



*New Initiatives in Southern Europe and Mediterranean. EU Cooperation Programmes overview
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Facts & Figures on the state of play of the Interreg BalkanMed Programme

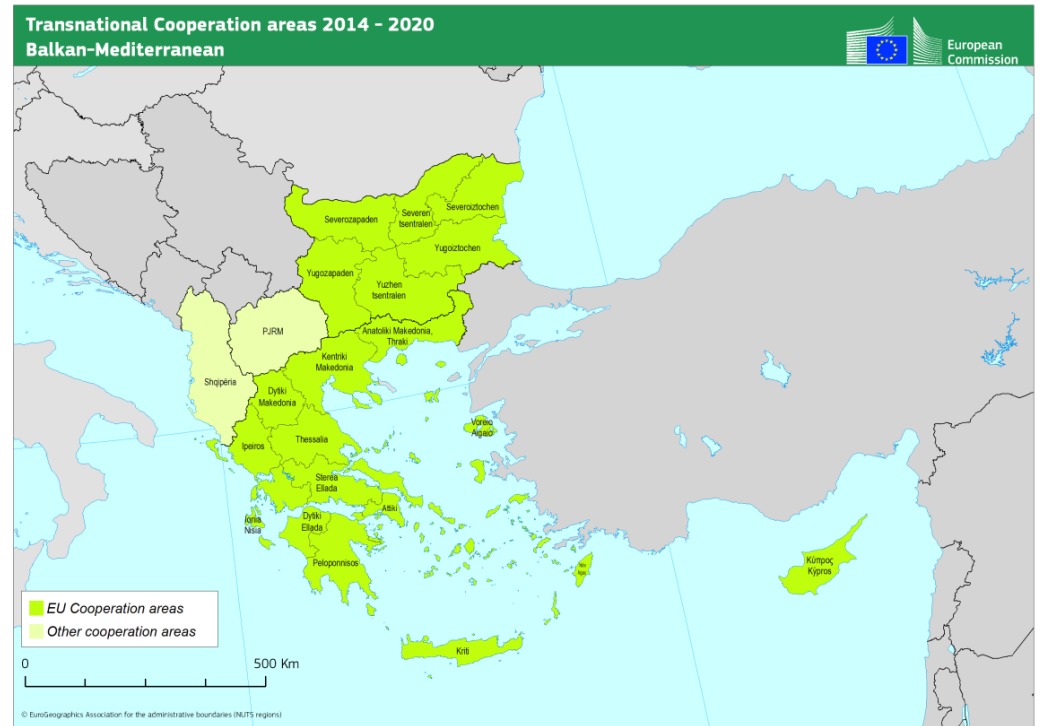
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BALKANMED ELIGIBLE AREA

BalkanMed regions

- Albania
- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Greece
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



BALKANMED PRIORITIES

Interreg V-B Balkan-Mediterranean Programme 2014-2020

...to build on shared territorial assets and promote integrated territorial development and cooperation for a more competitive and sustainable Balkan-Mediterranean area

PA1: Entrepreneurship & Innovation

SO1.1 - Competitive territories: stimulating business performance and extroversion through transnational linkages, clusters and networks

SO1.2 - Innovative territories: unleashing territorial potential to improve the transnational innovation capacity of the business sector

SO1.3 - Territories of knowledge: entrepreneurial learning and knowledge transfer for more competitive SMEs

PA2: Environment

SO2.1 - Biodiversity: promoting ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration

SO2.2 - Sustainable territories: fostering transnational cooperation for resource efficiency and climate change resilience

SO2.3 - Delivery on environmental legal framework: improving transnational governance capacities

1st CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

Type of Call: **Ordinary with comparative assessment**

Available budget: **20 mil. €**

Submitted proposals: **384**

Total budget asked: **400 mil. €**

Individual entities asking for funding: **1092**

Projects approved: **37 +7**

FINANCIAL DATA

Already contracted budget (37 projects)

PA1: 14,147,798.53 €

1.1: 3,4 m. €, 1.2: 5,3 m. €, 1.3: 5,4 m. €

PA2: 22,149,474.20 €

2.1: 4,5 m. €, 2.2: 15,5 m. €, 2.3: 2,1 m. €

Total: 36,297,272.73 €

almost 100% of the Programme budget

Reserve List projects budget (7 projects)

PA1: 3,395,809.23 €

PA2: 3,958,472.90 €

Total: 7,354,282.13 €

PRIORITY AXIS 1

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION



Asked budget



THE PROPOSALS

175 Project Proposals with a total budget of 152 million Euros were submitted under Priority Axis 1.

Overall, 1,086 entities participated in the cooperation partnerships and schemes

REMINDER

As the Programme area suffers from markets' fragmentation, High unemployment and Limited labor force skills, BalkanMed seeks to foster the area's entrepreneurship potential by encouraging SMEs' cooperation and networking, clusters and clusters policies and new business models' applications

175 proposals submitted. 124 passed to the Quality Assessment phase

PRIORITY AXIS 2

ENVIRONMENT

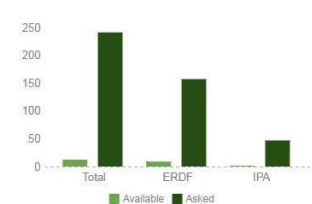


THE PROPOSALS

209 Project Proposals with a total budget of 241 million Euros were submitted under Priority Axis 2.

Overall, 1,260 entities participated in the cooperation partnerships and schemes

Asked budget



REMINDER

In the BalkanMed area we join efforts to preserve and manage the rich natural heritage of our region. In order to best develop its rich potential we apply joint environmental education and training activities, share our experiences and practices and build our capacity for the future

FLAGSHIP PROJECT – Innovation

InnoPlatform

Beneficiaries from: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Albania, FYROM

Lead Partner: Center for Knowledge management (FYROM)

Budget: 715.486,65 €



- Advances existing knowledge on business model innovations;
- Develops a set of tools and services for improving SMEs capacities, opportunities and knowledge in introducing product and process innovations;
- Will establish an infrastructure of “Centres of Excellence” in the five BalkanMed countries for providing knowledge, guidance and expertise in innovations to SMEs.

FLAGSHIP PROJECT – Environment

DISARM

Beneficiaries from: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece

Lead Partner: National Observatory of Athens (Greece)

Budget: 1.028.547,50 €



The project develops

- a wildland fire risk assessment tool that includes long-term and short-term fire danger forecasting;
- a near real-time observatory of wildland fire activity;
- a rapid-response wildland fire modeling used for supporting operational fire suppression activities,
- an observatory and early warning system on droughts, enabling improved drought risk management.

COMPLEMENTARITY AS SUCCESS FACTOR

EUSAIR - Greece, Albania

BMP Priority Axis 1 contributes to:

the EUSAIR T.O. 3, by targeting the competitiveness of SMEs, aiming at sustainable economic growth and business opportunities.

- EUSAIR focuses only on blue economy by providing potentials for complementarity and synergies, while BMP is free of any particular sector; **competitiveness** is also tackled by **supporting SMEs capacities under training schemes.**

BMP Priority Axis 2 contributes to:

the EUSAIR T.O. 6, by tackling the environment & resources efficiency:

- EUSAIR gives clear emphasis to the Maritime Spatial Planning. BMP can boost **“blue growth” opportunities**, anchoring a strong maritime pillar to the programme strategy. At the same time integrated approach for sustainable growth can mitigate the land – sea environmental pressures suffered throughout the coastlines.

EUSDR - Bulgaria

BMP Priority Axis 1 contributes to:

the EUSDR pillar “Building prosperity”:

- EUSDR PA 07 "To develop the Knowledge Society (research, education and ICT)";
- EUSDR PA 08 "To support the competitiveness of enterprises";
- EUSDR PA 09 "Investing in People and Skills".

the EUSDR pillar “Strengthening the region”:

- EUSDR PA 10 “Stepping up institutional capacity and cooperation”.

BMP Priority Axis 2 contributes to:

the EUSDR pillar “Protecting the environment”:

- EUSDR PA 04 “To restore and maintain the quality of waters”;
- EUSDR PA 05 “To manage environmental risks”
- EUSDR PA 06 “To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soil”.

PanoraMed Project

BMP Priority Axis 1 & 2 relates to:

- Coastal & Maritime Tourism
- Maritime Surveillance

BalkanMed is an Associate Partner

Post2020 – WestMed Initiative

BalkanMed countries do not participate

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