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Joint Operational Programme Black Sea 2007-2013

1st Call for Proposals

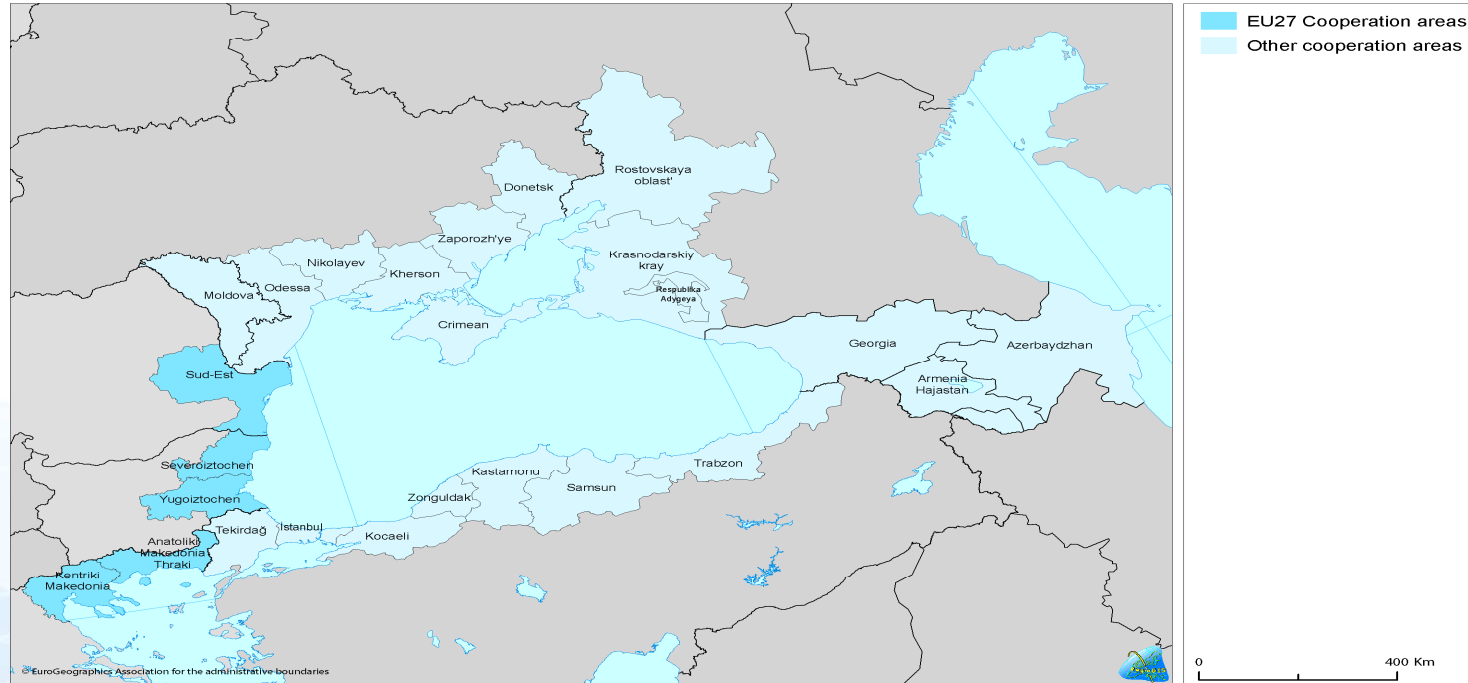


EUROPEAN UNION

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ENPI CBC Sea-Basin Programme 2007-2013
Black Sea



Bulgaria: Severoiztochen, Yugoiztochen;
Greece: Kentriki Makedonia, Anatoliki Makedonia Thraki;
Romania: South East Region;
Turkey: Istanbul, Tekirdağ, Kocaeli, Zonguldak, Kastamonu, Samsun, Trabzon;
Russia: Rostov Oblast, Krasnodar Krai, Adygea republic;
Ukraine: Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson, Sevastopol, Zaporosh'ye and Donetsk Oblast, Crimea Republic, Sevastopol;
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Rep. of Moldova - all regions.



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Notice

- **Open Call for Proposals**
- **All documents are submitted at one stage**
- **Call for Proposals is launched under suspension clause linked to the signing of Financing Agreements before 31st of Dec 2009**



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Timeline and budget

Launch of the Call: end of May 2009

Deadline of the Call: 31st of August 2009

Budget for the Call:

3,311,369 EUR(ENPI contribution)

1,339,401 EUR(IPA contribution)



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Programme strategy

OBJECTIVE 1: PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE BORDER AREAS

Priority 1: Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on common resources

1,169,318 Euro (ENPI)
472,972 Euro (IPA)

Measure 1.1: Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra-regional information, communication, transport and trade links

Measure 1.2: Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products

Measure 1.3: Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies

OBJECTIVE 2: WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS COMMON CHALLENGES

Priority 2: Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation

1,328,770 Euro (ENPI)
537,468 Euro (IPA)

Measure 2.1: Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems

Measure 2.2: Promoting research, innovation and awareness in the field of conservation and environmental protection for protected natural areas

Measure 2.3: Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of solid waste and wastewater management systems

OBJECTIVE 3: PROMOTING LOCAL, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE COOPERATION

Priority 3: Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin

813,281 Euro (ENPI)
328,961 Euro (IPA)

Measure 3.1: Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities.



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Financial allocation of the Call

ENPI	EC Funding	National co-financing	National co-financing rate	Total funding (EC + national)
Priority 1	1,169,318	116,932	10%	1,286,249
Priority 2	1,328,770	132,877	10%	1,461,647
Priority 3	813,281	81,328	10%	894,610
TOTAL	3,311,369	331,137	10%	3,642,506

IPA	EC Funding	National co-financing	National co-financing rate	Total funding (EC + national)
Priority 1	472,972	52,552	10%	525,524
Priority 2	537,468	59,719	10%	597,187
Priority 3	328,961	36,551	10%	365,512
TOTAL	1,339,401	148,822	10%	1,488,223



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Size of grants and duration of actions

Type of actions (or projects)

Minimum
amount

Maximum
amount

Priorities 1 & 2

EUR 100,000

EUR 700,000

Priority 3

EUR 50,000

EUR 250,000

Projects implemented mainly or entirely in a single participating-country but having a cross-border impact

EUR 50,000

EUR 250,000

Duration:

- For actions of Eur 50,000 up to Eur 100,000 - max.12 months;
- For actions over Eur 100,000 up to Eur 700,000 - 12 to 24 months.



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Payment rates

Grants	Duration of actions	(First instalment of) Pre-financing	Forecast second instalment of pre-financing	Forecast final payment
Eur 50,000 up to Eur 100,000	max 12 months	80 %	-	20 %
over Eur 100,000 up to Eur 700,000	max 24 months	30 %	50 %	20 %



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Eligibility of applicants and partners

1/2

- represent one of the following legal entities:
 - a. national, regional or local public authority;
 - b. body governed by public law;
 - c. association formed by one or several national, regional or local public authorities or one or several bodies governed by public law, as defined under paragraphs a-b
 - d. other non-profit organisation, other than legal entities defined under paragraph c;
 - e. public undertaking operating in the water, energy and transport services sectors



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Eligibility of applicants and partners

2/2

- be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the project with their partners, not acting as an intermediary and
- be located in the eligible area of the programme or
- be organizations whose headquarters are located outside the programme area in projects implemented in the eligible area - but in one of the ten participating countries - and have local/regional subsidiary/branch offices established in the eligible area:
 - in case of a subsidiary (having legal personality) the subsidiary shall be the Applicant, and in case of contracting, it shall be the Beneficiary;
 - in case of a branch (not having legal personality) the central organization shall be the Applicant, and in case of contracting, it shall be the Beneficiary.



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Potential applicants and partners

- public administrations and their institutions
- decentralised and/or local governmental public services
- development agencies
- public undertakings
- chambers of commerce
- agricultural, forestry and fishery authorities
- tourism public authorities
- urban and rural development institutions
- ports, rails and roads management authorities
- operators and service providers on electronic communication
- environmental protection agencies and similar institutions
- waste, water and wastewater management bodies
- natural protected areas and reservations administrations
- emergency situations institutions
- protection against floods bodies
- cultural institutions and operators
- educational institutions,
- research and training institutions
- NGOs
- Euroregions



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Eligibility of partnerships

Actions will be jointly submitted and implemented by partnerships that will always involve partners from one or several Member States and from one or several partner countries and/or Turkey.

Turkish partners in tripartite projects involving at least one partner from a Member State and one partner from a partner country.

The recommended number of partners involved in each partnership is between 3 and 10 partners.

Other:

- Associate partners
- Subcontractors



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Eligible actions

Types of actions (projects):

- **Integrated projects** with different activities in several countries that jointly achieve a certain objective having a cross-border impact;
- **Symmetrical projects** with the similar activities in all countries participating in the project;
- **Projects** implemented mainly or entirely in a single participating-country but having a cross-border impact.

Priority - integrated projects.

Only 10% available for projects implemented mainly or entirely in a single participating-country, but having a cross-border impact.

Cross-border impact:

- **Joint development**
- **Joint implementation**
- **Joint staffing**
- **Joint financing**

Minimum requirement: 2 conditions out of 4.



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Indicative activities (1/3)

Priority 1

- Support to the promotion of traditional products from Black Sea agriculture on the international market;
- Development of cooperation networks aimed at promoting the use of information and communication technologies in local/regional economic initiatives;
- Pre-feasibility studies for small-scale transport infrastructures for a better integration of less developed areas and tourist destinations in the Basin;
- Common initiatives for promoting transit transportation infrastructures in the region aimed at increasing freight and passenger transportation efficiency.
- Creation of cross-border tourism products and common service standards (thematic routes, quality systems etc).
- Training for staff of local bodies and institutions supporting SMEs, especially for the improvement of capacity to operate in interregional initiatives (e.g. marketing plans, product development and small business management);
- Networks for the promotion of innovative urban and rural planning and management methodologies for urban development and rehabilitation;
- Establishment of a Black Sea Basin network for capacity building for local and regional administrators through the exchange of good practices and innovations for local development.



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Indicative activities (2/3)

Priority 2

- Establishment or strengthening of networks for the development in partnership of methodologies and capabilities of the responsible rescue authorities in view of the response to oil spills on the coastal area and the mitigation of marine pollution;
- Support to the development in partnership of contingency plans in order to ensure the ability of the Black Sea coastal authorities to respond to pollution;
- Preparation/promotion or implementation of scientific studies in the fields of monitoring, control and protection of the maritime system and of rivers in the area.
- Development of concepts for coordination and cooperation in case of natural or man-made disasters
- The establishment or strengthening of networks for joint development of planning and management methodologies and the creation of databases for the natural protected areas of the Black Sea Basin;
- Support to information and educational activities, including awareness-raising campaigns, in the field of wastewater and solid waste management, water saving and waste recycling;
- Partnerships for innovation in waste management in regions with significant seasonal tourism flows that are concentrated in particular areas;
- Partnerships of authorities for the exchange of good practices and governance tools in the sectors of solid waste and wastewater management - based on EU approaches.



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Indicative activities (3/3)

Priority 3

- Establishment of partnerships for the promotion of cultural heritage values;
- Establishing networks of cultural institutions in the Black Sea Basin for strengthening regional identity;
- The creation of networks of cultural centres, sharing cultural values from all regions
- The establishment of partnerships for the exchange of experiences with traditional popular culture through the promotion of common cultural events in the Black Sea Basin.
- Partnerships for the exchange of students and academics for the establishment of channels of cultural integration in the Black Sea Basin;
- Partnerships among universities, high schools and research centres aimed at the design and development of special educational programmes based on topics of common interest in the Black Sea Basin;
- Networks for the exchange of experience in adapting education and vocational training systems to the needs of a market economy, based on common approaches.



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Number of applications and grants per Applicant

- An Applicant may submit more than one application under this Call for Proposals.
- An Applicant may not be awarded more than three grants under this Call for Proposals, one grant per each priority.
- An Applicant may at the same time be partner in another application.
- Partners may take part in more than one application



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Eligibility of costs

- Eligible direct costs
- Contingency reserve (max 2%)
- Eligible indirect costs (max 7% flat-rate)
- Contributions in kind - not eligible
- Ineligible costs

Annex G: Eligibility of expenditure



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Further information

Questions - no later than **15 days** before deadline

Replies - no later than **11 days** before deadline

Relevant questions together with answers -
published on website

JMA cannot give a prior opinion on eligibility



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Project preparation workshops

Period: May-August 2009

Locations:

- Member States and Turkey: 3 events per country
- Partner countries: 2-3 events per country (RCBI)

More information published soon on:

www.blacksea-cbc.net

www.rcbi.info