

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

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#### 1- Identification

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME	Objective concerned
	European territorial cooperation
	Eligible area concerned
	MED area*
	Programming period
	2007-2013
	Programme reference (CCI code)
	2007CB163PO045
	Title of the program
	MED
ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION	Year reported
REPORT	2009
	Date of approval of the annual report by the
	Monitoring Committee:
	23/06/2010 (Chania – Crete)

#### ➤ List of eligible ERDF regions:

- the whole territory of Cyprus, Greece, Malta and Slovenia
- the whole territory of Italy except the region of Valle d'Aosta and Trentino- Alto Adige
- the regions of Algarve and Alentejo (Portugal);
- Gibraltar (United Kingdom);
- Ceuta, Melilla, Andalusia, Murcia, Valencia, Catalonia, Aragón, Balearic Islands (Spain)
- -Corse, Languedoc-Roussillon, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Rhône-Alpes (France).

# List of eligible IPA regions:

- the whole territory of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia and Montenegro.

## List of acronyms:

- AA > Audit Authority
- AIR > Annual Implementation Report
- CA > Certifying Authority
- CBC ENPI > Cross-Border Cooperation with the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument
- DB > Database
- GD > General Direction
- DIACT > Inter-ministerial delegation for the development and competitiveness of the territories
- EC > European Commission
- GOA > Group of auditors
- IPA > Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance
- JTS > Joint Technical Secretariat
- LO > Liaison office
- LP > Lead Partner
- MA > Managing Authority
- MC > Monitoring Committee
- MS > Member States
- NCP > National Contact Points
- OP > Operational Programme

- SC > Selection Committee
- TA > Technical assistance
- WG > working group

#### ➤ List of annexes:

- table of indicators (no.1)
- 2009 annual event statistics (no.2)
- 2009 newsletters (no.3)

#### 2 – Overview of the implementation of the operational programme

#### 2.1. Progress establishment and analysis

After the official start of the MED Programme and the preparation and consolidation of the working tools in 2008 (committees, procedures, regulations, communication, control etc), 2009 was the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Programme's implementation. As a result of a two step application procedure 50 projects were selected for funding within the frame of the first call for proposals. The selection procedure lasted approximately 10 months between May 2008 and February 2009 (Rome, 4/5 February 2009).

Moreover, as early as October 2008, the Programme's Monitoring Committee had already approved the opening of a second call for "traditional" projects for the 16<sup>th</sup> February which closed with the receipt of 447 pre-application applications compared to 531 for the 1<sup>st</sup> call. The 2<sup>nd</sup> call selection procedure was not completed by the end of 2009 (submission of the final application in process).

These two major events determined the organisation of the managing authority to work on the Programme for the first semester of 2009.

Besides, on the one hand there was a requirement to start the selected projects as quickly as possible while respecting the administrative and regulatory constraints. On the other, the experience of the 1<sup>st</sup> call had to be taken into account in order to improve, where necessary, the quality of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call's selection process. At the same time the finalisation of the Programme's management procedures was carried out, in particular a description of the 1<sup>st</sup> level control system of the MED area's MS.

This is why the MA/JTS's activity for the first semester was concentrated on:

- a) the evaluation and preparation of the Selection Committee for the second phase of the 1<sup>st</sup> call as well as on the contracting procedure for the approved projects;
- b) informing and supporting the set up and closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call;
- c) the consolidation of the internal and external tools for managing the Programme.

a) On this last point, it needs to be emphasised that nearly all the selected operations were done so under conditions. Therefore the application forms of the projects were subject of modification particularly in relation to the budget (ERDF request).

This requirement created a considerable work load for the applicants and the JTS. Concretely it meant explanation, integration and administrative checking, and also providing an access to the IT tool to make any required changes to the concerned lead partners. The JTS then received the new consolidated form on paper to check its compliance with the electronic version (PRESAGE CTE) and compliance with the SC (conditions) and administrative (signatures) requirements at the same time as receiving the subsidy contract for signing by the MA. Only after the checking of all these elements could the subsidy contract be proposed for signature by the MA.

This administrative work was enriched by constant telephone/e-mail contact between LPs and the JTS which moreover was able to benefit from the organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> seminar for the LPs that took place in Marseille on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009. The seminar programme included the description of the contracting procedure as well as a description, still theoretical at this stage, of the procedures for submitting payment claims for the reimbursement of the ERDF co-financing. The financial monitoring management tool was not yet operational at this time.

All 50 projects were able to have their grant contracts signed before the summer holidays.

b) In parallel with the MC's decision of October 2008 to open a new call in 2009, the MA/JTS together with MS contributions, already started an important work on checking the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the application form.

Following the closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> call, the general observation was that formally, in the MED Programme, the two phases were not sufficiently differentiated to allow the development of projects' ideas, since the application forms were almost identical in both phases.

After he JTS's evaluation had focused as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> phase on a whole set of elements that were intended for the final evaluation. This observation therefore meant that the Programme's authorities had to rework the elements for the submission of the applications (simplifying the text of the 1<sup>st</sup> texts and 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the call) before the official opening on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009. This work affected all of the elements of the 2009 *application pack* with an improvement in the drafting of the call text, letters of commitment, information sheets (partners' financial and human resources), *state aid/de minimis* declarations and the evaluation grid taking account of the criticisms and remarks from the 1<sup>st</sup> call's partners beneficiaries.

The reference texts such as the implementation guide (DOMO) the financial guides and CTE PRESAGE were also corrected and/or adapted where necessary.

In addition to this updating work for the application documents, the MA/JTS and the MS organised a technical information day for all interested potential partners beneficiaries which took place in Marseille on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (approximately 120 participants).

Finally, considering the impossibility of organising bilateral meetings with all the people who requested them, the MA/JTS decided to focus on a telephone and emails procedure for providing information. Additionally, a template form for an informal evaluation of the content was available: around 150 forms were processed within three weeks (the JTS set a maximum deadline for receipt and a maximum number of possible files to examine).

The closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MED call took place on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

c) For this third point, further details will be given in paragraph 2.7 "monitoring and evaluation". It is important to state that following the work carried out in 2008 the aim of making the greatest number of tools and procedures operational has been assured, in order to guarantee the viability of the MED Programme.

Regarding this, two major areas of work were carried out during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester: 1) finishing the management and control system description e.g. Art. 71 Reg.1083/2006 and 2) enriching and updating the IT monitoring system, PRESAGE-CTE.

- 1) On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009, the services of the DG REGIO Commission approved the system presented in April by the Programme's AA.
- 2) At the end of June, the DIACT service provider (since 2010 DATAR), the company ADVOO was able to integrate in PRESAGE the entire procedure of certification of the expenses concerning the payment claim for the final beneficiaries.

In addition, during the first semester of 2009, the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of GOA took place in Paris on 27<sup>th</sup> February and the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the MC of the MED Programme on 6<sup>th</sup> May in Genoa.

The Paris GOA allowed a meeting between the firm selected to carry out the 2nd level checks (operations and system) and the MS. The Genoa MC approved the JTS's 2009 working plan, the documents for implementing 1<sup>st</sup> level internal control procedure for the MA/JTS and the procedure for the launch the terms of reference regarding the "*in itinere*" evaluation.

However, the Genoa MC did not yet validate the terms of reference for the external expert contracts accompanying the launch of the call for strategic projects since the MS had requested further information and details.

The main activities of the second semester of 2009 concentrated on the following sectors:

- d) evaluation and preparation by the Selection Committee of the first phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call and on the opening of the second phase;
- e) reception and processing of the initial requests for payment and reimbursement;
- f) the Programme's information and communication activities and tools:
- g) preparation of the terms of reference for the strategic projects.
- d) Following the closure in March of the  $2^{nd}$  «traditional» MED call, the JTS was only truly able to begin its instruction activities in April for the eligibility and then to continue with the evaluation process which lasted until the end of September.

The SC finally took place on 21 and 22 October in Marseille and 90 projects were admitted to the second phase. This final phase was opened on 1<sup>st</sup> November and closed on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010, as 31<sup>st</sup> January was a Sunday (written procedure with the MC to extend the regulatory call period by one day).

e) The MA/JTS decided to demand all of the payment claims (preparation costs if appropriate and implementation cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of activity of the ongoing 50 projects) by 30<sup>th</sup> November, as the information about the financial monitoring tool was not ready by the end of September.

These activities had a triple purpose: educational, administrative and operational.

It was essential to:

- check the procedures: partnerships, national level, MA/JTS and CA from the viewpoint of the experimentation on the certification procedures and tools, in particular the IT tools;
- calculate the level of expenditure for the first estimations with the purpose of decommitment simulations for 2010
- guarantee the check of a minimum number of claims by the end of year declaration to the Commission as requested by the AA and GOA. If the end of year declaration provided sufficiently representative level of expenditure, it should allow the planning of "on the spot" checks for 2010 on a sample of projects. The audit system had already been carried out by Deloitte & Associés in September 2009 at the MA/JTS.

The MA/JTS finally received 39 claims for payment/reimbursement within the reporting period (the first fortnight of December) for the 50 ongoing projects. All 7 projects satisfying the characteristics required by the GOA had their progress reports undergo a full audit in order to be sent to the CA. Reimbursement was paid before the end of the year and declared to the EC for a total of 6 projects. This guarantees the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level controls "on the spot" checks in 2010.

f) The second semester of 2009 was quite richer than the first one concerning communication and external information.

The main elements concerning the communication will be restated and elaborated in section 7: "Information and Publicity". It is possible to report on the publication of the Programme's two first *newsletters* and the "general public" database on the <a href="www.programmemed.eu">www.programmemed.eu</a> site concerning the selected and ongoing projects.

However, the Programme's official site continued suffering from a certain number of problems which, delayed the access of the MED MS to the extranet. The DB must, furthermore be improved and developed.

At this point, it should be mentioned that the MED annual event was organised outside Marseille, where the MA/JTS's is located. After the launch event in 2007 and the annual event in 2008 (French presidency) which took place in Marseille, the 2009 event took place in Naples (Italian presidency) on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Moreover, on Italy's initiative, the annual event was also the occasion of the first capitalisation seminar for traditional projects. This seminar was more focused on the "capitalisation" approach from a provisional and methodological point of view for 2010 other than going into the content, considering that the projects had started 6 months ago.

However, related to the organisation of other technical meetings, the national coordinators invited the JTS to participate in seminars in Spain (29<sup>th</sup> June) and in France (20<sup>th</sup> October) regarding the implementation of the projects and in particular the eligibility of the expenditure and the certification. A meeting was held also in Italy (15<sup>th</sup> December) for the LPs having been admitted into the second phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call (final application).

At the same time, the MA/JTS organised 2 information days, one in Paris on 22<sup>nd</sup> September and the other in Marseille on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Whereas the specific purpose of the first meeting was the test presentation (with a pilot project) of the developments of the PRESAGE CTE IT tool on the "certification of expenses" part with the participation of all the LPs of ongoing projects, the CA, the AA and a certain number of MS' delegations, the second day was exclusively addressed to the LPs of the projects admitted to the final application of the 2<sup>nd</sup> MED call.

g) The final major task of this period was the progress of the work done in order to finalise a MED specific procedure, as part of experimenting a new so called "strategic" project concept.

The WG work continued to move forward although with problems linked, in particular, to the interpretation of the implementing provisions: the arrival of the expert of this working group following the closure of a specific public call for tenders, allowed, however, an effective dialogue to be re-established between all the actors. This new boost led to bilateral meetings, with the MS to identify the key actors in the aimed sectors, and, especially the preparation, through the use of technical questionnaires of two *brainstorming* sessions at Naples concurrently within the annual MED event.

The results of these *brainstorming* sessions, then allowed an initial draft of the ToR to be made for implementing the MED Programme's strategic projects.

This text was thus proposed for the first time to the Strategic Projects WG in December for a first opinion and was officially sent to the MC for its approval in February 2010<sub>1</sub>.

To finish this long description of the situation of the Programme, it would also be desirable to point out that in 2009:

- the 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting took place in Naples, on 18<sup>th</sup> November during which it was decided not to open other traditional calls for projects in 2010 but instead to open a strategic projects call. In addition it was decided to increase the budgetary envelope by 30m euros reaching a total of 45m euros and to choose a service provider (the Parcourir Network) for the "in itinere" evaluation;
- the CA carried out its first quality controls of the MA/JTS expenditure with satisfactory results and modest corrections to be made by the MA. These controls were made on the spot.
- Deloitte firm also carried out the control system on behalf of the AA for the procedures implemented by the MA/JTS without noting any major problems;
- the GOA held its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November in Paris and approved the Deloitte report with changes to be made to the text by the firm and clarifications to be provided by the MA/JTS, first on the preparation of an internal PRESAGE-CTE guide and secondly setting up a reconciliation statement between the bank statements and the expenditure monitoring statement;
- the 2008 annual report was approved by the EC annual examination on 11th December;
- the MED area widened to include Albania with approval of the OP by the EC on 14<sup>th</sup> December;
- the MA signed an agreement/convention with the Generalitat Valenciana which regulates the management provisions of the Valencia Liaison Bureau between the two entities (Generalitat Valenciana and Conseil Régional Provence-Alpes-Côtes d'Azur);
- the JTS participated in several training courses throughout the year organised, in particular, by INTERACT;
- the number of staff at the JTS increased from three to four project coordinators and at the same time the vacant position of the Liaison Office of Thessalonica was finally filled(2);
- the IT monitoring system continued changing and developing (new versions are planned in 2010);
- three major public call for tenders were notified by the MA: 1) the outsourcing of 2<sup>nd</sup> level control 2) technical assistance for the implementation of strategic projects and 3) "in itinere" evaluation.

As a conclusion, even though the MED Programme continued to create and consolidate its procedures and tools, it has constantly kept its primary objective, ensuring that the Programme is fully operational and avoiding any delays by following the established calendar.

<sup>1</sup> The approval process for the provisions of the strategic projects in the MED Programme should be finished by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 through the publication of the announcement of the launch of the 1<sup>st</sup> call for strategic projects.

<sup>2</sup> The person recruited took up the post on 8th March 2010.

During 2009 all flows and procedures were able to be tested by the Certifying Authority up to the reimbursement stage: the only stage missing is the checking of the 2<sup>nd</sup> level control for the ongoing projects.

However, the timetable for this stage was ensured before the end of the year and during the first semester of 2010 this final flows will also be guaranteed.

Moreover, the Programme will probably reach the commitment of over 50% of the allocated funds before summer 2010 with the closure of the  $2^{nd}$  call planned for the end of April of the same year.

It is also important to underline the effort made by the Member States and the Managing Authority regarding the strategic projects. After two years of work (May 2008 – March 2010) carried out by the WG, the MC, the MA/JTS and the expert responsible for the dossier, it should be possible for the MED Programme to manage to launch a first call which should distinguish quite clearly the objectives of "traditional" projects from "strategic" projects. The latter will only be operational from 2011.

Another issue that was launched in 2009 but remains to be structured and finalised, although the timetable and methodology have already been worked out, is related to capitalisation: capitalisation *"in itinere"* based on thematic poles for all the selected projects during the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> calls with the ambition of also including strategic projects.

The main obstacle remains on the organisation of new public tenders within short time periods for the selection of experts to accompany this process.

Finally, a mention must be made to the spirit of cooperation between the various participating structures managing the Programme: a greater ease of contact and better understanding of each others requirements. The exchanges between the JTS and the NCPs are being consolidated in order to improve visibility of the Programme and solutions that are better adapted to the difficulties and problems of the project beneficiaries.

Problems obviously remain (see below paragraph 2.3), but the dialogue and common interest of the Programme are contributing to common understanding between the NCP and the JTS, seeking flexibility while respecting the given and imposed procedures.

## 2.1.1. Information on the physical progress of the Operational Programme:

At the beginning of the year, in February, the MED Programme's authorities (Selection Committee) were able to select 50 projects from the 1<sup>st</sup> "traditional" call, launched in March 2008.

Once the two phases of the first call were closed, the Programme was able to start its implementation, first by initiating the contracting/agreement procedures with the MA and then by delivering the first progress report expected on 30th November.

The indicators below show the progress made by the ongoing projects after delivering their progress report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 30th September (plus any preparation costs declared by each project).

The objectives indicated below are generalised for the whole planning period whereas the data for the reference situation are not available.

For each quantified indicator and, in particular, the core indicators (see Excel table annex no.1):

Indicators		2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Maritime	Achievement			0							
security activities: connections	Objective										1
Accessibility	Achievement			0							
to islands	Objective										8
activities Cross-border	Achievement			2							
activities:	Objective			_							120
awareness State:	Achievement			25							
experimental	Objective			23							81
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	Objective										322
State: distribution	Achievement			22							10.1
of tools	Objective										484
Isolated	Achievement			6							
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authorities	Objective			179							1117
experimental activities	Objective										1117
Local	Achievement			184							
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of tools											
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experimental activities	Objective										782
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	prevention				1		

# 2.1.2. Financial information (all financial data should be expressed in euros)

	Expenditure paid out by the beneficiaries included in payment claims sent to the managing authority	Corresponding public contribution	Expenditure paid by the body responsible for making payments to the beneficiaries	Total payments received from the Commission
Priority axis 1 State the fund concerned ERDF	227.491,78	227.491,78	170.618,84	
Priority axis 2 State the fund concerned ERDF	164.967,83	164.967,83	123.983,70	
Priority axis 3 State the fund concerned ERDF	0	0	0	
Priority axis 4 State the fund concerned ERDF	80.846,59	80.846,59	60.634,94	
Priority axis 5 (TA) State the fund concerned ERDF	1.210.583,55	1.210.583,55	907.937,66	
total amount	1.683.889,75	1.683.889,75	1.263.175,14	17 387 219,79
Total in transitional regions in the grand total				
Total in non-transitional regions in the grand total				
Total of the expenses which are part of the ESF where the operational programmed is co-financed by the ERDF <sup>3</sup> in the grand total				
Total of the expenses which are part of the ERDF where the operational programmed is co-financed by the ESF in the grand total				

<sup>3</sup> Fill in this field where the operational programme is co-financed by the ERDF or the ESF if used is made of the possibility set out in article 34, paragraph 2 of the (EC) regulation no. 1083/2006.

- 2.1.3. Information about the breakdown of use of the Funds by category not applicable
- 2.1.4. Participation by target groups not applicable
- 2.1.5. Assistance repaid or re-used not applicable

#### 2.1.6. Qualitative analysis:

For projects having submitted their first progress report in November (implementation period ranging from May/June until September), the only observation that may be made, except for a few exceptions, is that all have been able to organise their general management structures (although this is not the case for all the partners). In particular the projects held their steering committees and carried out the administrative procedures required for their launch. The most advanced projects have also been able to communicate their launch officially (*Kick off meetings*) within their partnership and institutions.

The activities that we can identify on the basis of the indicators, are focused on communication, the creation of Web sites and databases, on the launch and analysis of common methodologies, on study exchanges visits and finally on the start of experimental activities either at local or trans-national levels.

After the second progress report (May 2010), it will be easier to understand the level of maturity achieved by the ongoing projects.

In general and very succinctly, what can be asserted at this stage is that the ongoing projects until now have not had any different approach compared with the experience of the 2000-2006 programming period neither in the way the applications have been set up, nor in relation to the implementation start up (administrative problems, internal organisation, delays etc).

#### 2.2. Information about compliance with Community law – not applicable

#### 2.3. Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them:

Various "major" problems had to be tackled during the Programme implementation in 2009. It is possible to classify them into three sections:

- a) IT; b) human resources; c) 1<sup>st</sup> level controls
- a) The updating of the financial monitoring system PRESAGE CTE has been done throughout all 2009, in particular, as far as the qualitative and quantitative *reporting* section is concerned (progress report). Indeed this section became available and operational only at the end of September. Due to the delay, getting to know the use of the new IT tool on time for submitting the 1<sup>st</sup> progress report was not easy. However, at the beginning of December, 39 projects were able to submit their progress report through PRESAGE CTE.
- b) In terms of human resources, the JTS saw its capacity weakened, in particular, in terms of the assistants: an assistant has been permanently absent for illness since the beginning of March 2009. The Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region first provided a new assistant (outside the JTS quota) for 50% of working hours and since the beginning of September this position was replaced in 100%. In July the MA/JTS also took on two new staff members: one to replace someone leaving the JTS permanently, the other following the decision of the MED MC to recruit a new project monitoring officer. Finally, in November, in collaboration with the host country (Greece) the MA/JTS was able to complete the

- human resources structure with the selection of the person for the Liaison Office in Thessalonica open since October 2008 (see 2008 annual report).
- c) The 1<sup>st</sup> level control systems in some countries (Italy and Slovenia in particular) have been subject to delays or difficulties in their implementation which prevented the certification of the expenses of all partners from these countries at the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> progress report (end of November). Since 2010 all the systems of all of the Member States have been operational.

In general, for a wider reflection, after the experience of a complete call and the selection of the pre-applications' for the 2<sup>nd</sup> call, 3 important subjects have emerged and are worth being checked or improved in 2010:

- 1) the appropriateness of displaying clearly and transparently the Programme's evaluation grid for each call? Experience shows us that the project beneficiaries do not hesitate to use it for a formal drafting of their application "within the rules" and this makes an appropriate evaluation very difficult since the proposal exactly matches with the selection criteria;
- 2) is there a possibility of allowing access to any call for any structure with no limit? The risk of multiple partners who "move around" between one Programme and another (but not only, also from one project to another in the same Programme) and which encourages, if selected, the concentration of large amounts of ERDF money (with both a risk of dual financing and decommitment) onto a small number of partners is real;
- 3) is it always relevant to promote a selection of "traditional" projects in two phases? In the light of the first results, probably not, but the Programme's evaluation should also examine this issue.

# **2.4.** Changes in the context of the operational programme implementation (if relevant) <u>not</u> applicable

# 2.5. Substantial modification pursuant to Article 57 of Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 (if relevant) – not applicable

#### 2.6. Complementarity with other instruments

As far as the IPA is concerned, the MED Programme has not really improved, in 2009, the promotion, reflection or discussion on the possible synergies between the various financial instruments. Considering the facts that the Thessaloniki Liaison Office (created for this objective) was still being planned and that only in the second semester of the year was the Programme able to start the implementation of 5 MED projects with IPA partners. An analysis of the participation of these partners in the MED Programme and also probably other partners selected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> traditional call and later in the 1<sup>st</sup> strategic call begun in 2010 and probably will be finalised in 2011.

With this prospect, the possibility of integrated management of IPA Funds within the frame of the ERDF Transnational Programme, as suggested by the Commission, should be considered.

However, in respect of the ENPI-MED, the Valence Liaison Bureau was able to develop, , the following activities:

• The L.O. has followed up ENPI's CBC Med Programme, in order to ensure the necessary compatibility between MED and ENPI MB Programmes, according to the article 9.3 of the ENPI Regulation.

- It has carried out an Interactive Brochure comparing both MED and ENPI CBC-MED key features, project examples, etc; in order to be published in the programmes web site.
- A join calendar was drafted to keep up informed both MA's on MED and ENPI's events, and deadlines of the different calls.
  - It kept weekly contact with ENPI MA in Sardinia.
- The L.O. also attended as Med representative at the 1<sup>st</sup> Launching Conference of the ENPI CBC Programme MED, on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of July in Cagliari, Italy.

Compared to risks of double financing with FEADER, while stressing that this remains a priority task of the first level control which must relate to not only the FEADER but also for example regional ERDF (ORP), the MA/JTS and CA set up quality controls on documents and on the spot (Agroenvironmed, for example, was visited current June 2010).

In addition, any partner of Programme MED commit himself (self certification) at the time of the declaration of his national co financing not to take into account co financing already pledged (????) on other Community funds.

Lastly, of course, the checking 100% of the six monthly progress reports (in partnership with CA) remains one key moment for the checking of the first level control and the eligibility of the expenditures.

#### 2.7. Monitoring and evaluation

#### Controls in accordance with article 60 of (EC) Regulation 1983/2006

As stated in paragraph 2.1 "Achievement and analysis of the progress", on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 the DG REGIO accepted the documents sent to it under article 71 of Regulation 1083/2006. The description of our Programme's management and control system included checking procedures for the projects for which monitoring tools needed to be developed and then approved by the Monitoring Committee.

In more concrete terms, a checklist to be filled in by the first level MED Programme controllers as well as a standard certificate to be signed by all the first level controllers were approved by the Monitoring Committee on the 6<sup>th</sup> May in Genoa. These two documents are part of a more complete certificate available on PRESAGE CTE which also contains an exhaustive list of the expenses included in the certificate and the breakdown of the expenses by category.

In accordance therefore with the description of the MED Programme's management and control system, the MA/JTS proposed to the Monitoring Committee a common methodology for carrying out **on** the spot **visits** which are part of the first level control. These visits will begin in 2010 and will be aimed at checking, on the beneficiaries' premises, the reality and eligibility of the expenses, the existence of the partner's management structures, the physical proof and results of the projects in accordance with the approval decision and the Subsidy Contract. The methodology and the standard report model for on the spot visits were also approved by the Monitoring Committee on 6th May at Genoa.

As far as the **analysis of the payment claims** is concerned (which contains: the payment claim itself, a progress report, the certifications by each of the auditors' partners and annexes), and in accordance also with the verification procedures indicated in our description of the management and control system, a monitoring tool, internal to the MA/JTS for the payment claim check for reimbursement has been created.

This internal monitoring tool (hereafter called "checkgrid") starts by going back to the beginning of the analysis stages to find out when each of the parties was checked and by whom exactly working for the JTS. It also allows verifying the completeness of the payment claim and the compliance of the submission timescales set out in the Subsidy Contract.

The work on the analysis of the progress reports, first concentrates on matching the activities that have been carried out and those planned and described in the working plan of the application form. Differences between the planned and completed activities are also studied, as are discrepancies between the expenses budgeted and incurred. If these discrepancies are not justified in the report, the lead partners are asked for additional clarifications and justifications in this respect.

At the same time, this *checkgrid* allows the certifications of the expenses of all the partners to be examined in order thus to be able to guarantee that the specifications of the first level control of the Member States have been respected by all the partners (auditors' validation methods, certification flows, eligibility of the expenses etc)

Moreover, the Lead Partners must enclose in their progress reports, documents and other annexes which prove that the activities described have actually been carried out, such as meeting agendas, the lists of participants, minutes, published reports, leaflets distributed, published promotional material etc. In addition, the web sites of each of the projects are checked.

As stated in paragraph 2.1 of this annual report, 50 projects were approved in 2009. The 50 projects were supposed to submit to the JTS the first payment claim by 30th November 2009 in accordance with the schedule made out for all the projects of the 1st call. Finally, 39 payment claims were received within the deadline for a total of 1,371,994.39 € (of which 1,037,213.94 € ERDF).

Of these 39 payment claims, 7 were processed before the end of the year, of which 6 were able to be included in the expenses declaration made to the European Commission. The checking of these payment claims enabled the *checkgrid* to be tested for the first time with a satisfactory result, although some improvements were introduced later in 2010.

Besides the documentary analysis, the monitoring of the approved projects also includes the participation of the members of the JTS in their Steering Committees. An internal methodology, with the criteria for participating in the Steering Committees was approved, even if the criterion which prevails over all the others still linked to budget delays and therefore the implementation of the project's actions.

The fact of being directly involved enables technical contact to be established between the lead partners and the project partners to develop the context for the implementation of the projects: the activities carried out, the level of the expenses incurred and therefore the real level of implementation in comparison with what it was foreseen in the working plan and their difficulties. Each mission of participating in a Steering Committee meeting is summarised in a "mission report" for which a standard model has also been produced.

In 2009 the members of the JTS took part in 7 project Steering Committees in an effort to provide improved technical supervision of the approved projects:

- Climeport: Athens, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009
   Terconmed: Athens, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009
- 3. **Novagrimed**: Marseille, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009
- 4. **Macc Bamm**: Milan, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009
- 5. **Waterincore**: Zaragoza, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009

6. Zero Waste: Marseille, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009
7. Agroenvironmed: Bari, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Besides the monitoring of the projects, **coordination activities with the national delegations** were undertaken with the purpose of informing the partners involved about the procedures and rules of financial eligibility that need to be respected. Thus, on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009, the Spanish national coordination (the Ministry of the Economy and Finances) organised a financial seminar for all the Spanish MED project lead partners, partners and auditors. During this seminar, the Spanish national coordination presented its certification procedure as well as its specific rules in terms of eligibility of expenditure. The MED JTS presented the programme's monitoring tools and in particular the PRESAGE CTE system.

On 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009, the MED National authority in France organised an information meeting about 1st level control and the eligibility of expenditure for all the Med project lead partners, partners and auditors. The French national coordination presented its certification procedures. The MED JTS presented the Programme's general rules and presented the PRESAGE CTE system certification. Finally, the Certifying Authority explained what the "certification quality controls" consist of and the French representative in the Group of Auditors briefly explained the specificities of the 2nd level control.

As far as **modifications** to the approval decision for the selected projects are concerned, the Selection Committee decided favourably by <u>written procedure</u> on the following changes:

- 1. **Texmedin:** Change in the partnership approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009
- 2. **Agroenvironmed**: Change in the partnership approved on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009
- 3. **Foret Modèle**: Change in the partnership approved on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009
- 4. **Agrisles**: Change in the partnership approved on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2009
- 5. **Crepudmed**: Change in the budgetary distribution between the partners approved on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009
- 6. **Teenergy Schools**: Change in the partnership approved on 29<sup>h</sup> October 2009

Regarding minor budgetary changes for which the approval of the Selection Committee is not necessary, an open procedure to all the partners began on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and closed on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010. Within this procedure, budgetary redistribution could not exceed the 10% limit of the total eligible budget for the projects.

#### Controls in accordance with article 61 of (EC) Regulation 1983/2006

The description of the MED Programme's management and control system sets out that the Certifying Authority will check the quality of the certifications received through the so called "certification quality controls".

The Certifying Authority therefore made an initial "quality certification control" in April 2009 on the Technical Assistance expenditure of 2007. The conclusions of the control were satisfactory and were published in a report. A total of 408,040.92€ was audited, from which 306,030.69€ ERDF. The control was exhaustive and only 103.70€ (corresponding to the travelling expenses budget line) had to be withdrawn from the 2008 payment claim (this payment had already been made).

It should be pointed out that, for technical reasons, the Technical Assistance expenditure was not available on PRESAGE CTE at the time of the "certification quality control" but that currently it is

included. The Certifying Authority then verified the consistency of the audited expenditure with the data available on PRESAGE CTE.

## Controls in accordance with article 62 of (EC) Regulation 1983/2006

As was already stated in the 2008 annual report, the MED Programme's Group of Auditors, in accordance with article 52 of Regulation (EC) 1083/2006, selected the Deloitte firm in order to carry out the  $2^{nd}$  level control.

On account of the working schedule approved at the 2nd meeting of the Group of Auditors in Paris on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2009, the audit of the MED Programme system took place between 7th and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at the premises of the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat in Marseille and on 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Caisse des Dépôts of Paris (MED Programme Certifying Authority).

In October 2009, the draft report of this audit was finalised for a review in the presence of both parties. The review closed in November 2009 and the report was approved by the Group of Auditors on  $20^{th}$  November 2009 in Paris with the following observations:

- 1. The recommendation of having a reference document similar to the "1<sup>st</sup> Level Control Guidelines", in order to verify the Technical Assistance expenditure.
- 2. A recommendation to set up a reconciliation statement between the bank statements and the expenditure monitoring statement.
- 3. A recommendation to set up an internal guide for the PRESAGE CTE procedures addressed to the members of the JTS.
- 4. A recommendation to the CA to set up a supervision activity of the time spent for activities carried out for the MED Programme.

The required measures to set up all these recommendations have already been taken and during the follow-up which took place in 2010 all of these observations were considered to have been resolved.

The sampling control of the MED Programme's projects will begin in 2010.

Finally, the Programme foresees to launch the evaluation at the mid term stage (*in itinere*) from 2010 with its organisation as of the end of 2009. An external firm has been selected through a public call for tenders and approved at the Naples Monitoring Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November.

# 2.8. National performance reserve (where applicable and only for the annual implementation report submitted for 2010) Not applicable

# 3- Implementation by priority (see Excel table annex no. 1)

## 3.1. Priority 1: Strengthening of the capacity for innovation

3.1.1. Achievement of objectives and analysis of the progress Information about the priority's physical and financial progress

For each quantified indicator in the priority axis and, in particular, the core indicators:

Inc	licators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Indicator 1	Achievement										
Selected Projects	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 2	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 3	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 4	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 5	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										

# Qualitative analysis

Axis 1 is presented as being the most suited to the traditional project method from the standpoint of the number of proposals and their degree of innovation (objectives and results) as well as from the point of view of partnerships with a fairly rich mix of institutional partners, representatives of non-profit associations and representatives from the private sector. The selection made for the 1<sup>st</sup> MED call (2009) was able to benefit from a large number of applications with effective competition. Due to the particular features of this axis, this priority also appears to be the most concrete and most promising in terms of impact on the territories.

These prerogatives no longer seem, however, to be of the same qualitative level for the pre-application of the second call. Knowing that many project operators used it to resubmit their applications that were not of sufficient quality to be programmed in the first call, their degree of innovation was less important.

#### Examples of projects ongoing projects:

- **I.** The **AGRO-ENVIRONMED** project characterizes the agro-food production in the Mediterranean regions. During the first stage of the project, partners have developed a common template for their **regional characterization analysis**, following a scheme structured in three subsequent phases:
- 1. General characterization of the production processes and of the regional sub-sector structure
- 2. Identification of main environmental issues
- 3. Identification of environmental technologies and good practices in use.

The first phase provides an overview of the industry at regional level, describing the transformation processes in use, the main product and process innovation needs expressed by the local SMEs, the most relevant technologies and innovations to

improve companies competitiveness, the structure of the regional industry and its economic performance in the framework of the national context. On the basis of this regional analysis, partners are working now on the **interregional characterization** of the identified agro-food sectors that will further develop and finalize the work described. In turn, this will serve as input for the development of next project phase, "Catalogue of environmental technologies and best practices in the agro-food sector", in which working groups in each region will identify the best environmental technologies and practices available in the market for the identified agro-food sectors, in order to develop an online catalogue that will be accessible through project's website.

#### II. MedLab: Mediterranean Living Lab for Territorial Innovation.

The first phase of MedLab carried out a comparative analysis of the regional policy context for the Living Lab user-driven approach in six Mediterranean regions. Similar programmes based on the Lisbon strategy are seen to prevail for mainstream innovation policies, while alternative methods are also being tested in attempts to overcome the limitations of predominantly industrial and technology driven approaches. The MedLab Policy Briefing on regional innovation strategies includes 5 recommendations for moving towards user and demand driven innovation policies.

The second phase of MedLab has recently launched an articulated set of pilot projects linking transnational R&D and the strategies of regional departments with specific development needs in five key fields: inno-SME networks, rural development, coastal zone management, participatory strategic planning and tourism. Host partners for each of the five areas have defined the action plan and local partnerships and are currently building transnational links and carrying out a census of the ICT platforms and services employed. As the pilot actions develop and network, requirements for future research in ICT relevant to regional development needs will be identified.

#### 3.1.2. Major problems encountered and measures taken

In particular for this priority (but the same thing could be said for the three other axes although to a lesser extent), the application of the checking of discipline regarding the economic operators as well as the lack of clear and precise rules, is a major problem: the MED Programme as for the other Territorial Cooperation Programmes asked, has only been able to guide itself according to the application of the so called "de minimis" rule following the works carried out by a specific working group and a decision by the Monitoring Committee in 2008.

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# 3.2. Priority 2: Environmental protection and the promotion of sustainable territorial development

#### 3.2.1. Achievement of and analysis of the progress

Information about the priority's physical and financial progress

For each quantified indicator in the priority axis and, in particular, the core indicators:

In	ndicators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Indicator 1	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 2	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline	1									
Indicator 3	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline	1									
Indicator 4	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 5	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
	Goal:										
	Baseline	1									

#### Qualitative analysis

Axis 2, the best provided financially and the only one to have 4 objectives(all the other axes have two...), presents a very particular situation on the basis of an analysis by objective. Many projects were submitted on the axis but most concentrated on objective 2.1 (protection and enhancement of natural resources and heritage) which by itself had nearly as many applications as axis 1: the other three objectives remain largely under-represented from a numeric and qualitative point of view, in particular objective 2.2 (renewable energies and energy efficiency) and 2.3 (prevention of maritime risks and maritime safety), apparently the least suited to the bottom-up response. The 4<sup>th</sup> objective (prevention and fight against natural risks) was on a par with objective 2.2. This situation on the Programme's most important axis directed moreover the Monitoring Committee's choice which decided to launch the experiment of implementing strategic projects (once the ToR had been drafted and approved) precisely on these last two objectives, in order to compare the response of the project beneficiaries (in particular public ones) between the two possibilities offered by the MED Programme: this check should be made in 2010.

As it stands, it could be asserted that axis 2 is upheld mainly by objective 2.1 and that for the remainder there is a prospect of a lack of take-up, something that requires looking into carefully.

#### 3.2.2. Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

Problems with the verification of the economic operators' status and a lack of adequate responses proposed by the traditional projects, in particular for objectives 2.2 and 2.3 which will be the first to be subject to a call for strategic projects (in 2010).

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# 3.3. Priority 3: Improvement of mobility and the accessibility of the territories

# 3.3.1. Achievement of objectives and analysis of the progress

Information about the priority's physical and financial progress

For each quantified indicator in the priority axis and, in particular, the core indicators:

In	dicators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Indicator 1	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 2	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 3	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 4	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 5	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 6	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										

#### Qualitative analysis

Following the results of the first call, axis 3 confirms how difficult it is for it to mobilise the required resources for constructing integrated partnerships, nationally and locally, that can deal with the stated issue innovatively and appropriately in line with the Programme's expectations.

The number of projects received for this priority for the 1<sup>st</sup> call is very limited, with partners who are present several times over in the few selected projects. Objective 3.2 (<u>support for the use of information technologies for improved accessibility and territorial cooperation</u>) is the only one not to have ongoing projects after the selection of the 1<sup>st</sup> call.

The selected projects (which concentrate their activities on maritime logistics) however seem to be more easily understandable and concrete in terms of objectives and results than the projects of other axes.

### 3.3.2. Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

Problems with checking the status of economic operators and a significant under-use of the axis which should be won back through a specific strategic call for this

priority (proposal being studied and not yet approved by the Mo	onitoring Committee
in the first semester of 2010).	

# 3.4. Priority 4: Promotion of a polycentric and integrated development of the MED space

# 3.4.1. Achievement of objectives and analysis of the progress

Information about the priority physical and financial progress

For each quantified indicator in the priority axis and, in particular, the core indicators:

In	dicators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Indicator 1	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 2	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 3	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 4	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 5	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										
Indicator 6	Achievement										
	Objective										
	Baseline										

#### Qualitative analysis

Axis 4, from the 1<sup>st</sup> call, however showed the opposite problem to axes 2 and 3, i.e. high over-consumption in respect of the financial availability foreseen in the OP: nearly all of the budgetary envelope was committed in 2009 which meant that the Members States and the Managing Authority had to sufficiently communicate about this issue, to avoid a large influx of proposals on the second call.

The "governance, tourism and culture" projects remain the most prized, in particular by local authorities and by small associative bodies present in the Mediterranean countries. However, these type of projects probably also remain the most difficult to clearly identify in terms of objectives and results in respect with their actual impact on the territories and previous programme planning.

#### I. WASMAN: Waste management as policy tool for corporate governance

The project started in May 2009 and, since then, a series of key activities have been carried out.

A Multi-Criteria Analysis methodology has been elaborated, aimed at designing a specific decision support system, intended to optimize the municipal solid waste management. Each partner has set up a Waste Management Partnership composed by key stakeholders in order to establish a multilevel cooperation, sharing projects' objectives/activities and elaborating focused action plans. The collection and the compilation of the Waste Management State-of-the-Art Report have produced the first draft which includes also a SWOT analysis carried out in each partner's area. The identification of pilot actions (e.g. Eco-friendly town festivals, abandoned road waste management, recycling computers' items, unpacked washing powder, reusable bottles of milk etc.) has started with the contribution of the Waste Management partnership members.

# II. MED EMPORION: IMPROVING THE MARKETS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA

The MED EMPORION project is developing two comparative studies, various study visits, public discussions and seminars, 4 large international Market Fairs, 4 pilot actions which are being implemented in local action plans in our cities, and several communication campaigns to promote the cultural heritage and reinforce the role of market places and its market areas.

Project results so far- Among these initiatives, the first international Mediterranean market Fair, took place in Marseille as early as September 2009, attracting over 70.000 visitors. The four Pilot Projects (schools-educational, Barcelona, markets tourism Torino, management and winery Genoa and communication tools Marseille) are also in motion and in critical stages of development; some of them are already being tested in the experimental phase. The research, is analysing the state of the art, challenges and opportunities of the Mediterranean markets, and will identify best practices, proposals and solutions to each market and city's present situation. Together with the research, a "European Quality Standards for Markets" guide is expected shortly. The partners have already set up the research methodology and will be collecting data from the markets of more of 30 cities of the MED area during the following semester. Other activities have also been organized, such as conferences and debates; smaller market Fairs and press conferences, among others.

## 3.4.2. Major problems encountered and measures taken

Problems with checking the status of economic operators and over-consumption of the axis which was limited during the 2<sup>nd</sup> call by the Programme's authorities through precise information and specific directions to project beneficiaries regarding the MED's priorities.

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# 3.5. Priority 5: Technical assistance

# 3.5.1. Progress establishment and analysis of the realised objectives

Information about the priority's physical and financial progress

For each quantified indicator in the priority axis and, in particular, the core indicators:

In	dicators	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total		
Indicator 1:	Achievements		Number of meetings held on transnational level**										
	Target	7 (6 Task force + 1 kick off conferen ce)	10 (2 MC+ 2SC+ 1GOA+ 4WG + Annual event)	10 (2MC+ 2SC+ 2GOA+ 1WG+ 2BS+ +1 Annual event)		30					17		
	Baseline												
Indicator 2:	Achievement					Number of o	operations						
	proposed		1 <sup>st</sup> call 531	2 <sup>nd</sup> call 447	/								
	eligible		1 <sup>st</sup> call 277	2 <sup>nd</sup> call 330	/								
	financed		/	1 <sup>st</sup> call 50	2 <sup>nd</sup> call 52								
	Target					150	0	•					
	Baseline												

<sup>\*\*</sup>MC = Monitoring Committee; CS = Selection Committee; GOA = Group of Auditors; WG = Working Group; BS = Brainstorming of strategic projects

The total amount of Technical assistance directly committed by the MA/JTS for 2009 comes to € 993,500 (non-definitive amount) for a total budget of €15,455,306 for the whole period.

Qualitative analysis

See point 6. Technical assistance

#### 3.5.2. Major problems encountered and measures taken

Only 2 States (Cyprus and Malta) declared technical assistance expenditure. Reminders were sent to the members of the Monitoring Committee for them to respect the approved TA budget and to send their payment claims to the MA within the set timescales.

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# **4. ESF Programmes: conformity and concentration Not applicable**

# <u>5. ERDF programmes / Cohesion Fund: capital projects (if applicable)</u> Not applicable

#### 6. Technical assistance

According to article 46 of regulation 1083/2006, the TA funds can finance actions relating the preparation, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control of the Operational programme as well as activities aimed at strengthening the administrative means necessary for using the funds. Within this framework, all of the activities realised in the day-to-day management of the programme met this priority axis of the OP. Generally, these activities can be broken down in the following way:

## A. Consolidation of the programme's management tools

Continuity with the work done in 2008 was assured by making the greatest number of tools and procedures operational. The latter are an indispensable condition for the viability of the MED Programme.

Two major areas of work emerge from this wide mission.

#### a) the finalisation of the description of the management and control system

According to article 71 of (EC) regulation 1083/2006, the management and control systems set up for each operational programme includes a description of the bodies which compose it (Management, certification, audit, national authorities etc), the respect of the principle of separation of the functions between these bodies and, within them, procedures to ensure the proper basis and regularity of the declared expenditure (controls of the operations under the States' responsibility), accounting and monitoring systems, reliable information etc.

This work required close and long collaboration between all the bodies involved in the programme (the MA/JTS, the CICC as the audit authority of the program, the Caisse des dépôts et consignations as the certification authority and the 9 Member states of the EU taking part in the programme), to gather and compile all the essential information to comply with the regulations.

On 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009, the services of the European Commission (the DG REGIO) approved the description of the MED Programme systems presented in April.

# b) continuation of the Presage CTE work

The DATAR has made available for the European territorial cooperation programmes with Managing authorities in France, a common monitoring system, Presage CTE. This tool was partly operational at the beginning of 2008. Logically it required to be improved and updated, as well as provided with new functionalities.

To make sure that the particular features of the MED programme will be taken into account, the MA/JTS worked closely with the DATAR service provider responsible for the design and management of Presage CTE. Lots of telephone calls, emails and meetings were required in order to prepare the tool for the various phases the programme underwent throughout 2009 (submissions of applications, evaluation, declaration of expenditure, first level control, payment claims from the Certifying authority).

#### B. calls for projects

#### a) calls for traditional projects

In 2009, 2 traditional calls for projects converged. On the one hand there was the closure of the  $2^{nd}$  phase of the first call (launched in May 2008) and, on the other hand - the launch of the  $2^{nd}$  call (February 2009).

As part of the first call, the first semester of work resulted in the selection of 50 projects (on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> February 2009 in Rome). Since most of these operations were planned under condition (with a budgetary reduction), as a consequence, complex and long work had to be undergone with the lead partners to change the project budget. The JTS was therefore constantly in contact with them and organised the 1<sup>st</sup> lead partner seminar on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009 where this issue was, of course, dealt with in depth. Once this phase was over, the subsidy contracts were signed with the 50 lead partners (between June and July 2009).

At the same time, the Monitoring Committee decided to launch the 2<sup>nd</sup> traditional call for projects (from 16<sup>th</sup> February until 13th March 2009). Following the experience of the 1<sup>st</sup> call, the MA/JTS felt the need to rework the application submission documents (call text, letter of commitment, pedagogical file, declarations on State aid relevance, evaluation grid). Likewise, the reference elements (the implementation manual, the Presage CTE system, the financial guides) were modified accordingly.

The evaluation period (formal eligibility and qualitative instruction) of the pre-applications took place from April to September. At the Selection Committee meeting of  $21^{st}$  and  $22^{nd}$  October in Marseille, 90 projects (of the 447 applications received) were accepted for submission of their final application as part of the second phase (from  $1^{st}$  November 2009 until  $1^{st}$  February 2010).

# b) calls for strategic projects

One of the major tasks for 2009 was the progress of the finalisation of a specific MED Programme procedure - a part of experimenting a new so called "strategic" project concept. Following the decision of the Monitoring Committee, this first call for strategic projects bears upon targets 2.2 and 2.3 of the OP and more precisely on renewable energies and maritime safety.

The working group (made up of people from the programme's participant States and appointed by the Monitoring Committee) progressed, although there were problems related, in particular,

to the interpretation of the implementation provisions. The dialogue between the actors was efficiently revived by the arrival of an expert/coordinator, who was given the task to assist the programme in the launch of the call for strategic projects. This new boost led to bilateral meetings; the drafting of a "state of the art" of the themes tackled in this call; the identification of key actors, and, especially the organisation, through the use of technical questionnaires, of two *brainstorming* sessions at Naples on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The results of these *brainstorming* sessions, allowed an initial draft of the terms of reference related to the implementation of MED Programme's strategic projects.

This text was proposed for the first time to the working group in December for initial feedback before being officially sent to the Monitoring Committee for approval in February 2010.

#### C. Other important activities:

- Startup of the evaluation in itinere, of the programme (outsourcing the mission to a service provider);
- In respect of the 2007 TA expenditure, the MA/JTS was audited twice: by the Certifying Authority in April and by the Deloitte & Associés at the beginning of September as part of the operation controls (this control also concerned the coherence and relevance of the systems set up by the MA/JTS). These two audits did not demonstrate any particular anomalies and confirmed the smooth running of the systems in place;
- The programme's cooperation area widened to include Albania which in turn required the alignment of the programme's documents with the new situation;
- Regarding the two Liaison Offices: a convention was signed between the PACA Region and the Generalitat Valenciana in order to define the management of the Valencian liaison office; the recruitment process for the liaison officer based in Thessalonica began during the summer;
- 39 of the 50 initial projects, selected in the beginning of 2009, submitted their first payment claims to the MA/JTS on 30th November. In regards to this, the AA requested that at least 5 claims should be verified and sent for payment to the CA so that a representative sample of operations could be checked by them in 2010. On 15<sup>th</sup> December, the MA/JTS sent 7 payment claims to the CA;
- The programme's annual event took place on 17<sup>th</sup> November. At the same time, the capitalisation process began with the organisation of the first capitalisation seminar grouping the 50 program projects by subject. This seminar was held on 16<sup>th</sup> November in Naples.

List of the 2009 written procedures;

**Monitoring Committee** 

- 1. Technical terms of reference for the preparation of calls for strategic projects:

  <u>Launched on 15.1.</u>, the second consultation launched on 29.1; after comments, extended until 18.2., no result. The monitoring of the preparation of the terms of reference was delegated to the 'strategic projects' Working Group set up by the Monitoring Committee.
- 2. The programme's Technical Assistance annual expenditure, <u>launched on 15.1</u>. and closed <u>on 2.2</u> without comments
- 3. Proposal to close Axis 4 of the OP <u>launched on 9.2</u> and <u>closed 13.2</u> without a consensus
- 4. Request for an additional budget to supplement the 1<sup>st</sup> programming of the projects <u>launched</u> on 9.2. The selection committee proposed 50 projects and the indicative call budget was exceeded by €6.2m. Request approved and IP <u>closed on 23.2.</u>
- 5. Proposal to modify the subsidy contract in order to have a better overview of the economic operators for the project sent on 20.2. Approved without comments and closed on 9.3.
- 6. Minutes of the Monitoring Committee's meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May, <u>sent 20.5</u>, approved and procedure <u>closed on 5<sup>th</sup> June.</u>
- 7. Contents of the 2008 Annual Report, IP launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> June and closed on 17.6.
- 8. Proposal by the MA according to the EC Regulations 379/2009 and 284/2009 <u>launched on 2<sup>nd</sup> July</u> and accepted without comments on <u>16<sup>th</sup> July</u>.
- 9. Validation(MA) of the analysis of external expert offers received for the preparation of a call for strategic projects. Consultation launched on 10<sup>th</sup> July and closed on 27.7.
- 10. Outsourcing the terms of reference for the evaluation of the programme (in itinere): <u>sent on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and approved on 7.9</u>
- 11. Text for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call sent on 23.9 and approved on 8<sup>th</sup> October.
- 12. Modifications of the evaluation grid proposed on 24.9 and approved on 9<sup>th</sup> October.
- 13. Request from Albania to join the programme: <u>sent on 25.9 and approved without comments on 12.10</u>
- 14. Proposal for the submition of the projects' letters of commitment with the final application (2<sup>nd</sup> call) <u>launched on 23.10 and closed on 2.11.</u>
- 15. Request from the MEDOOC programme to participate in its closure expenditure <u>sent on 24.11 and approved on 7.12</u>
  - Informal consultation on the voting terms for the Committee launched on 30<sup>th</sup> November and closed without agreement on 15.12.
- 16. Details about the closing date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call (2<sup>nd</sup> phase) requested on 3.12 and approved on 18.12.
- 17. Minutes of the Monitoring Committee meetings on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November in Naples: <u>sent</u> on 4<sup>th</sup> <u>December and approved on 21.12</u>
- 18. 2010 working plan for the Valencia liaison office and for the JTS/MA sent on 14.12 and approved on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

#### OTHER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE MONITORING COMMITTEE IN 2009:

- 13.1 Communication by the EC: eligibility of Albania's request for membership
- 13.1 National 'key actors' questionnaire for the strategic projects
- **14.1** Letter from the CICC (AA) requesting that the description of the MED's management and control system (Art 71) be sent to the EC
- **5.3** Approval by the EC of BiH's membership of the MED programme
- 1.7 The CVs received for the creation of a position of project coordinator within the MED JTS
- 6.7 Approval of the Art 71 description by the EC
- **10.7** Letter of approval of the programme signed by the 12 States (without BiH)
- 2.10 Announcement for the recruitment of a liaison officier for the Thessalonica office
- **30.11** Convocation for the jury of the Thessalonica LO and list of applicants

- **30.11** Analysis of the 'evaluation in itinere' proposals sent to the experts appointed by the Monitoring Committee
- **4.12** Summarising document of the results of the brainstorming seminars + 'desk research' for the call for strategic projects
- **4.12** Term of reference for the 1<sup>st</sup> call for strategic projects sent to the 'strategic projects' Working Group

#### **Selection Committee**

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### **Activities carried out within the national territories:**

### **Cyprus**

The actions of the Cyprus National Coordination, i.e. the Planning Bureau, for 2009 were as follows:

- Participation to the Project Selection Committee for the 1<sup>st</sup> Call of Proposals in Rome, February 2009
- Informing beneficiaries through letters / press releases / the Structural Funds website about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals, March 2009
- Provision of information and assistance to potential partners in the context of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Proposals for standard projects
- Technical meetings with Cypriot partners participating in projects that were selected based on the 1<sup>st</sup> Call for Proposals
- Participation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monitoring Committee in Genoa, May 2009
- Informing beneficiaries through letters/circular regarding the First Level Control System in Cyprus, May 2009
- Participation to the Selection Committee for the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals in Marseille, October 2009
- Participation to the 4<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting in Napoli, November 2009
- Participation of two experts in the brainstorming meeting on strategic projects in Napoli, November 2009
- Updating the Structural and Cohesion Fund webpage of the Planning Bureau with the latest news of the Programme

#### **Spain**

# 1. Participation in the programme's structures

Coordination and agreement on a common position with the regions in order to represent the country in the meetings of the common bodies of the programme.

Participation in the monitoring and selection committees' meetings held in 2009.

Participation in the working groups for the strategic projects

# 2. Coordination of the programmes' partner regions

Periodic information to the regions about all the programme's activities and events.

Preparation of the information for the quarterly meetings of the Spanish regions

# 3. Support to the projects' partners

Assistance to the projects' partners in the second call for projects.

Supporting the generation of projects.

Support and information to approved project holders as part of the first call (regarding the eligibility of expenditure, the presentation of the semestrial reports, public contracts etc)

The organisation of a seminar for all the partners of the approved projects

## 4. 1<sup>st</sup> level control

Update of the "Dirección General de Fondos Comunitarios" resolution on the 1<sup>st</sup> level control for the European territorial cooperation programmes.

Sending to all approved project holders, information regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> level control and selection of their auditors.

Approval of the proposed auditors by the project beneficiaries.

Approval of the expenditure certified by the auditors.

## 5. Information and publicity

Information to the regions and to the partners about all the programme's activities and events.

The organisation of a seminar for all the projects' beneficiaries from the 1<sup>st</sup> call projects. Inclusion in the "Dirección General de Fondos Comunitarios" web site of all the programme's documents, activities and events.

### **France**

As a reminder the Conseil regional Provence-Alpes-Côte-D'azur, the programme's national authority and the préfet of the PACA region appointed as the coordinating Préfet, ensure the programme's national coordination. The main activities undertaken by national coordination in 2009 will be found below:

- Coordination and consolidation of the technical advice of the State's services regarding the applications for the first call for projects
- The preparation and coordination of the national committee of French regions, partners of the MED Programme, organised earlier than the selection committee (January)
- Participation in the technical seminar organised by the JTS around the second call for projects (January 2009)
- The preparation and participation in the selection committee of the first call for projects (February 2009)
- The coordination and presentation of the positions accepted by the French partnership in the programme's common bodies (monitoring committee, selection committee, working groups)
- The preparation and participation in the programme's third monitoring committee (April-May 2008)
- Consolidation of the French national 1<sup>st</sup> level control system
- Drafting of the handbook and the terms of reference meant for the project beneficiaries in order to enable them to select a first level auditor for the approval of the expenditure incurred by their organisation for the projects
- Approval by the first level auditors of the French partners of the selected 1<sup>st</sup> call projects.
- A continuation of the assistance activities for the generation of projects on a national level (January to December 2009)

- Organising and leading an information seminar on 1<sup>st</sup> level control and the eligibility of the expenditure for the project beneficiaries selected as part of the 1st call and their auditors (October 2009)
- Participation in the working groups related to strategic projects (November 2009)
- Preparing and coordinating the national thematic information seminars about the second call for projects held in Marseille, Lyon, Montpellier and Ajaccio (January-April 2009)
- Support, information and advice to the French partners taking part in the first call for projects (the resolution of questions linked to the partners' status, the eligibility of expenditure, national co-financing)
- Coordination and consolidation of the technical advice of the State's services regarding the applications for the first call for projects
- The preparation and coordination of the national committee of French regions, partners of the MED Programme, organised earlier than the selection committee (October 2009)
- The preparation of and participation in the selection committee of the second call for projects (October 2009)
- The preparation of and participation in the fourth monitoring committee and the annual event (November 2009)
- Revision of the methodology and reference documents for the strategic projects (December 2008)

#### **Italy**

The Italian National Contact Point carried out the following activities, in coordination with the Italian regions:

- Dedicated webpage hosted on Campania Region site with Programme Documents and FAQ in Italian for potential beneficiaries applying to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call;
- Provision of information on the Programme (telephone and email);
- Providing consulting and assistance to the potential Italian project partners in the matter of preparing projects, searching for partners, solving problems of eligibility of bodies and expenses (email and telephone assistance in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> phases);
- Organisation of an National Information seminar for Italian bodies in preselected projects, attended also by the JTS, on 15 December 2009, in Venice;
- Organisation of National Committee Meetings on 26 January 2009, 13 May 2009, 14 October 2009, 16 November 2009.
- Participation in Transnational meetings organised by the Programme;
- Participation (as NCP) in Technical Seminar Presage CTE 22 September 2009 Paris
- Presentation at Seminar organised in Podgorica in representation of the Programme "Montenegro towards European Integration" 6 July 2009;
- Presentations at Seminars on the Med Programme and CTE organised on Italian terrritory;
  - o Udine 27 January 2009
  - o Naples 26-27 March 2009
  - o Salerno 8 October 2009
- As Chair, assistance to the JTS and MA in the organisation of Programme events held on Italian territory, including all the necessary administrative acts for the selection, organisation and payment, namely
  - Selection Committee 4-5 February 2009 Rome
  - Monitoring Committee 5-6 May 2009 Genoa

- Strategic Projects Brainstorming Workshops 16-17 November 2009 Naples
- Capitalisation Event "Thematic Poles" 16 November 2009– Naples
- Annual Event 17 November 2009 Naples
- Monitoring Committee 18-19 November 2009 Naples
- Coordination of drafting of national documents to propose Transnationality;
- Follow-up to Capitalisation Event on Thematic Poles draft methodological paper;
- Contribution to Strategic Projects Working Group (and coordination with the expert);
- Coordination of national consultations for all Programme documents sent in written procedure and discussed in transnational committees;
- Forward Planning for Communication and Dissemination Events to be held in 2010.

## **Malta**

The Maltese National Coordination held an information seminar in March 2009 regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for project proposals. The aim of this seminar was to inform potential partners on the objectives of the Med programme, the application process as well as national financial guidelines concerning project implementation. This seminar was supported by the technical assistance of the Med Programme.

This information seminar was complemented by a number of individual meetings held with various entities following the launch of the second call.

As the other NCP of the Med Programme, the Maltese National coordination took part to all Monitoring Committees and gave its contribution to written procedures whenever necessary.

Besides these common tasks, the Maltese delegation also:

- Compiled and presented three TA claims.
- Liaised with Maltese partners on the procedures for reporting activities and expenses for the first reporting period.
- Held meetings with MT partners involved in such projects;
- Held an information seminar in March 2009 (details of this seminar are already in the report).

#### 7. Information and publicity

As part of setting up the Programme's Communication tools, the work started in 2008 to finalise the Programme's online tools (Web site, database etc) continued. A first version of the project database was launched in the autumn of 2009, allowing the 50 projects of the first call for traditional projects to be presented.

Since the programme's official site continuously tackles a certain number of recurring technical problems, a review, in close collaboration with the Region's services as well as the new service provider continued and resulted in changes and technical update of the site.

Among the tools developed the launch of the two first issues of the programme's semestrial Newsletter in June 2009 and in November 2009 (see annexes 3 "1<sup>st</sup> issue of the Newsletter in June 2009 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of the Newsletter in November 2009) should be noted.

As for the previous years, the Programme organised a certain number of public events intended for its target groups:

Two Lead Partner seminars were held, respectively in Marseille in March and December 2009 for the projects selected as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> call for traditional projects and for the final application for pre-selected projects as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call.

A Presage seminar was organised in Paris in order to enable the projects to gain a better understanding of how the Presage CTE works.

Finally, the organisation of the 2009 annual event which took place in Naples in November 2009 was one of the main undertakings of the Programme's Communication for the autumn of 2009. In addition to reviewing the first and second calls for traditional projects, the event which assembled nearly 300 people, also enabled greater clarity to be expressed on the vision and objectives of the strategic projects, thanks to the organisation of a round table discussion made up of the Programme's Managing Authority, the European Commission and experts from the Renewable Energy and Maritime sectors. The second issue of the Programme's Newsletter was distributed to all of the participants.

On Italy's initiative, the preparation of the 2009 annual event was associated with the organisation at the same time of the first meeting of the Capitalisation of the Programme. During a day of discussions, the projects, grouped by subject developed synergies which will be used for the ongoing Programme Capitalisation. The following questions also were discussed and provided an initial response: What do we wish to exchange? How could we exchange and capitalise? Who are the actors for a capitalisation measure? Among the most important elements should be noted: the exchange of experience regarding the governance aspect for ensuring the projects' success, the development of synergies between the various sectors and various policies, the development of greater visibility of the environmental risks linked to the Mediterranean basin considered as a particularly fragile area. The complete summary of this day's results is available on the Programme's web site: <a href="http://www.programmemed.eu/index.php?id=15137">http://www.programmemed.eu/index.php?id=15137</a>

2009 also marked the start of closer collaboration with the projects in terms of Communication.

Communication directed to the project's activities thus began through the use of several tools:

- Articles dedicated to the projects in the two issues of the Newsletter.
- An exposition of the 1<sup>st</sup> call projects at the Programme's annual conference as well as the active participation of several projects in the plenary session.
- The development of "project" oriented updates on the Web site for relaying important project information (the launch of the Web site, public events, publication of the newsletter, etc)

This approach will be further developed throughout 2010, with the setting up of a "project focus" on the Programme home page enabling regular communication of the important stages and the results of ongoing projects.

As part of the development of this approach, the Programme plans to organise a seminar dedicated to Communication for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> call projects. With this in view, the Programme took part in the Project communication seminar organised by the Alpine Space Programme in October 2009.

As part of the capitalisation work started in 2009, the programme attended several seminars:

- The "Methods of project capitalisation and territorial cooperation" organised in Paris on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 by the DIACT. This seminar and the first-hand accounts from the various Programmes provided the Programme greater clarity on the experiences, the checks and facilitators for the success of a Capitalisation measure.
- The URBACT seminar "Citylab on Metropolitan governance" organised by the URBACT Programme on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2010 allowed the discussion on possible synergies with the URBACT Programme and the possibility of opening some common Capitalisation actions.
- The INTERACT seminars "Laboratory Group for Mediterranean platform" at Palermo and Naples, respectively on 9<sup>th</sup> March and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009:

Objectives of the lab group are to set up a durable working group to work on the analysis on how Mediterranean programmes and projects comply with the challenges of the area. In addition, it will try to create synergies between programmes and projects in the area and to promote their outcomes and results to the appropriate management or political level.

#### Ongoing projects in 2009:

All information concerning the projects in progress is accessible through the database on the Programme website at the following address:

http://www.programmemed.eu/en/projects/database.html?no cache=1, including also a section concerning the statistics of the projects and the amounts for each beneficiary.

Find below, the list of the projects in progress with their total amounts.

Priority	Objective	Presage CTE reference	Internal reference	Acronym	ERDF	Total of contributio ns ERDF	ERDF + Total of contributio ns	Croatia IPA funding	Total of contribu tions Croatia IPA funding	Croatia IPA funding + Total of contributio ns	Monteneg ro IPA funding	Total of contributio ns Montenegr o IPA funding	Montenegr o IPA funding + Total of contributio ns	Amount for the project
1	1	9	1G-MED08-482	TEXMEDIN	1,426,312.50	475,437.50	1,901,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,901,750.00
1	1	202	1G-MED08-014	AGRO-ENVIRONMED	1,058,721.00	339,264.07	1,397,985.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,397,985.07
1	1	486	1G-MED08-185	INS MED	917,317.00	305,773.00	1,223,090.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,223,090.00
1	1	533	1G-MED08-458	SOSTENUTO	1,179,210.00	357,201.00	1,536,411.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	112,000.00	19,764.00	131,764.00	1,668,175.00
1	1	694	1G-MED08-377	Planet Design	989,437.50	329,812.50	1,319,250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,319,250.00
1	1	1199	1G-MED08-309	MET3	1,286,250.00	428,750.00	1,715,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,715,000.00
1	1	1382	1G-MED08-280	MedLab	1,300,000.00	379,867.00	1,679,867.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,679,867.00
1	1	1397	1G-MED08-276	MEDISS	1,290,000.00	430,000.00	1,720,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,720,000.00
1	1	1602	1G-MED08-161	I.C.E.	1,175,164.99	361,763.70	1,536,928.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,536,928.69
1	1	1676	1G-MED08-040	BIOLMED	1,119,382.48	354,747.48	1,474,129.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,474,129.96
1	2		1G-MED08-164	IC-MED	1,424,998.50	474,999.50	1,899,998.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,899,998.00
1	2		1G-MED08-216	MACC BAM	1,072,500.00	357,500.00	1,430,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,430,000.00
1	2	396	1G-MED08-289	MEDOSSIC	905,579.00	221,002.00	1,126,581.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,901.25	1,923.75	12,825.00	1,139,406.00
1	2	444	1G-MED08-129	Flormed	1,400,000.00	466,665.00	1,866,665.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,866,665.00
1	2		1G-MED08-182	INNOVATE-MED	822,559.50	274,186.50	1,096,746.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,096,746.00
1	2		1G-MED08-117	ETHIC	882,439.50	294,146.50	1,176,586.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,176,586.00
1	2		1G-MED08-525	VINNOVATE	1,152,950.00	368,670.00	1,521,620.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,521,620.00
1	2		1G-MED08-419	RIMED	1,214,972.50	357,257.50	1,572,230.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,572,230.00
1	2		1G-MED08-454	SMILIES	1,263,500.00	392,300.00	1,655,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,655,800.00
1	2	1142	1G-MED08-395	QUBIC ACDICUSO	1,273,749.00	424,583.00	1,698,332.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,698,332.00
1	2	1473	1G-MED08-012	AGRISLES	932,500.00	282,625.00	1,215,125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,215,125.00
2	- !	59 214	1G-MED08-533 1G-MED08-273	ZERO VASTE	1,000,000.09 930,000.00	305,596.81 293,727.20	1,305,596.90 1,223,727.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.00	1,305,596.90 1,223,727.20
2	- 1	331	1G-MED08-273	MED-IPPC-NET SHIFT	898,707.00	299,569.00	1,198,276.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,198,276.00
2		594	1G-MED08-515	WATERinCORE	773,375.00	235,125.00	1,008,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,008,500.00
2		878	1G-MED08-463	SusTEn	1,210,500.00	384,300.00	1,594,800.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,594,800.00
2	1	1126	1G-MED08-134	FREE-MED	940,770.00	313,590.00	1,254,360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,254,360.00
2	2	736	1G-MED08-477	Teenergy schools	999,500.00	306,500.00	1,306,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,306,000.00
2	2		1G-MED08-060	CLIMEPORT	1,239,221.00	371,233.00	1,610,454.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,610,454.00
2	3		1G-MED08-307	MEMO	1,008,750.00	318,991.00	1,327,741.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,327,741.00
2	3		1G-MED08-437	SECUR MED PLUS	1,222,500.00	394,167.00	1,616,667.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616,667.00
2	4	237	1G-MED08-387	PROTECT	1,171,105.00	364,435.00	1,535,540.00	64,260.00		75,600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,611,140.00
2	4	639	1G-MED08-048	CAT-Med	1,628,225.00	542,741.67	2,170,966.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,170,966.67
2	4	659	1G-MED08-062	COASTANCE	1,376,475.00	436,300.33	1,812,775.33	48,940.00		57,576.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,870,351.80
3	1	11	1G-MED08-478	TERCONMED	1,162,628.00	369,206.00	1,531,834.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,531,834.00
3	1	194	1G-MED08-034	BACKGROUNDS	1,075,999.00	340,678.00	1,416,677.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,416,677.00
3	1	631	1G-MED08-495	TRANSit	1,013,152.50	286,840.12	1,299,992.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,299,992.62
3	1	1577	1G-MED08-085	DEVELOP-MED	1,015,698.20	304,673.80	1,320,372.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	68,000.00	12,000.00	80,000.00	1,400,372.00
4	1	13	1G-MED08-376	Philoxenia	1,579,925.00	402,472.00	1,982,397.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,982,397.00
4	1	46	1G-MED08-392	QUALIGOUY	1,363,500.00	454,500.00	1,818,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,818,000.00
4	1	62	1GMED-08-264	Medgovernance	1,208,149.00	402,716.00	1,610,865.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,610,865.00
4	1	72	1G-MED08-425	Rururbal	1,286,209.11	428,736.39	1,714,945.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,714,945.50
4	1	91	1G-MED08-511	VASMAN	1,250,095.00	366,866.00	1,616,961.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,616,961.00
4	1	188	1G-MED08-069	CREPUDMED	1,104,000.00	368,000.00	1,472,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,472,000.00
4	1	1047	1G-MED08-370	PAYS.MED.URBAN	1,224,999.00	408,333.00	1,633,332.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,633,332.00
4	1	1275	1G-MED08-133	FORET MODELE	976,500.00	325,500.00	1,302,000.00	45,900.00		54,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,356,000.00
4	1	1621	1G-MED08-349	NOVAGRIMED	1,355,037.00	501,682.47	1,856,719.47	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,856,719.47
4	2	446	1G-MED08-052	CHORD	987,750.00	329,250.00	1,317,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,317,000.00
4	2	951	1G-MED08-231	MED EMPORION	1,238,949.00	412,983.00	1,651,932.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,651,932.00
4	2	1421	1G-MED08-046	C.U.L.T.UR.E	1,195,152.00	398,384.00	1,593,536.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,593,536.00
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