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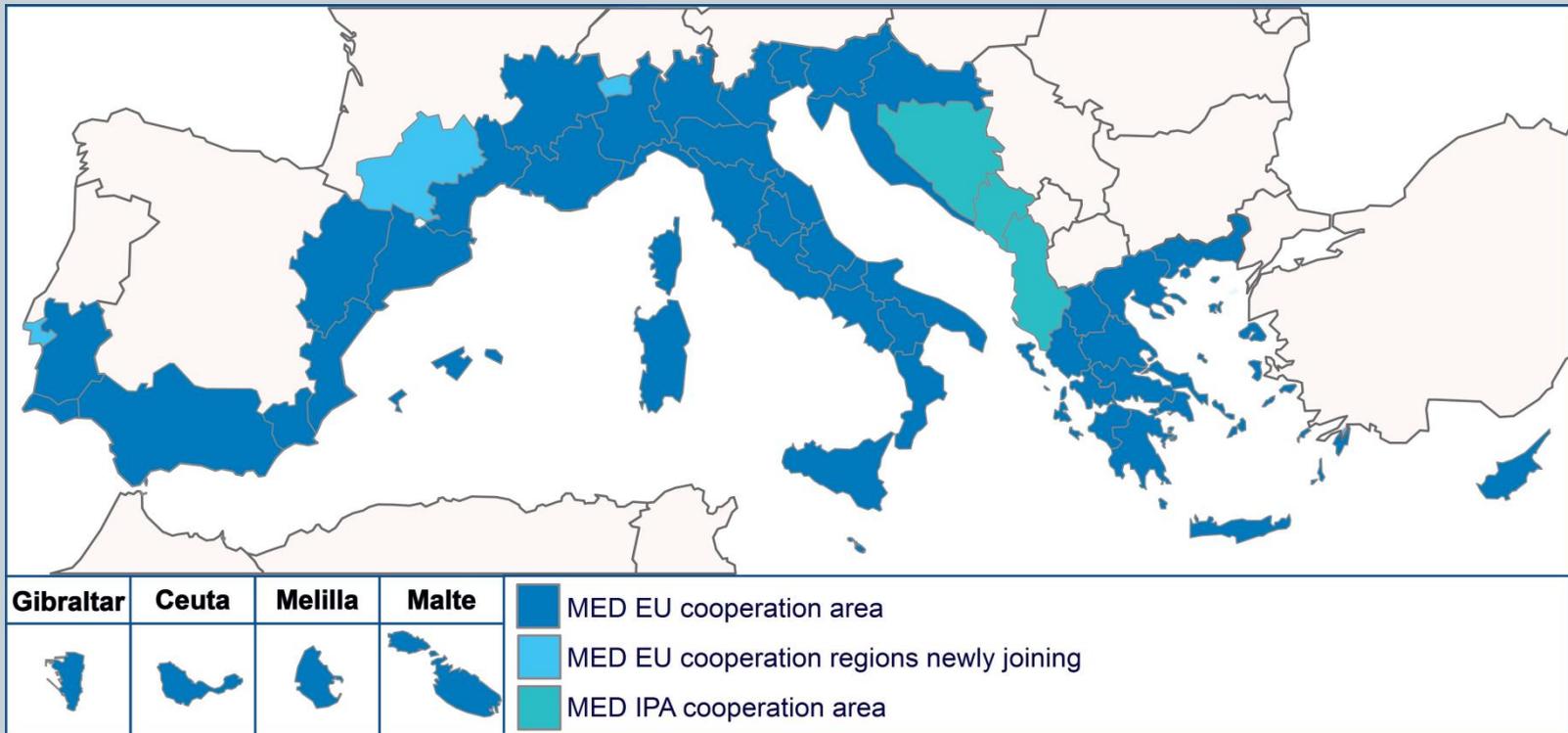
# The future MED Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 in a nutshell



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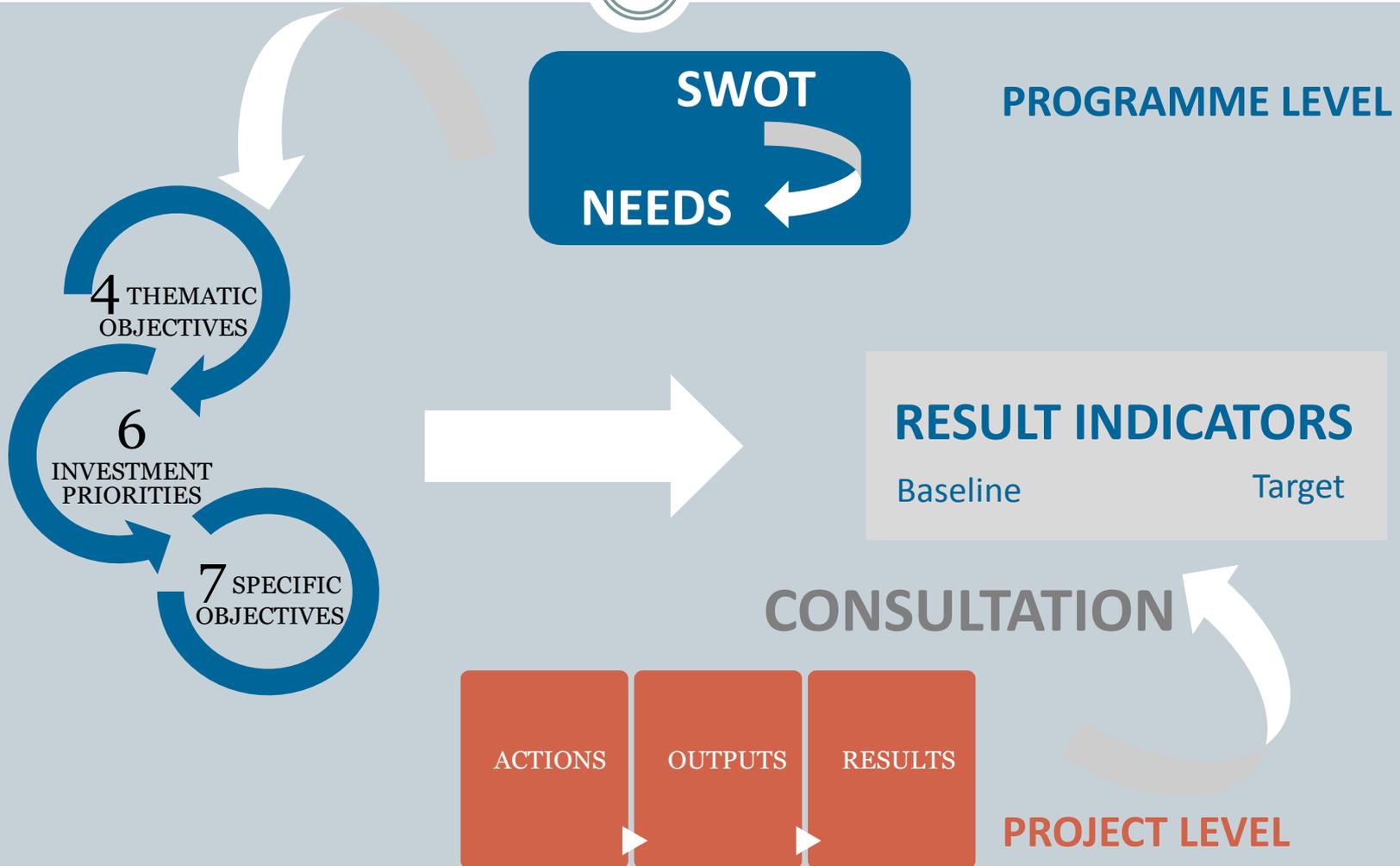
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- ❖ 13 States from the Mediterranean coastal regions
- ❖ Out of these, 3 EU candidates/potential candidate countries
- ❖ 3 EU cooperation regions newly joining



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Programme structure



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## What budget?

€ Available ERDF funds : around **224 Mio €**

€ Available IPA funds: around **9 Mio€**

€ ERDF co-financing rate for partners not concerned by state aid:  
**85%**

€ ERDF co-financing rate for economic operators and structures  
concerned by state aid: **85% or 50%**

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## What's new?

- ① Projects organised by **modules** of 12/18 months:
  - ▶ Module 1: Studies / Common strategies
  - ▶ Module 2: Action plans / Transnational experimentation / Local transfer
  - ▶ Module 3: Capitalisation / Transfer / Mainstreaming
- ① Focus on **synergies mechanisms**, thematic communities and clusters e.g. by realizing horizontal projects
- ① Focus on **performance** and **measurable** results
- ① Enhanced participation of **private sector** (SMEs) and **civil society** (private co-financing in priority axis 1-3)

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## Territorial and integrated approach of the MED programme

Specific attention to **four types of areas**:



**Coastal areas** with high level of attractiveness, important concentration of activities and fragility of natural and cultural resources



**Urban areas** as centers of innovation and socioeconomic activities and which are confronted to strong environmental challenges with pollution and GHG emissions



**Islands** that cover 4% of the Mediterranean and represent a major economic, environmental and cultural dimension of the MED area



**Rural areas** characterised by rural activities and low density of population. Their development is hampered by geographical isolation and/or demographic and environmental changes

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## PRIORITY AXIS 1:

Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth

### *Common Strategic Framework*

*Thematic Objective 1: Strengthening research, technological development and innovation*

*Investment Priority 1B: Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development (...)*

Available ERDF budget : **72** Mio €

Available IPA budget: **3** Mio €

= **32%** of ERDF and IPA budget

**Private co-financing** for ERDF partners

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**PRIORITY AXIS 1:** Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth

**Specific Objective 1.1:**

To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area

**Thematic keywords:** Blue and green growth, creative industries and social innovation

**Types of action:** The development of clusters and networks, development of models and tools, transfer of knowledge, as well as awareness-raising and capitalisation activities

**Key target groups:** SMEs, economic operators and structures accompanying them; public authorities and research structures;

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## PRIORITY AXIS 2:

Fostering low carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories: cities, islands and remote areas

### *Common Strategic Framework*

*Thematic Objective 4: Supporting the shift toward a low-carbon economy in all sectors*

*Investment Priority 4C: Supporting energy efficiency, smart energy management and renewable energy use (...)*

*Investment Priority 4E: Promoting low-carbon strategies for all types of territories, in particular for urban areas (...)*

Available ERDF budget : **45** Mio €

Available IPA budget: **1,9** Mio €

= **20%** of ERDF and IPA budget

**Private co-financing** for ERDF partners

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## **PRIORITY AXIS 2:** Fostering low carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific MED territories: cities, islands and remote areas

### **Specific Objective 2.1:**

To raise capacity for better management of energy in public buildings at transnational level

### **Specific Objective 2.2:**

To increase the share of renewable local energy sources in energy mix strategies and plans in MED territories

### **Specific Objective 2.3**

To increase capacity to use existing low carbon transport systems and multimodal connections among them

**Thematic keywords:** Reduction of Green House Gas emissions, increase energy efficiency and promotion of renewable energy

**Types of action:** Strategy building, capacity building, awareness raising, training and changing practices; Feasibility studies and analyses, elaborating policy plans, services and tools; Possibility for small-scale investments and pilot projects

**Key target groups:** Public authorities, research structures, enterprises, NGO's/civil society structures (end user role)

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## PRIORITY AXIS 3:

### Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources

#### *Common Strategic Framework*

*Thematic Objective 6: Protecting and promoting natural and cultural resources*

*Investment Priority 6C: Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage*

*Investment Priority 6D: Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000 (...)*

Available ERDF budget : **76** Mio €

Available IPA budget: **3,2** Mio €

= **34%** of ERDF and IPA budget

**Private co-financing** for ERDF partners

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## **PRIORITY AXIS 3:** Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources

### **Specific Objective 3.1:**

To enhance the development of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED area

### **Specific Objective 3.2:**

To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas

**Thematic keywords:** Strong attractiveness of coastal areas, environmental strain of urban development, geographical constraints (coastal areas, islands, mountains) and environmental consequences of climate change; Potential of new employment creation for the future.

**Types of action:** Analysis, studies, policy-planning and strategy development, but also on transfer of practices and policy implementing measures

**Key target groups:** Public authorities, but also associations and NGO's, research bodies, and to some extent enterprises

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## PRIORITY AXIS 4:

### A shared Mediterranean Sea

#### *Common Strategic Framework*

*Thematic Objective 11: Enhancing institutional capacity*

*Investment Priority 11: Enhancing governance in the Mediterranean*

Available ERDF budget : **18** Mio €

Available IPA budget: **0,4** Mio €

= **8%** of ERDF and IPA budget

**NO private co-financing!**

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## PRIORITY AXIS 4: A shared Mediterranean Sea

### Specific Objective 4.1:

To support the process of developing multilateral coordination frameworks and strengthening the existing ones in the Mediterranean for joint responses to common challenges

### Important aspects:

- ▷ Experimental and challenging task
- ▷ Necessity of better coordination between the authorities incontestable
- ▷ Part of the programme space is already concerned by a **macro-regional strategy**
- ▷ Only a limited number of integrated cooperation projects will be supported by this axis (possibility to finance earmarked 'macro-regional' pilot projects within thematic priorities)

**Types of action:** Thematic concentration, consultation processes and studies, networks of public authorities to improve decision making processes and foster common views and strategies

**Key target groups:** Projects financed should involve various regional, national and international bodies

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