

# Improving Synergies across Mediterranean programmes for post 2020.

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# Ground rules for today



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- We start with items on the agenda, discussions will follow
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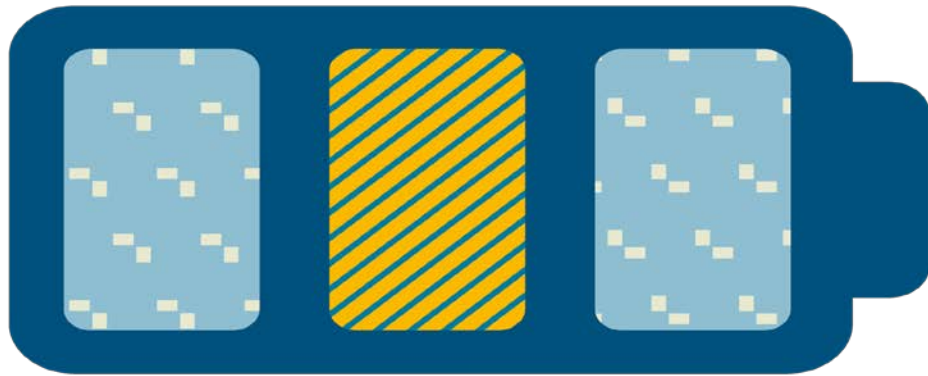
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4. Discussion- Joint exercise on several themes and goals based on the Recovery Plan and the Green Deal.
5. Next steps to be taken.

# Objectives, Steps and Methodology.

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# Objectives

## OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE.

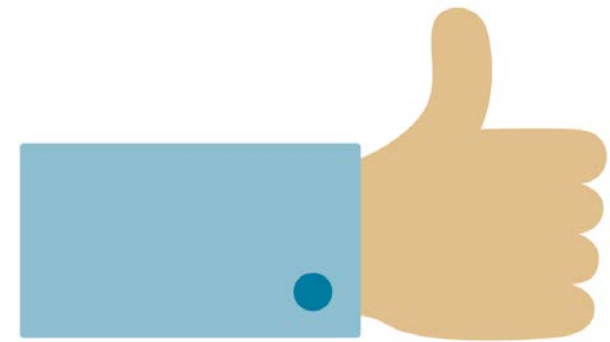
To **reinforce the cooperation between TN, CBC, ENI and IPA** from the programming process to its implementation. **Higher impact** in the territory. **More efficiency** while using public funds.

## SPECIFICALLY .

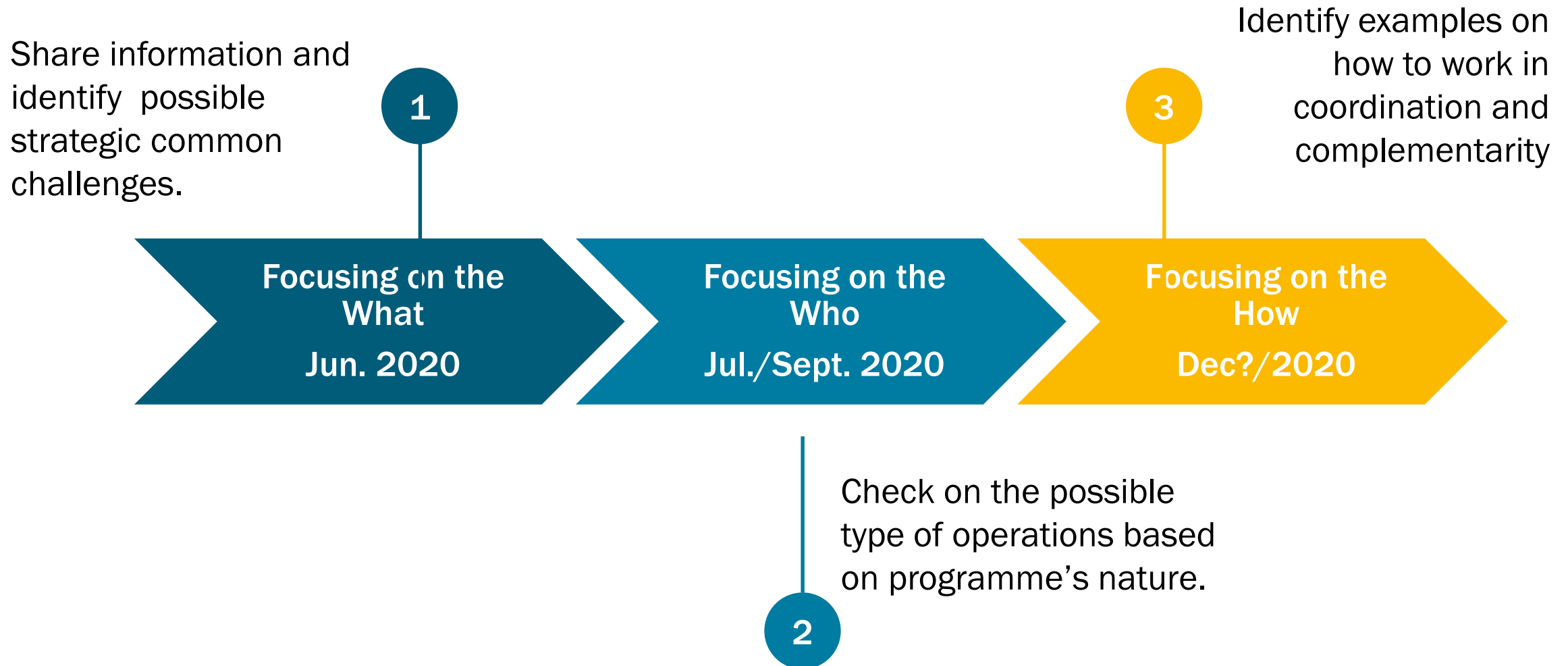
To **kick off the discussion** between programmes authorities and to **explore** the need for **a coordination solution** to address geographical and thematic challenges and build synergies

### Premises for the event.

This meeting is a ground for discussion to take back to your TF meetings. No binding decisions are taken.



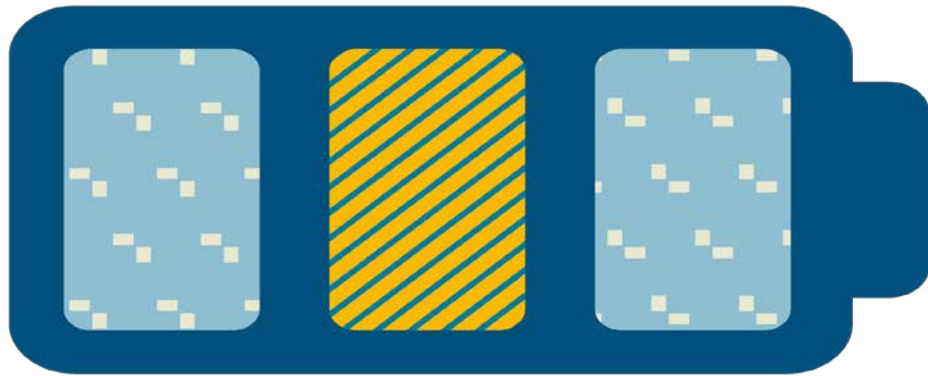
# Process steps



# Opening Speeches.

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*Jean Pierre Halkin. Head of Unit D1-DG REGIO. EU Commission.*  
*Pascal Boijmans. Head of Unit D2-DG REGIO EU Commission.*

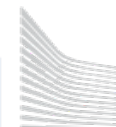




# State of Play & Main Challenges

-Jean Pierre Halkin,  
REGIO D1

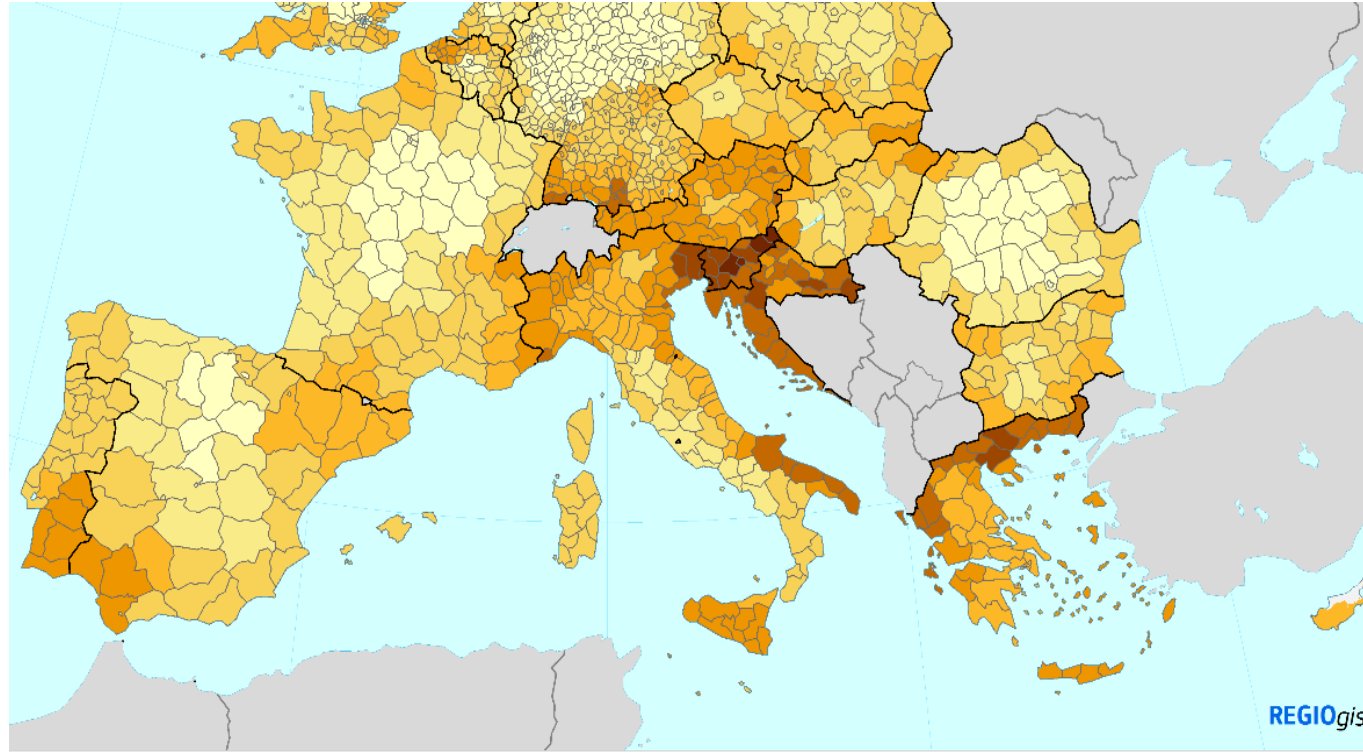
Pascal Boijmans, REGIO  
D2



European  
Commission



# Current Geography in the Mediterranean/ Adriatic & Ionian area



Participation of NUTS3 regions in cooperation programmes, 2014-2020.

Number of programmes



Cross-border, Transnational, IPA, and ENI programmes

- 1 Macro-regional strategy – EUSAIR (DG REGIO)
- 1 Maritime Strategy – West MED (DG MARE)
- 4 Transnational programmes (Interreg Mediterranean, Interreg Adrion, Balkan MED, SUDOE )
- 5 CBC maritime programmes (maritime : ) and several land border programmes in the area
- 3 IPA CBC programmes with a maritime dimension and 7 land-based IPA CBC programmes
- 2 ENI CBC programmes with a maritime dimension

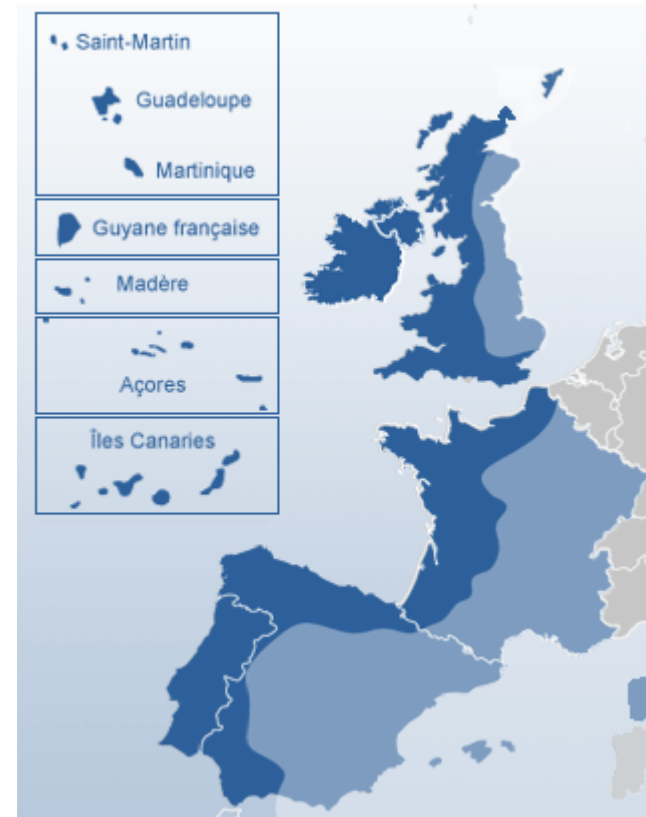
# Current Geography – Political frameworks



- EUSAIR  
Macro-  
Regional  
Strategy



- West MED initiative



- Atlantic Strategy

# Current Geography – transnational programmes





# Current Geography – CBC programmes

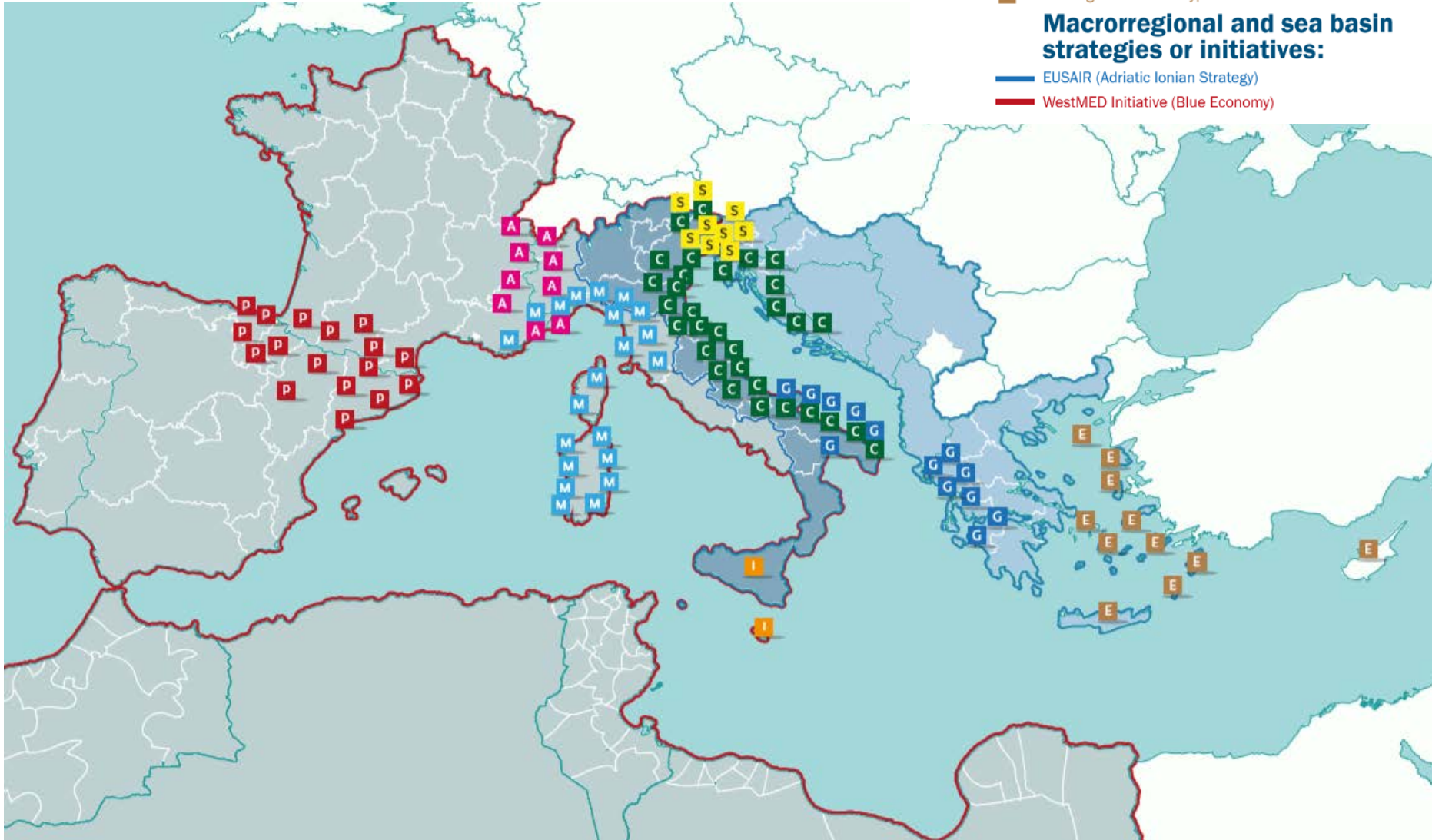
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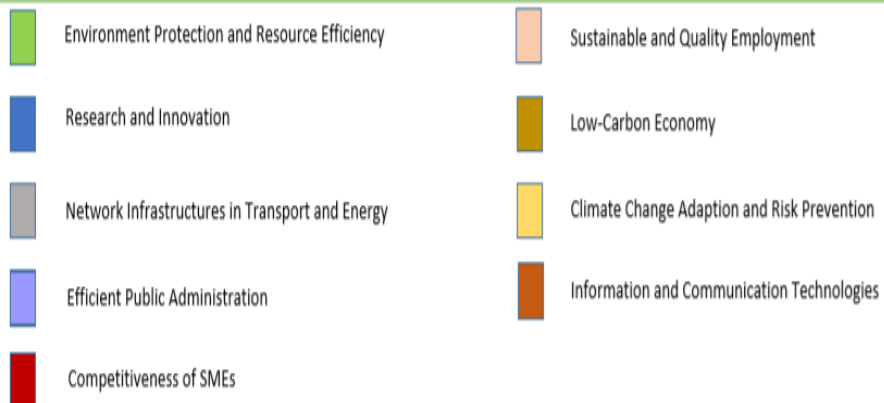
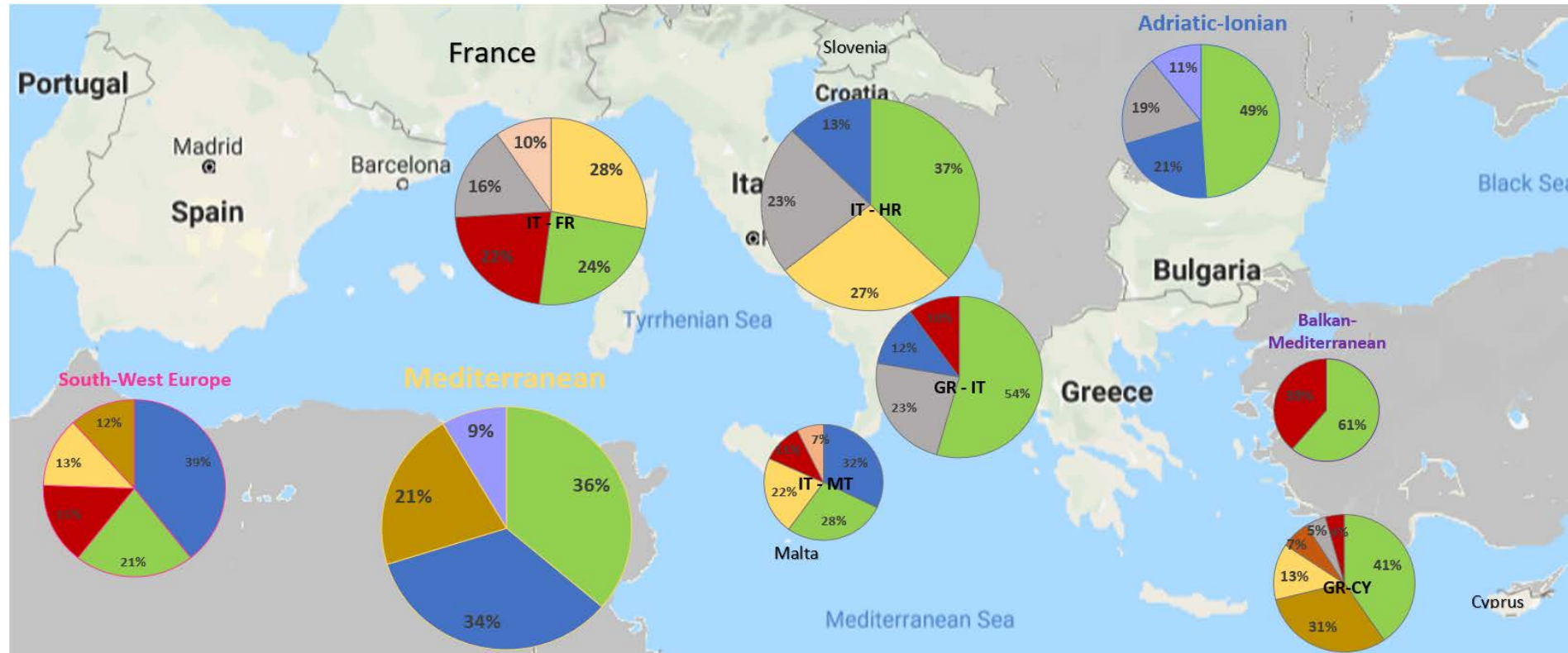
- A** Interreg CBC Italy France \_ Alcotra
- M** Interreg CBC Italy France\_Maritime
- I** Interreg CBC Italy Malta
- C** Interreg CBC Italy Croatia
- S** Interreg CBC Italy Slovenia
- G** Interreg CBC Greece Italy
- P** Interreg CBC Spain, France Andorra (POCTEFA)
- E** Interreg CBC Greece Cyprus

### Macrorregional and sea basin strategies or initiatives:

- EUSAIR (Adriatic Ionian Strategy)
- WestMED Initiative (Blue Economy)



# Current thematic coverage – CBC maritime and Transnational



- Most allocations to **Environmental protection and resource efficiency**
- **R&I** and network infrastructure in Transport and energy also recurring
- **Climate change Adaption & Risk Prevention** in 4 programmes
- **Overlaps** not only geographically but also thematically

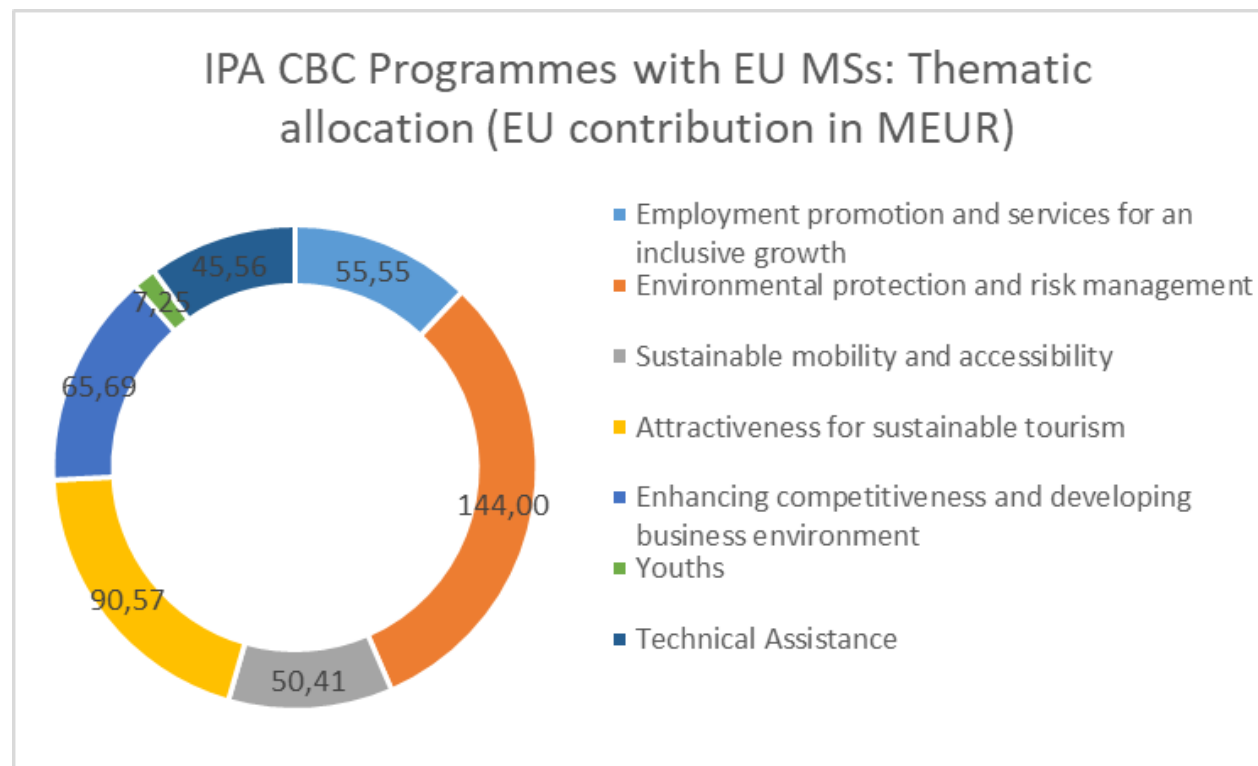


# Current Geography – IPA CBC Programmes

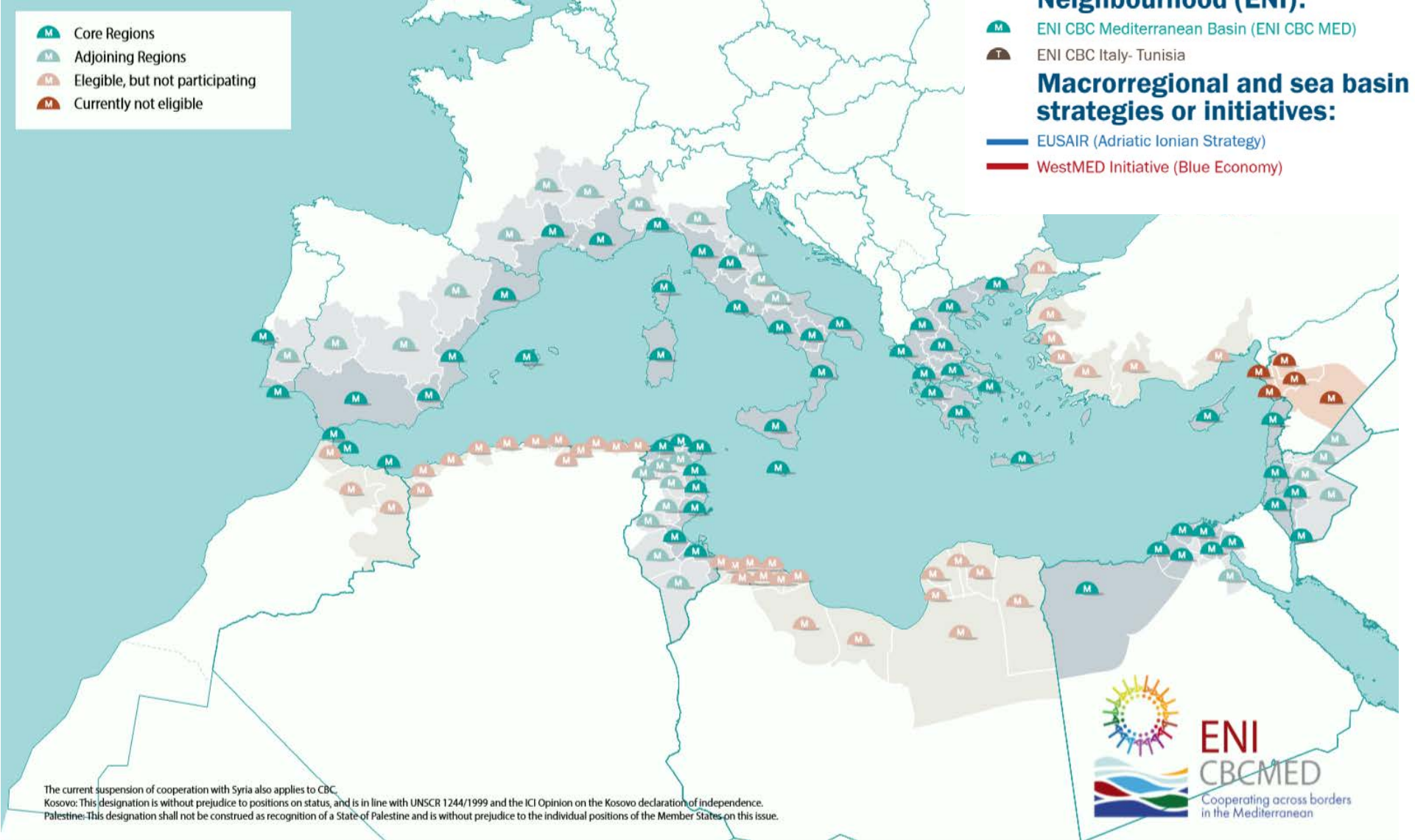




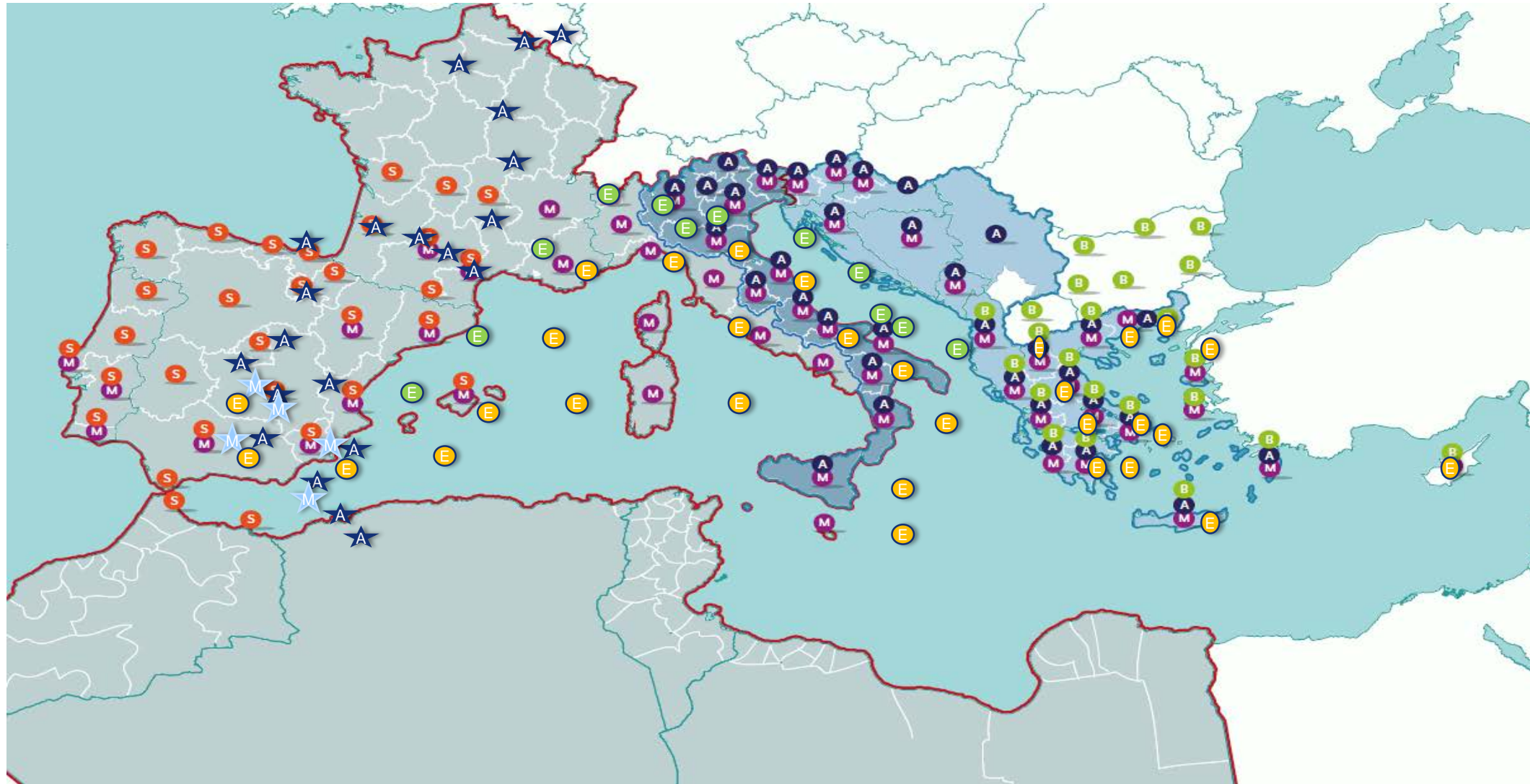
## Current thematic coverage - IPA









# Current Geography – ENI CBC Programmes



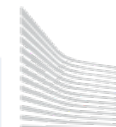
# Programmes of Transnational Scope – By NUTS2



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 ENI MED Core  
 ENI MED Adjoining

 ADRIAN  
 Interreg MED  
 Balkans MED

 Atlantic  
 Mid Atlantic



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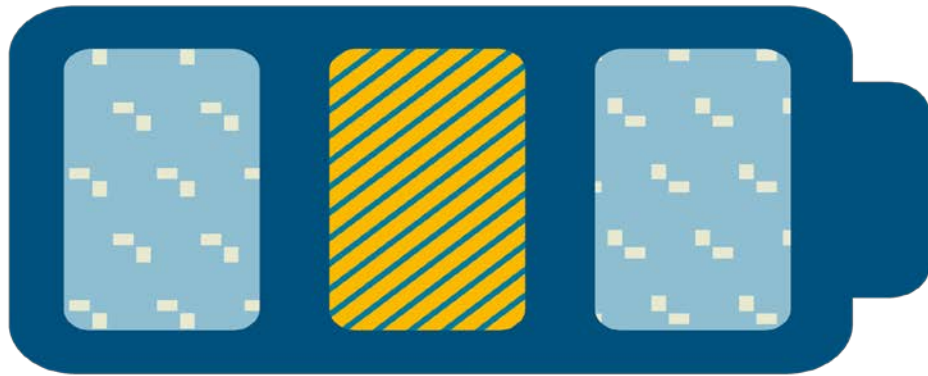
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# Programming post 2020 State of Play. Informal discussion.

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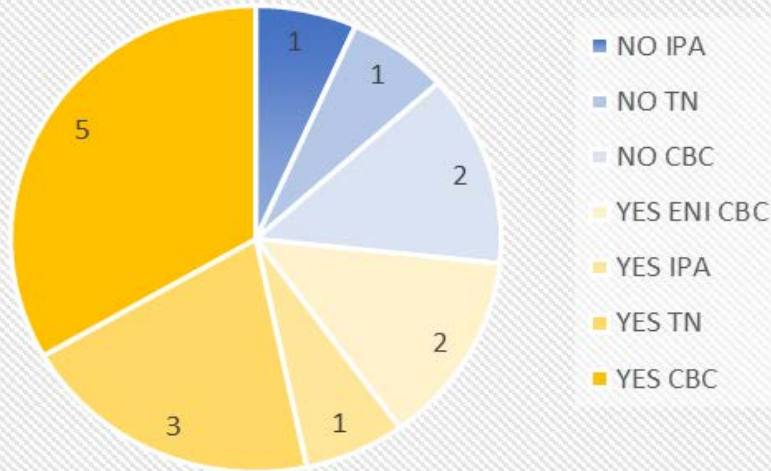
Programmes Authorities



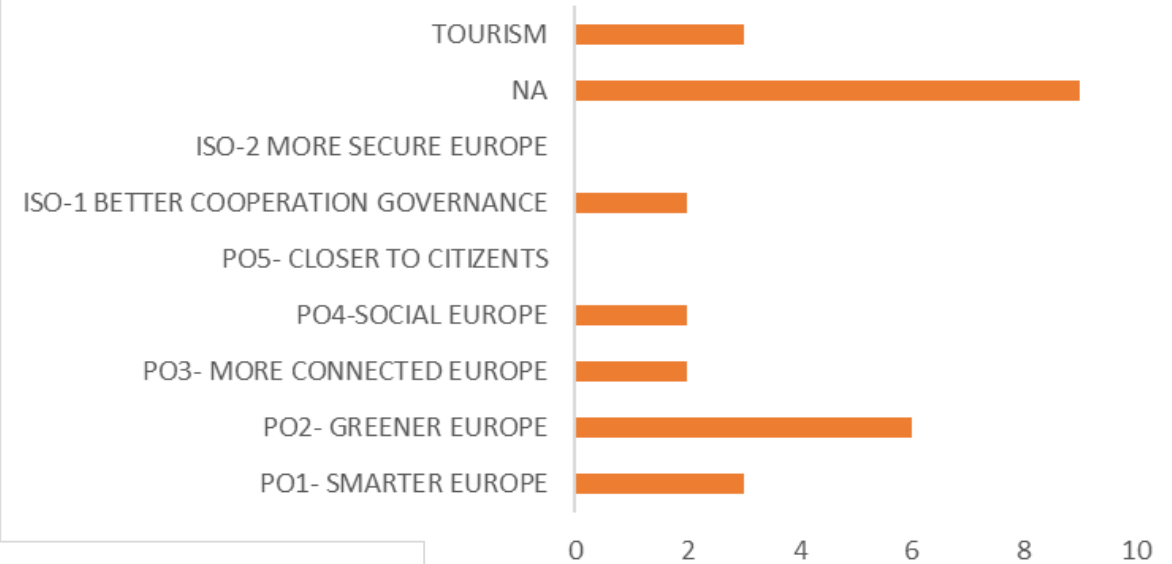


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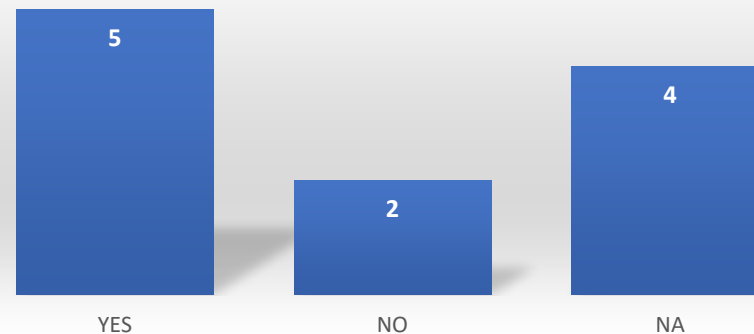
TF post 2020 initiated



Policy Objectives



Sharing documents info





## Territorial assessment and lessons from 2013-2020

- ☐ ADRION prepared and submitted a work plan on programming according to which every Task Force meeting is devoted to talk about pre-defined topics and ensure the elaboration of the Cooperation Programme by end of 2020.
- ☐ Since all our Task Force meeting shall take place on-line, in case the final decision on key Task Force topics is not reached during the scheduled meeting, an additional on line meeting shall take place in short time to come to the final agreements.
- ☐ The territorial analysis has been drafted and presented to the Task Force on 28 May 2020; approval shall be done via written procedure.
- ☐ Since the territorial analysis detected weaknesses in all Policy Objectives, scenarios shall be submitted to the Task Force and discuss on occasion of the next meeting. Each scenario shall include driving goals and proposed Policy and Specific Objectives (and intervention fields).

### **CBC GREECE – CYPRUS**

- People to people Actions in Tourism and Culture
- Environment & Civil Protection
- State-aid schemes for tourist SMEs
- Maritime Spatial Planning

### **CBC GREECE – ITALY**

- A more connected Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)
- Smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
- Health
- Environment & Civil Protection
- People to people Actions in Tourism and Culture

### **IPA CBC GREECE – ALBANIA**

- Transport (road & rail connection) and CB Network
- Health
- Environment, RES & Civil Protection
- People to people Actions in Tourism and Culture

### **CBC GREECE – BULGARIA**

- Transport and CB Network
- Health
- Environment & Civil Protection
- Direct support of SMEs
- People to people Actions in Tourism and Culture

### **IPA CBC GREECE – REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA**

- A more connected Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity)
- Support and upgrade of Health and Social Services Health
- Smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation)
- A greener, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management)
- Conservation of Habitats and biodiversity and protection of the Natural Environment and Cross Border Assets
- People to people Actions in Tourism and Culture

Tentative schedule for the Submission of the Programme: September 2021

# 2021-2027 topics and current forecast



- 1) Greener EU : **Risk management**, Energy efficiency
- 2) More connected EU : **Maritime + air connections**, Port security, Public transport
- 3) Smarter EU : **Blue economy** and agro-food, Smart specialisation and digitalisation, Tourism, Creative and cultural industries
- 4) Accross POs : Promotion of **cultural heritage**, e-health, professional training, good governance

**Current forecast** : Finalising the 2021-27 programme January -

February 2021, submitting it **March - April 2021**



Italy - Albania - Montenegro



# 2021-2027 Key challenges/ themes (source EC MOP)



## KEY THEMES

- Improve **environmental conditions and safety** in the Adriatic area;
- Preservation of **natural and protected cultural heritage** areas;
- **Sustainable tourism**;
- Improving **maritime and land-sea accessibility and connectivity**;
- Addressing **island-specific challenges**;
- Support **innovation, knowledge and digital economy** closely linked to maritime issues.



**SUBMISSION** of the first draft of Programme: **by July 2021**

(source: first MS indications on the Road Map proposal for the 2021-2027 TF)

**1. What key challenges/ themes are you considering for your programme?**

Discussion is ongoing. Due to the instability of the regulations framework (particularly concerning OP4 topics “tourism” and “culture”, and concentration issue) the decision on the strategic orientation and concentration of the Programme is postponed to the next July 2020. What follows is just a broad orientation of the area of interest, as shown by the Task Force delegations.

Policy Objective of potential interest	Possible scenarios of interest
PO1 “A smarter Europe”	Modernization and smart and sustainable models for the attractiveness of the territory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential specific objectives of interest: iii) and iv)</li> </ul>
PO2 “A greener Europe”	A Resilient and Resource-Saving Cross-border Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential specific objectives of interest: iv), vii) (plus eventually urban mobility, or circular economy or renewable energies related topics).</li> </ul>
PO3 “A more connected Europe” PO4 “A more social Europe” PO5 “A Europe closer to citizen”	A first discussion has taken place within the Task Force, however, a common orientation has not yet been agreed.
ISO1” Better cooperation governance “	It could potentially serve, among the others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the needs that are related to “Accessibility” obstacles</li> <li>...</li> </ul>

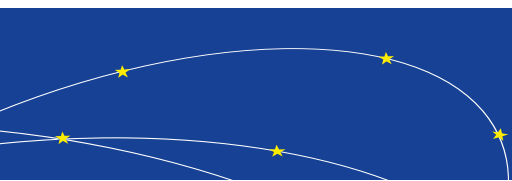
**2. When do you plan to submit your programme?**

By the end of 2020 and according to the EC settled deadlines















# What key challenges/ themes are you considering for your programme?

- The 1st Task Force was held and established on the 23rd of April 2020
- A first draft of the ongoing evaluation has been delivered on the 6th of June 2020 to better focus the post 2020;
- No themes are decided official among the TF yet;
- The main reasonings for the programming activities of the 21-27 up now are based on the concrete results already achieved within the programming period 2014-2020 + the recommendation included in the MOP submitted by the EC.
- In July 2020, a first survey will be launched at cross-border level in order to involve the main stakeholders and understand the new needs of the SMEs affected by COVID-19 consequences + a first analysis on the main cross border assets.



# Matrix of coherence between 14-20 and 21-27 based on current results to be further supported in the new programming period

Financed project within the programme period 2014-2020		Policy objectives 2021-2027	Specific objectives 2021-2027	
Axis 1/IP 1.b - Promoting business investment in innovation and research and developing links and synergies (...)	MICROWATTS, I-ACCESS, I.T.A.M.A., NATIFLIFE, MEDIWARN	1 - a smarter Europe	a1	enhancing innovation capacities  
			a2	reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments;
Axis 2/PI 3.a - Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and by promoting the creation of new businesses, even through business incubators	I KNOW, ENISIE		a3	Enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs 
			a4	developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship
Axis 3/IP 5.b - Promoting investments targeting specific risks, thereby ensuring resilience in case of natural disasters and emergency management systems		2 - a greener, low-carbon Europe	b1	promoting energy efficiency measures
			b2	promoting renewable energy;
			b3	developing smart energy systems at local level;
	BESS, SIMIT THARSY, CALYPSO SOUTH, NEWS		b4	promoting climate change adaptation, risk prevention and disaster resilience;  
			b5	promoting efficient water management 
Axis 1/IP 1.b - Promoting business investment in innovation and research and developing links and synergies (...)	BYTHOS		b6	developing the circular economy 
Axis 3/IP 6.d - promote and restore biodiversity and the soils, and to promote the services for the ecosystems, even through “Natura 2000” and the green infrastructure”	HARMONY, SIMASEED		b7	promoting green infrastructure in the urban environment and reducing pollution 
Axis 2/IP 8.e- promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility by integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility, joint local employment initiatives, information and advisory services and joint training   European Commission within the MOP On going evaluation	JOB MATCH 2020	4 - a more social Europe	d1	promoting well-functioning labour markets and welfare systems;  
			d2	creasing the socio-economic integration of marginalised communities, migrants and disadvantaged groups, including housing, anti-discrimination and preventing radicalisation;
			d3	educing inequalities through developing infrastructure and enhanced access to services in education, training and vocational training;
			d4	ensuring equal opportunities through developing infrastructure and enhancing access to health care and social services.

# When do you plan to submit your programme?

- December 2020 ?!

We hope do to that

Thanks for your attention



# Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 meeting

PROGRAMME IEV DE COOPERATION TRANSFRONTALIERE ITALIE - TUNISIE 2014-2020

15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

- The **1st Task Force** was held and established on the 17<sup>rd</sup> of April 2020
- A first draft of the **territorial analysis** and the **lessons learned** from the past will be illustrated in the next meeting (the 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2020)
- Although not yet shared with the Committee, some themes were submitted to the Italian Mediterranean working group, as a contribution of the Italy Tunisia ENI CBC Programme to the formation of the national position. These contributions arise from the thematic objectives of the 2014-2020 standard projects, shared with the Tunisian National Authority
- The **potential key challenges and themes for 2021-2027** are based on the thematic objectives of the **Programme 14-20 (OT1 – OT2 – OT3)** and recommendation included in the **Joint Paper** and the **Annex V – Orientations for the Interreg NEXT cooperation in the Mediterranean Sea Basin and Mid-Atlantic** - submitted by the EC.
- According to the working plan of the Task Force, from September to December, a first survey will be launched at cross border level in order to involve the **main social partners and stakeholders**.



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# Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 meeting

PROGRAMME IEV DE COOPERATION TRANSFRONTALIERE ITALIE - TUNISIE 2014-2020

15 th June 2020

Objectives 14-20	Financed project 14-20	Potential Key challenges and themes for the Programme Interreg NEXT Italie – Tunisie 2021-2027	Policy objectives 21-27	Specific objectives
<b>OT1</b> Business and SME development	Jesmed, Meditheatres, Cluster Servagri, Aller, Reinventer	Increase research and innovation activity in the Mediterranean Area in order to improve the development of advanced technologies and competitiveness of their SMEs, smart specialization for territorial development	Smarter Europe PO1	<b>A1</b>
<b>OT2</b> Support to education, research, technological development and innovation	Espas, Intemar, Intesa, Patiner, Sinert, Cefel, Celavie, Co-Art	Increase the internationalization and consolidation processes of innovative SMEs in the two territories with the aim of promoting synergies and self-entrepreneurship		<b>A3/A4</b>
<b>OT3</b> Environmental protection and adaptation climate change mitigation	Bleu Adapt, Nettunit, Eve, MED Dé.Co.U.Plages, Tresor	Strengthening and management of cross-border technology systems for climate change mitigation, environmental risks, circular and green economy	Greener, low-carbon Europe PO2	<b>B1/B4/B5/B6</b>
		Management and protection of marine and terrestrial ecosystems and associated biological resources including measures for the control, monitoring and remediation of invasive non-indigenous species		<b>B7</b>
<b>OT2</b> Support to education, research technological development and innovation	Espas, Intemar, Intesa, Patiner, Sinert, Cefel, Celavie, Co-Art	Active support for citizens to strengthen the effectiveness of labor markets also in the cross-border context and to strengthen professional skills	More social Europe PO4	<b>D1</b>
Discussion with partner country		Support integrated development social, economic and environmental and cultural heritage	Europe closer to citizens	<b>E1</b>

# *Improving synergies across Mediterranean for post 2020 meeting*

PROGRAMME IEV DE COOPERATION TRANSFRONTALIERE ITALIE - TUNISIE 2014-2020

15 th June 2020

*When do you plan to submit your  
Programme?*

**In June 2021**



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# What and When?

No geography approved yet!

- **Key challenges/themes:**

PO1, PO2 and IO Better Governance have been indicated as possible strategic objectives for the next Interreg MED Programme (further discussions on the Specific Objectives as well as PO5 will follow soon).


Programme addressing climate and environmental objectives, with possible focus on: innovation in blue and green growth (through bio and circular economy), protection and restoration of natural environment (including risk management), transition to a climate neutral society.

- **Programme submission:**

Not before first quarter 2021.

## POCTEFA 21-27

30/06/2020	WG nº5 final review of the Territorial Needs Analysis and first reflection on the Joint Strategy Presentation of the proposed of political objectives and thematic concentration (60%) by MA
27/07/2020 to 1/10/2020	Submission of a draft proposal for the Joint Strategy Deadline for comments on the draft Joint Strategy Submission of proposed final version of Joint Strategy
<i>From 8/10/2020</i>	WG nº6 final version Joint Strategy and reflection on phase 2 (consolidation of priorities and political objectives of the Programme)
15/10/2020	Start of fase 2



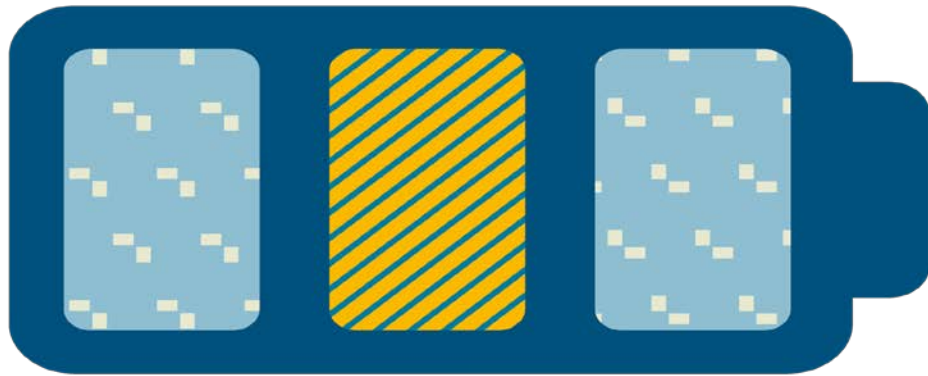
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feedback**



# Discussion\_Joint Exercise in google doc.

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Strategic goals and themes based on EU Recovery Plan and EU Green Deal.





# Report back







**Have a say!**



# Next steps.

## When Next meeting, to discuss the WHO?

2<sup>nd</sup> week of July? 1<sup>st</sup> of September?

## Where Sharing Documents?

- Med Lab Group Community.
- Med Lab group Library section (Interact website)



# Cooperation works

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