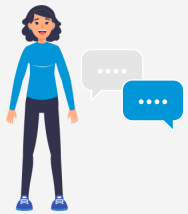
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Results from the past call for application

Update on Programme implementation

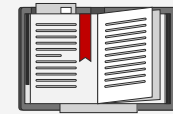
1st and 3rd call : Governance projects

8 projects selected – started January 2023

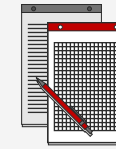


2nd call : Thematic projects

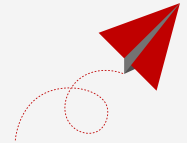
56 projects selected – started January 2024



8 study



40 Test



8 Transfer



14



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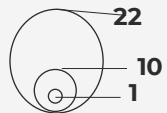
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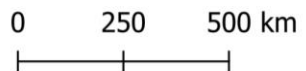
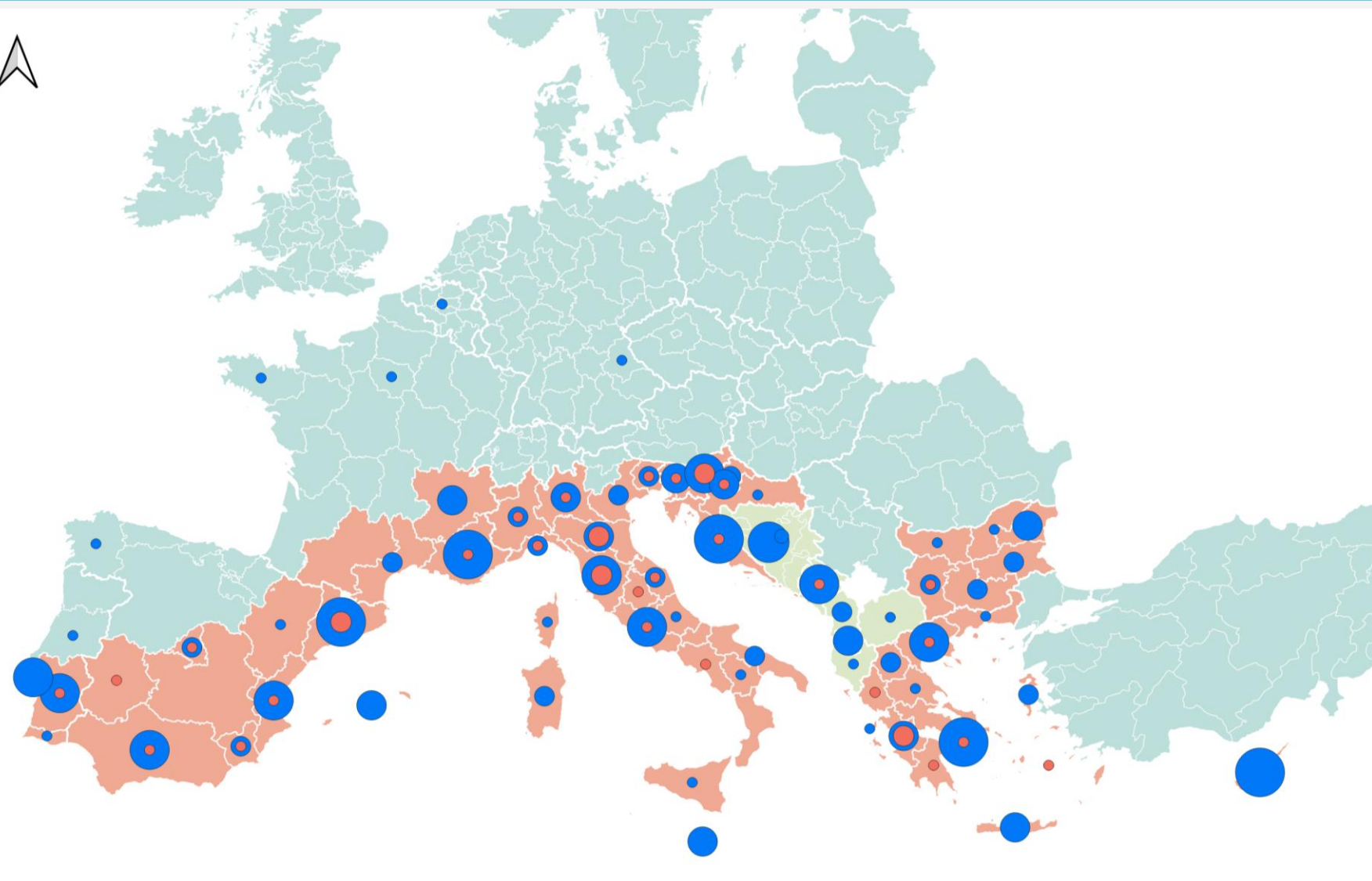
Share of LP & PP per region on approved projects

Number of partners



Project partners

Lead partners



Approved projects under Call 02

Innovative Sustainable economy



AZA4ICE
BLUE ECOSYSTEM
CARBON FARMING MED
CircleMED
Clepsydra
eWAsTER
GREENSMARTMED
OliveOilMedNet
ProcuraMED
REPper
REVIVE
SPOWIND
VERDEinMED

Natural heritage



ARTEMIS
CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY
COASTRUST
FRED
Germ of Life
GreenList4MMPAs
LocAll4Flood
MedSeaRise
MPA4Change
StrategyMedFor
TREASURE
WE GO COOP
Wetland4Change

Green Living Areas



Streets for Citizens
ArtMED
BauNOW
BAUHAUS4MED
CO2 PACMAN
E-MED
EnerCmed
GARDEN
GREENMO
INFIRE
LOGREENER
MED COLOURS
NUDGES
ProLIGHTmed
RECinMED
ReMED
RENEWPORT
RuralMED Mobility
URWAN

Sustainable Tourism



COOL NOONS
HERIT ADAPT
LIBECCIO
MAST
MedDiet Go
MED-GIAHS
MED-Routes
NaTour4CChange
SMITour
TOURISMO



Mission Sustainable innovative economy

Blue Economy

2-Blue aims at developing and turning **Blue Biotechnologies** solutions into practices and S3 through demonstration sites and strategic alliance.

Blue Ecosystem aims at supporting **Blue Economy sectors** ecosystem and territorial innovations through an acceleration process and a co-creation approach.

SpoWind aims at supporting **wind marine energy** stakeholders in the decision-making through the development of a marine spatial planning WebGIS tool.

AZA4Ice aims at implementing an ecosystem spatial planning approach embedded with circular practices and production systems in **aquaculture**.

Water management

Clepsydra aims at testing a smart system for monitoring and interpreting **aquifers** hydrogeological data with a focus on agriculture.

Smart & Fair transition

Revive targets the creation of **internal territories** new **ecosystem** through innovative Community Cooperatives and a set of digital services.

REPper intends to support SMEs in the **repair economy**, increase skills, and pursue the circular transition by overcoming the existing barriers.





Mission Sustainable innovative economy

Green economy

GreenSmartMed targets the cooperation of the 4helix stakeholders in the **green manufacturing** sector through contribution to S3 and an integrated methodology for SMEs.

ProcuraMED aims to upscale and transfer the tools, strategies and network developed in the framework of **Green Procurement**.

eWAsTER aims to promote policies and new innovative eco-business models for a better **electronic waste** management.

OliveOilMedNet to improve the **olive oil** sector through the identification and certification of quality, the development of a network and of green cultivation solutions.

Carbon Farming Med aims at implementing **carbon farming** as a new green business model and at providing tools to facilitate the carbon credits' market adoption.

Circular economy

CircleMED aims at accelerating **circular economy in territories** through promotion, test of solutions for SMEs and the creation of territorial hubs.

VERDEinMED aims at the implementation of circular business models in the **textile sector** to favor policy and behavioral change.





Mission Natural heritage

Coastal/ Sea Environment

ARTEMIS - Restoration of **seagrass** through Innovative ecosystem-service based Solutions

COASTRUST - shared **stewardship** for Mediterranean Coasts

GreenList4MMPAs - Adapting **IUCN Green List Standard** to the Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas

Risk management

LocAll4Flood - Flash **flood** risk prevention & resilience through an Integrated Multi-stakeholder Governance Mode

MedSeaRise - Adaptation to Mediterranean **sea level rise**

FRED – implement drones for climate change adaptation, monitoring, disaster risk prevention and mitigation in the **wildfire** segment.

Germ of Life - Digital Drought Risk Management enabling the **drought** mitigation and adaptation strategies for the restoration of the ecosystem equilibrium in Mediterranean European Countries

TREASURE - Testing novel environmental quality measures in and around Euro-MED **ports**





Mission Natural heritage

Carbon removal

CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY - Capturing and Storing Atmospheric CO₂ for the improvement of soil quality

Climate change adaptation

MPA4Change - Enhancing **Marine Protected Areas as Nature Based Solutions for adaptation to climate change**: from local actions to Mediterranean basin strategy

Mediterranean Forests

StrategyMedFor - Strategy for the **Sustainable Management** of Mediterranean Forests

Wetlands

WE GO COOP - improving **wetland governance** through a community of practice

WetlandSolutions4Change - Wetlands-based **solutions for climate change** adaptation, risk prevention and mitigation





Mission Green Living Areas

Mobility : active, electric, mobility as a service, public transport, logistic

ArtMED aims to facilitate the implementation of **sustainable public transport** in sparsely populated areas by providing Public Transport Authorities with a planning tool assessing the local impact of **autonomous mobility on demand**.

E-MED aims to facilitate **energy transition in the public transport** through the developing and testing of 11 public transport efficiency solutions for authorities and operators.

RuralMED Mobility aims at facilitating the uptake of **sustainable mobility in rural areas** by improving their electric vehicle infrastructure.

GREENMO aims at studying the development of **mobility hubs** in the MED area.

GARDEN aims at supporting energy transition of **logistics for food supply** and management of bio-waste, packaging, and used containers in Mediterranean cities

MED COLOURS aims at developing efficient **urban freight** solutions.

Street for Citizens aims at developing **active mobility** in a participatory approach through tactical urbanism.





Mission Green Living Areas

Energy: Carbon neutral territories and sustainable energy planning, Renewable energy territories and communities, Public lighting

RENEWPORT aims at developing **renewable energy** solutions in port areas.

NUDGES aims at studying the integration of "**nudging**" strategies into the urban climate change mitigation and adaptation policies.

ProLIGHTmed aims at improving the energy efficiency of **public lighting** in small Mediterranean cities.

EnerCmed aims at promoting **Renewable Energy Communities** coupled with Nature Based Solutions in marginalized neighborhoods.

RECinMED aims at developing **renewable energy communities**.





Mission Green Living Areas

Nature Based Solutions & Water

URWAN aims at demonstrating the interest of multifunctional NBS for **water treatment** (rain/grey/black)

Urban planning and finance

ReMED aims at developing tools to support local authorities in integrating **adaptation** in their planning strategies.

INFIRE will focus on planning and financing **mitigation and adaptation** projects in territories.

BauNOW aims at improving the planning and implementing **capacities** of public and private stakeholders for financing measures supporting the **Green Just Transition**.

LOGREENER aims at upscaling a toolbox already developed to support local authorities in planning **sustainable energy local action plans**.

CO2 PACMAN aims to support Mediterranean islands in their transition to **climate neutrality**.

Euro-MED BAUHAUS aims at promoting citizens engagement in the frame of a New European **Bauhaus** approach.





Mission Sustainable Tourism

Protection of natural and cultural heritage

HERIT-ADAPT intends to develop and test a sustainable tourism model to increase the adaptation and mitigation capacity of natural and cultural heritage assets.

Smart management of tourism, smart tourism

TOURISMO aims at improving **tourist flow management** by upgrading and testing in destinations a platform for both authorities and tourists with information on tourist presence, density, trajectories, and behaviours.

LIBECCIO proposes the establishment of a **tourism innovation platform** composed by 4Helix actors and equipped with a destination management system based on sustainability indicators and Big Data analytics.

MAST intends to support SMEs accommodations with a self-assessment APP and a protocol to adopt sustainable management systems in accordance with the ISO 21401:2018 standard.

NATOUR4CHANGE intends to provide coastal tourism policy makers and destinations with regional strategies and action plans integrating nature-based approaches (climate driven), in order to mitigate and adapt to climate change.





Mission Sustainable Tourism

Diversification of the tourism offer:

COOL NOONS tackles urban tourism during the hot hours by testing some existing solutions (vegetation, water features or light-colored pavements) and proposing new ones to cope with rising summer temperatures.

MedDiet Go intends to promote **Mediterranean diet** as a tourist attraction for rural areas through the extension of the international multistakeholder Med Diet Euro-Cluster.

MED-GIAHS aims at promoting **sustainable agricultural tourism** and increasing rural communities' resilience and incomes with a joint strategy for the creation of a network of Med GIAHS sites.

SMITour aims at promoting **Smart Industrial Tourism** with a strategy for transforming old industrial and manufacturing areas into touristic sites that use advanced technologies for immersive experiences.

MED-Routes tackles the unsustainable tourism model (seasonality, overcrowding, use of natural resources...) by proposing eco-itineraries that integrate circular economy principles into Cultural Routes.



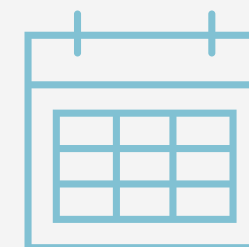
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Application procedure & Tools

Calendar of the call - upcoming key dates



Opening – Closing of the Call	12/03/2024 – 12/06/2024 13.00 (Brussels time)
Thematic seminars (online)	21/03/2024 10.00-11.00 (Green Living Area) 21/03/2024 11.30-12.30 (Natural Heritage) 22/03/2024 10.00-11.00 (Innovative Sustainable Economy) 22/03/2024 11.30-12.30 (Sustainable Tourism)
Technical meetings (online)	04/04/2024 10.00-12.30: Partnership & Logical framework, Strategic framework 15/04/2024 10.00-12.30: Work Plan / Mandatory activities / Communication activities / Indicators / Investments 17/04/2024 10.00-12.30: Budget/Eligibility of expenditure/ State aid 16/05/2024 10.00-12.30: Q&A
Instruction phase	June 2024 - January 2025 (depending on number of applications submitted)
MC selection decision	February 2025 (see above)
Projects Starting date	01/04/2025

National Info Days

Malta 13/03

France 05/04

Spain 08/04

Croatia 16 + 17/04

Cyprus 25/04

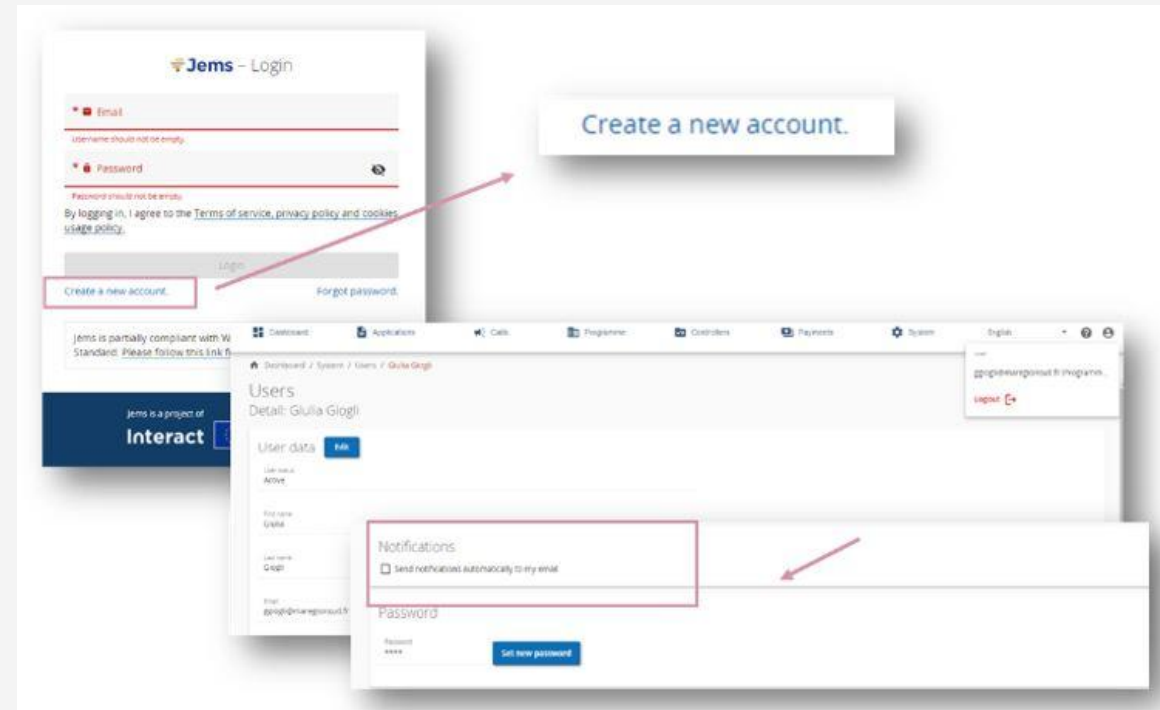
Portugal end April

Bulgaria 25/04

Application through JEMS

- If you already have a JEMS account, use it
- If not, create one:

1. Connect to the Jems website: <https://jems.interreg-euromed.eu>
2. Click on **create a new account**
3. **Fill in** all the information requested
4. Find the **validation mail** in your inbox to validate your account (check your spam inbox if you didn't receive it)
5. **Fill in your profile** and authorise the reception of notification in order to be alerted by email once the AF is submitted.



Key documents composing a proposal

- ✓ **APPLICATION FORM** to be filled-in in Jems (English or French) and submitted
- ✓ **MANDATORY ANNEXES** : partners (incl. LP) and associated partners declaration generated from the Jems system and signed



Two consecutive stages:

1. **Application Form**, to be **validated in Jems before 12/06/2024**, at 13.00 (Brussels time)
2. **Mandatory annexes**;, to be uploaded **in Jems before 26/06/2024** at 13.00 (Brussels time).

Reference documents:
Programme Manual
Terms of Reference (Annex I)
Jems Guidelines

For more detailed information



- Programme webpage dedicated to the call:
 - **The Terms of Reference and its technical data sheet** including the eligibility and assessment criteria
 - **The Courtesy application form template** (provided for information with specific indications to facilitate the writing of the proposal)
- The Programme Manual
- The Jems guide for entering the proposal on the Programme IT tool
- The Euro-MED 21-27 Cooperation Programme and its annexes
- The Euro-MED 21-27 Communication Strategy
- The Euro-MED 21-27 Results Amplification Strategy
- The online FAQ

FORUM

→ Search for potential partners

Find project partners (Forum)

Do you have a project idea and are looking for partners to implement it? We have the solution for you: **sign up to our forum(s)!**

There is one **forum** per mission. You can access them without prior registration. If you want to add your own project idea or reply to a post, you will need to [log in to your account](#) or [create one](#).

Follow the links below to access the different forums.



Innovative sustainable economy



Natural heritage



Green living areas



Sustainable tourism



Mediterranean Governance



F.A.Q.

→ Find answers to your questions

→ Different categories

→ If you can't find your answer, ask your question on the helpdesk

FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

Here you can find the answer to the most frequently asked questions about the Programme, tools, project application and implementation. If you do not find the answer to your question, please use the form below to send us your question. We might publish the answer here to enrich our FAQ.



Annexes 6

- Declarations can be signed electronically ?
Partner declaration forms can be exported/downloaded from the export section of JEMS, but ONLY AFTER THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION. Does this mean that partner declaration forms, including lead partner declaration forms can be submitted after the deadline for the submission of project applications? Also, can you confirm that deminimis declaration forms need to be submitted as well? If

General 7

- What is the definition of an investment in the sense of the Programme?
- Will the Programme provide or suggest a methodology for the projects to offset CO2 emissions?
- Is the Interreg Euro-MED cooperation area defined at country or regional (NUTS2) level? Where can I find the description of eligible NUTS2 regions?
- Can a private nonprofit entity that wants to submit

Jems 14

- The PDF version of the application form, exported from Jems, does not include a page for signature. How can I sign it?
- All the fields of the Application Form are filled but the "Check and submit" button still sends back that some sections are missing. What can I do ?
- Regarding travel budget, why does Jems add automatically 22% of staff costs to the flat rate?
- When it is for EU locations the system indicates 15%...

Helpdesk

You need to be connected to this website to submit a ticket. If you are not yet, please follow this link to login or to create your account.

All the Tickets

If you have not found the answer to your question in the FAQ above, you may use this form to send us your question.

Subject

Write down a self-descriptive brief subject to the ticket

Details

Write down your issue in details...

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