



Interact

Synergies and thematic complementarities in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Main Findings on the table “Interreg and ENI investing priorities in Southern Europe and Mediterranean programmes”.

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Background

Synergies and complementarities between programmes are strongly linked to their common thematic priorities and challenges.

The table here provided hopes to be useful to the EU cooperation programmes to improve their cooperation and enrich the new approaches and initiatives currently being developed.

Despite the low amount of funds devoted to Interreg and ENI in the Southern Europe and Mediterranean comparing it with the whole of EU cohesion policy in the area, there is no doubt of the great value of these programmes for testing pilot actions that could be after enlarged to other funding sources as ESIF. Therefore, European cooperation can only have an impact if all involved actors work not only for their programme area, but also in favour of an overall shared objective ¹. This is what is called “creating synergies”.

Objective

This document highlights the common thematic priorities and potential synergies between the cooperation programmes, as well as some relevant programmes state of play.

Methodology

This document is namely based on the desk analysis of **15 programmes** ² operating in the area. Here, specific objectives, investment priorities were checked. In addition to

¹ Interact-Mediterranean dialogue: towards stronger synergies between Transnational Interreg Programmes.

² INTERREG ADRION, INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA, INTERREG ITALY-MALTA, ENI ITALY- TUNISIA, ENI CBC MED, INTERREG MED, INTERREG ITALY-FRANCE MARITIMO, BALKAN MEDITERRANEAN, INTERREG SUDOE, INTERREG SPAIN- FRANCE- ANDORRA, INTERREG SPAIN- PORTUGAL, INTERREG GREECE-ITALY, INTERREG GREECE-CYPRUS, INTERREG GREECE -ALBANIA, INTERREG ITALY-ALBANIA- MONTENEGRO



this information a specific meeting took place last September 2018 where 8 EU Cooperation Programmes confirmed the desk analysis, shared about their funding allocation and new calls.

Thematic Priorities and Objectives.

In this programming period 2014-2020, the Southern Europe and Mediterranean programmes are focusing namely in the Thematic Priorities of Innovation and Environment, but Climate change and transport are also represented.

More precisely, programmes Interreg and Neighbourhood are investing in smart specialization and SME's entrepreneurship; natural risks, biodiversity and transport.

However, it is **Natural and Cultural Heritage** the common topic.

WEST MED INIATIVE and PANORAMED

8 programmes participated at the before mentioned Interact's meeting in Palermo, among these, 5 (INTERREG ITALY-MALTA, ENI ITALY- TUNISIA, ENI CBC MED, INTERREG MED and INTERREG ITALY-FRANCE MARITIMO) thought to be directly aligned with the WestMed Initiate goals.

INTERREG SOUTH WEST EUROPE, although does not have a specific maritime approach, there are or could be some projects that are aligned to the goals.

Despite ADRION and BALKAN MED are in the Mediterranean area, they are located in central and Easter Mediterranean where a Macrorregional Strategy (EUSAIR) is to be followed. Nevertheless, in the case of ADRION, it finds it interesting to follow the WestMed and seek also for complementarities. For BALKAN MED, it prefers to focus on a possible Eastern Mediterranean initiative or EUSAIR. In both cases there is not a specific maritime focus.

Regarding Panoramed, the 4 transnational programmes involved were also in the meeting and showed they will to cooperate.

State of Play

All these 8 programmes shared information on their state of play. The most relevant information was about the gap in the timing between Interreg programmes and ENI, with 1 year of difference. This is basically because of the approval of ENI and ETC (Interreg) regulations.

In the case of Interreg some of the programmes are already dealing with their last calls and most of their budget has been already allocated or it will be during 2019. Many projects have been already closed or will be in 2019 providing already some of their final results. On the other hand, the ENI programmes are still waiting for the final selection of their First call of projects during 2019.



Another main message is that the Programmes still have some funds available, namely for innovation and entrepreneurship, and only some few in cultural and natural heritage and biodiversity. However, some are also waiting for their level of projects expenditure to see if they can reinvest in new calls and capitalisation.



		TO 1 INNOVATION	TO 3 SME'S			TO 4: LOW CARBON		TO 5_ CLIMATE CHANGE		TO 6_ ENVIRONMENT				TO 7_ TRANSPORT		TO 8_ EMPLOYMENT & LABOUR MOBILITY			TO 9_ SOCIAL INCLUSION	TO 10 _ EDUCATION & TRAINING	TO 11_ INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY
Programme	State of Play at September 2018 (*) the relevant cell. Click on	1b R&I and smart specialisation	3a) entrepreneurship	3b) SMEs, internationalisation	3d) SMEs and innovation processes	4c) energy efficiency and renewable energy use in public infrastructures	4e) low-carbon strategies and sustainable urban mobility	5a) climate change	5b) risks and disaster management systems	6a) waste	6c) cultural and natural heritage	biodiversity	6f) environmental protection	7b) regional mobility	7c) low-carbon transport and multimodal links	(8) employment	8a) self-employment	8e) cross-border mobility	(9) social inclusion and combating poverty	10 ETC- joint education and training schemes:	11 b) institutional capacity and an efficient public administration; macro-regional and sea-basin strategies
INTERREG ADRION	Projects are already 9 months running. It will launch a call the beginning of 2019 on social innovation, blue growth , maritime security and multimodality in urban areas	X									X	X			X						X
INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA		X						X	X		X	X	X		X						
INTERREG ITALY-MALTA	1st call selected and started in June 2018. 30% Budget already allocated. Next calls: 2nd call : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• exchanges and mobility of researchers• cross-border mobility• protection of the land and marine biodiversity• Innovative dissemination of natural heritage (with particular attention to the land and marine ecosystems)• climate change mitigation 3rd call: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High innovative spin-offs cultural heritage, quality of life and citizens' health• start-ups in the sectors of the quality of life and environmental	X	X						X			X						X			
ENI ITALY- TUNISIA	1st call will be approved by March 2019. 2nd call to be launched by mid October 2019. 16M€ for all objectives	X	X					X			X		X							X	
ENI CBC MED	Standard call closed.35 projects out of 92 will be approved in Jan 2019 (45% allocation). Strategic call to be open in Feb 2019. (45%)Capitalisation call to be open in Jan. 2020 (10%)	X	X			X	X	X		X	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	
INTERREG MED	Some projects have already finished. Next calls(tbc). Last calls in Autumn/Winter 2018 in Blue growth, Sustainable Tourism and biodiversity protection. Strategic call under the framework of Panoramad: Winter/Spring 2019: 12 M€ for Coastal &maritime tourism and Maritime surveillance. Automn-winter 2019: Innovation.	X				X	X				X	X									X
INTERREG ITALY-FRANCE MARITIMO	70 projects approved. November 2018, 3rd Call for p approval) 93% financial resources allocated, 3 out of 4. programmed calls already closed. Next call: 1. A last Call for projects in 2019, concerning : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Innovative cross-border services for business,• Efficiency passenger transports in the cross-border area (integration of services and ticketing)• Cross-border observatory for monitoring harbours' air quality. 2. Speeding up the capitalisation process in close relationship with the goals and priorities of the Westmed Initiative !!!		X	X	X			X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X			
BALKAN MEDITERRANEAN	1 st call already running 9 months. No more funds available.		X		X						X		X								X
INTERREG SUDOE	60% of the budget already allocated. Next calls on Innovation & Research and Environment& Ressource efficiency in 2019.	X	X	X		X			X		X	X									
INTERRG SPAIN- FRANCE- ANDORRA		X		X				X	X		X	X			X			X	X		
INTERREG SPAIN- PO		X	X	X					X		X	X	X								
INTERREG GREECE-ITALY		X	X								X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		
INTERREG GREECE-CYPRUS					X	X	X		X		X		X		X						
INTERREG GREECE -ALBANIA			X						X	X	X				X						
INTERREG ITALY-ALBANIA- MONTENEGRO			X						X		X				X						

Funds not available

Funds still available

(*) For only those programmes present during the meeting held in Palermo, Sept 2018