

Major donor

The EU is the region's major donor, with the European Commission providing the lion's share of its regional support through its EuropeAid Cooperation Office. For the period 2007-2013, some activities under the Union for the Mediterranean are being financed through the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI), for which a total amount of € 12 billion is foreseen, of which approximately 10 percent is allocated for regional projects.

The ENP allows for every country to articulate its own ambitions in dialogue with the EU. This can involve working towards free trade, developing infrastructure, tackling environmental or energy related issues, creating closer cultural relations or stimulating contacts between students, journalists and other professionals.

The European Union is committed to taking this cooperation further through its Regional Programmes and by providing the platform for continuous dialogue.

ENP countries

Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territory, Syria, Tunisia, Ukraine.

Financial Instruments and Tools

Multi-Country Cooperation and Thematic programmes are other funding channels designed as part of the EU's effort to support change in the Neighbourhood Partnership countries.

Interregional ENPI Programmes

- Cross Border Cooperation (CBC)
- Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF)
- Support for the Improvement in Governance and Management (SIGMA)
- Technical Assistance and Information Exchange (TAIEX)
- Twinning
- Erasmus Mundus II and Tempus IV
- Cooperation in Urban Development and Dialogue (CIUDAD)

Other funding Instruments available for neighbouring countries

- European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR)
- Environment and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources
- Food Security
- Investing in People
- Instrument for Nuclear Safety and Cooperation (INSC)
- Instrument for Stability (IFS)
- Migration and Asylum
- Non-State Actors (NSA)
- Local Authorities in Development

Find out more

www.enpi-info.eu/main.php?id=309&id_type=9&lang_id=450

Aims

Regional Cooperation contributes to:

Reinforce regional integration

Promote the sharing of experiences and the transfer of expertise

Set and promote best practice

Define common thematic strategies and action plans

Carry out together concrete projects

Create networks of people and organisations

Reinforce capacities of national and local authorities

Advance the strengthening of civil society

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Regional cooperation



Regional Cooperation builds bridges between the EU and its Mediterranean Partners through the funding of multi-country programmes and projects that contribute towards creating an area of peace, security and prosperity.

Structured cooperation between the EU and its Southern neighbours began in 1995 when the EU and Mediterranean Partners agreed to launch a Euro-Mediterranean Partnership at a Summit meeting in Barcelona. The Barcelona Declaration laid down the foundations of a new regional relationship, aiming at achieving peace, stability and growth in the Partner Countries. This involved closer cooperation in three policy areas:

- Political and Security Dialogue;
- Economic and Financial Partnership;
- Social, Cultural and Human Partnership.

The countries participating in the Barcelona Process are now part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) developed in 2004, following the enlargement of the EU, to avoid the emergence of new dividing lines in Europe. This has reinforced bilateral relations with the EU's neighbours to the East and South, notably through bilateral action plans taking into account each country's specific needs and characteristics.

Since July 2008, the Partnership was renewed and renamed "Union for the Mediterranean", and given a fresh impetus through the development of strategic projects. In addition to regular high-level political meetings, many thousands of professionals, students, artists, civil organisations, companies and local and regional governments work together to translate the political commitments into actions on the ground.

"If we look back to these years of cooperation and what we have achieved, I think we have good reasons to be proud. Despite certain obstacles and setbacks, we have built up over the years a robust partnership, I should even say a friendship that is built on mutual trust, frankness and our willingness to discuss all issues, however difficult and sensitive. Cooperation is, indeed, a win-win process for the EU and our partners."

Stefan Füle, Commissioner for
Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy

Regional cooperation

Regional cooperation has a strategic impact as it deals with issues that different Mediterranean Partners have in common, while complementing national policies and promoting south-south cooperation and integration. Above all, the Regional Programmes function as a forum for dialogue.

They bring together people from the Partner Countries, despite their differences, to engage in discussion, exchange views and experiences.

These programmes have witnessed the birth of many formal and informal networks which form a steady motor behind the many structured initiatives.

The regional approach contributes to defining and implementing policies in fields ranging from energy, environment and transport, to gender, youth, education and culture. Achieving equality between men and women, for example, is an objective in most of the Mediterranean neighbouring countries, following commitments made at a Ministerial meeting in Istanbul in 2006 and Marrakech in 2009.

Integration

One of the aims in EU policies today is the strengthening of regional markets. The EU has over fifty years of experience in developing and implementing a well functioning single market for goods and services, people and capital. Through these programmes this experience is shared with many neighbouring countries, who already work amongst themselves towards regional market structures or closer cooperation with the EU.

Why Regional Cooperation

- Encourage south- north and south – south cooperation
- Solve cross border issues
- Finance activities with no frontiers
- Support change and modernisation
- Prepare the ground for a Free Trade Area
- Work on regulatory approximation
- Foster sustainable economic development
- Impact efforts to resolve conflicts
- Promote dialogue between cultures

Partnership and Dialogue

Regional Cooperation offers a unique opportunity for people from the Partner Countries to sit around the same table and engage in a dialogue even in difficult times or on sensitive issues, like safeguarding human rights.

Through this exchange, people learn to work together, experiences are shared, relationships built, networks created and common activities carried out. Civil society organisations and stakeholders are often given a say.

Investing in People

Much of the work done by the projects revolves around training, seminars and workshops that build on people's knowledge and capabilities – this ranges from the training of journalists (European Neighbourhood Journalism Network) and support to film editors (Audiovisual Programme III), to supporting magistrates, legal professionals and high level officials in order to achieve a modern justice system (EuroMed Justice), and building up the importance of heritage (Euromed Heritage IV).

Some projects, like Euromed Aviation and Motorways of the Sea, may mainly involve officials at government level, but the citizens are the ones who will benefit from their outcomes as they promote safety and economic growth. The same concept applies to Invest in Med, which promotes investment and supports SMEs.

Some build expertise on information gathering, like the MEDSTAT project that collects reliable statistics, while others carry out studies, for example on socio-economic issues (FEMISE).

In certain cases, such as the Enhancing Equality between Men and Women in the Euromed Region programme, work is being carried out in each country to implement decisions taken on the Ministerial level.

Who benefits

Regional Cooperation **invests in people** who come together to share knowledge and experiences, learn through training, create networks and build on best practices. Government officials and bodies, NGOs, municipalities, professionals and hundreds of others who participate in the funded projects benefit directly. But there is a broader long-term impact on the public at large, as citizens are the ultimate beneficiaries of any political, economic and social change brought about through this Partnership.

In Practice

- Preservation of the cultural heritage
- Saving energy in construction
- Efficient solid waste treatment
- Better management of water resources
- Judicial reform
- Cooperation on Police and Migration issues
- Investment growth
- Quality for competitive products
- Developing the Trans Mediterranean Transport network (TMN-T)
- Maritime and Aviation safety and security
- Common statistical indicators

How to get involved

To participate in funded projects, look out and apply for the calls for proposals, announced on the EuropeAid website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm

About a month before a new call is launched, there is a Forecast so that participants have time to prepare. The European Commission and Delegations often organise Information Days on the various calls.

The Financial Instrument

Since 2007, the regional programmes and projects are being funded by the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) that has replaced MEDA, which was operational from 1995. The overall amount allocated to the ENPI for the period 2007-2013 is € 12 billion, of which € 343 million was earmarked for the South until 2010.

Regional Programmes Funded

Ongoing projects and programmes

Governance and political dialogue

Justice, Freedom & Security

EuroMed Justice II
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2011
WEBSITE www.euromed-justice.eu

EuroMed Police III
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2011-2014

Migration

EuroMed Migration II and III
BUDGET € 10 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2011 and 2011-2014
WEBSITE www.euromed-migration.eu

Political Dialogue

Middle East Peace Projects (Partnership for Peace)
BUDGET Annual budget ranging from € 5-10 million
TIMEFRAME ongoing
WEBSITE <http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/westbank>
<http://ec.europa.eu/delegations/jordan/>

Economic integration and trade

Economy

Agadir Agreement - EU Support Project (phase II)
BUDGET € 4 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2012
WEBSITE www.agadiragreement.org

FEMIP - Facility for Investment
BUDGET € 32 million per year
TIMEFRAME 2007-2013
WEBSITE www.eib.org/projects/regions/med/index.htm

FEMISE – Socio-Economic Research
BUDGET € 4 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2012
WEBSITE www.femise.org/en

Invest in Med

Invest in Med
BUDGET € 9 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2011
WEBSITE www.invest-in-med.eu

MEDSTAT III – Statistical Cooperation
BUDGET € 4 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2011
WEBSITE <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/medstat>

Energy

EAMGM II – Euro-Arab Mashreq Gas Market
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2013
WEBSITE www.eamgcc.org

Electricity Market Integration
BUDGET € 4.9 million
TIMEFRAME 2007-2010
WEBSITE www.immelect.com

MED-EMIP – Energy Cooperation
BUDGET € 4.1 million
TIMEFRAME 2007-2010
WEBSITE www.medemip.eu

MED-ENEC II – Energy Efficiency in Construction
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2013
WEBSITE www.med-enec.com

MED-REG II – Energy Regulators
BUDGET € 919,200
TIMEFRAME 2010-2013
WEBSITE <http://medreg.ipi.it/>

Environment

Avian Influenza and Global Influenza Pandemic Preparedness
BUDGET € 10 million
TIMEFRAME 2006-2011

Civil Protection (PPRD South)
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2011
WEBSITE www.euromedcp.eu

Paving the Way for the Mediterranean Solar Plan
BUDGET € 4.6 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2013

Sustainable Water Management and De-Pollution of the Mediterranean
BUDGET € 22 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2013

Information Society

EUMEDRegNet – Information Society Cooperation
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2012
WEBSITE www.eumedconnect2.net

Transport

EuroMed Transport Project
BUDGET € 6 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2012
WEBSITE www.euromedtransport.org/

EuroMed Aviation Project II
BUDGET € 4 million
TIMEFRAME 2011-2013
WEBSITE www.euromedtransport.org/

GNSS II - Cooperation on Satellite Navigation
BUDGET € 4.5 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2013
WEBSITE <http://metis.fdc.fr/overview.html>

Mediterranean Motorways of the Sea – Maritime Transport Connections
BUDGET € 9 million
TIMEFRAME 2007-2012
WEBSITE www.euromedtransport.org/14.0.html

Safemed II – Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention
BUDGET € 5.5 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2011
WEBSITE www.safemedproject.org

Social, Cultural and Human dimension

Audiovisual & Media

EuroMed Audiovisual III
TIMEFRAME 2009-2012
BUDGET € 11 million
WEBSITE www.euromediaudiovisuel.net

Regional Information & Communication Programme
BUDGET € 19 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2011
WEBSITE http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/index_en.htm

Civil Society & Local Authorities

Civil Society Regional Programme
BUDGET € 1 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2012

CIUDAD – Sustainable Urban Development
BUDGET € 14 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2013
WEBSITE www.ciudad-program.me.eu/index.php

TRESMED 4
BUDGET € 1.5 million
TIMEFRAME 2011-2013

Culture

Anna Lindh Foundation for the Dialogue between Cultures
BUDGET € 7 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2011
WEBSITE www.euromedalex.org

EuroMed Heritage IV
BUDGET € 17 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2012
WEBSITE www.euromedheritage.net

Education & Training

Erasmus Mundus II – Action 2 Partnerships
BUDGET € 29 million
TIMEFRAME 2009-2010
WEBSITE <http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/index.htm>

TEMPUS IV for higher education
BUDGET approx € 35-39 million per year
TIMEFRAME 2008-2013
WEBSITE http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/index_en.php

Support to EMUNI (Euro Mediterranean University)
BUDGET € 1 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2011
WEBSITE www.emuni.si/en

Preparing staff for EU-ENP related jobs
BUDGET € 2 million
TIMEFRAME 2011-2013

Gender Issues

Enhancing Equality between Men and Women in the EuroMed Region
BUDGET € 4.5 million
TIMEFRAME 2008-2011
WEBSITE www.euromedgenderequality.org

Youth

EuroMed Youth IV
BUDGET € 5 million
TIMEFRAME 2010-2013
WEBSITE www.euromedp.org/2010/09/17/euromed-youth-iv/

