

# 2019 Annual Report Citizen's summary





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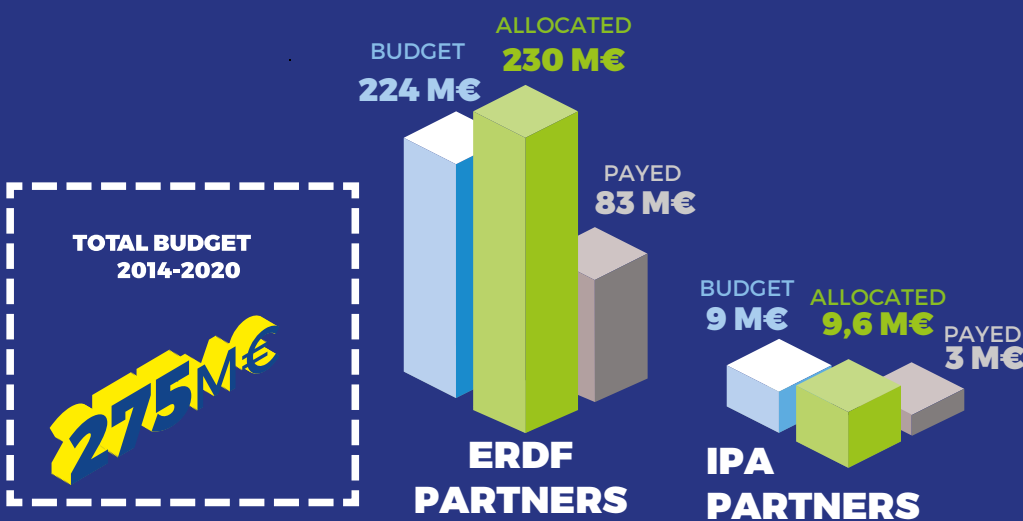
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**INTERREG MED 2014-2020  
COOPERATION AREA**

**Territories covered:**  
57 regions from 13 partner  
European States (10 EU + 3 IPA)

 EU Interreg MED regions  IPA Interreg MED regions

## Budget update 2019



## Who are we?

The Interreg MED Programme gathers 13 European countries from the Northern shore of the Mediterranean. They are working together for a sustainable growth in the region.

The Programme supports projects developing innovative concepts and practices and promoting a reasonable use of resources.

**Projects until 2019**  
→ 108 projects  
→ 1142 beneficiaries






## Thematic priorities where we invest:

### Axis 1 - Innovation

-  **BLUE GROWTH**
-  **GREEN GROWTH**
-  **SOCIAL & CREATIVE**

### Axis 2 Low carbon economy

-  **EFFICIENT BUILDINGS**
-  **RENEWABLE ENERGY**
-  **URBAN TRANSPORTS**

### Axis 3 - Natural and cultural resources

-  **SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**
-  **BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION**

### Axis 4 - Governance

-  **MEDITERRANEAN GOVERNANCE**

# PROGRAMME 2019 RESULTS

Activities in 2019 focused on implementation and showcasing achievements. Indeed, 2019 has made possible:

## → To complete the architecture of the Programme

By the approval of **4 strategic projects**, which will now work under the coordination and with the contribution of Panorama-med, in the governance process of axis 4.

This is why the Programme, organised 3 major events to better understand, build and display an "Interreg Mediterranean" capitalisation.

## → To finalise the community building phase

Carried out by the different 8 thematic communities led by the Horizontal projects and fed in content by about 80 Modular projects, it follows the consolidation of the initial work on synergy and synthesis of methodologies and action plans, which are then displayed at events coordinated by the Horizontal projects (check each thematic community website on <https://interreg-med.eu/en/>).



# PRIORITIES' 2019 RESULTS

## AXIS 4 - Governance



**1**  
Platform project

**4**  
Strategic projects

**8%**  
of the budget

We invest in enhancing Mediterranean Governance at policy-level to develop and boost coordination between macro-regional and sea-basin strategies in the Mediterranean among regional, local and national public authorities. 2019 has been the first year when the governance processes have been fully operational, with all different types of projects, including the new four

Governance strategic projects, working together with the thematic project communities and the platform project that coordinates the Axis. Four strategic projects were approved to work on coastal and maritime tourism and on maritime surveillance. Two new strategic projects on innovation are foreseen to be approved during 2020.

## KEY OUTPUTS

**358**  
Structures involved in supported initiatives

## AXIS 1 - Innovation

We invest in innovation to develop smart and sustainable growth.

**39** projects  
**3** Thematic Communities  
**32%** of the budget

## KEY OUTPUTS

**11** Operational instruments to favour innovation of SMEs  
**26** Enterprises receiving grants  
**3,299** Enterprises impacted non-receiving grants  
**4** Total transnational innovation clusters supported



### BLUE GROWTH

BG community integrated dynamics between projects and transnational key stakeholders and the support of Mediterranean clusters active in Blue Economy. Results: its work is synthesised in informative factsheets on clusters, maritime surveillance, yachting, blue energies and a policy paper.



### GREEN GROWTH

They worked with the UN2030 Sustainable Development Goals, synthesising the results of 14 Modular projects into White Papers on Circular Economy and synergies for GG, a Policy Paper, Legal Recommendations and a Green Growth Book. As a result, the Union for the Mediterranean labelled the Community, thereby acknowledging its potential in the transition to circular economy in the Mediterranean region.



### SOCIAL & CREATIVE

They inter-connected the innovation clusters developed within its thematic modular projects to create a transnational meta-cluster of creativity and social innovation in the Mediterranean. It developed 12 Policy Briefings and tools to help policy-makers and stakeholders to define the local and regional policies on creativity and social innovation, among them an innovative semantic tool.

## AXIS 2 - Low Carbon Economy

We invest in low-carbon strategies and energy efficiency in specific Mediterranean territories: cities, islands and rural areas.

**26** projects  
**3** Thematic Communities  
**20%** of the budget

### KEY OUTPUTS

**2,697** People trained in buildings energy renovation  
**149** Regions engaged in energy efficiency plans  
**8M** Expected population of islands covered by Renewable Energy plans  
**7,115** Population involved in awareness activities for low carbon transport



#### EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

They developed tools to help public authorities in the implementation of energy efficiency building renovation. Several methodologies and protocols were tested. All technical knowledge is available in four Technical Papers, which led to two policy papers on financing and information and a manifesto for a Mediterranean energy transition.



#### RENEWABLE ENERGY

Territorial planning is at the core of the RENEWABLE ENERGY, as a governance tool for energy adaptation in islands and rural areas. This Community created a new approach to implement renewable energy in islands and local communities: the Ecosystemic Transition Units (ETU). It aims to involve populations, authorities and civil society in a positive dialogue to welcome energy infrastructures. Key policy recommendations and a manifesto synthesise the outcomes of this community.



#### URBAN TRANSPORTS

They are promoting a greener urban mobility planning in cities to reduce carbon emissions related to transport and improve the environment and the population's quality of life. A dialogue between key stakeholders has been established. Thematic publications related to tourism and mobility have been issued this year.

## AXIS 3 - Cultural and Natural Resources

We invest in protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources. Climate Change and tourism are the cause of many challenges to Mediterranean nature conservation, needing to be tackled.

**30** projects  
**2** Thematic Communities  
**34%** of the budget

### KEY OUTPUTS

**71** Tourist destinations covered by a sustainable tourism evaluation tool  
**54** Regions engaged in implementing sustainable tourism plans  
**10,6M** M2 of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status  
**31** Protected areas engaged in management strategies



#### SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

The SUSTAINABLE TOURISM run 4 working groups (monitoring tourism sustainability, reducing tourism impact, contributing to sustainable and responsible economic growth, governance mechanisms) engaged in the release of 4 policy factsheets and policy recommendations. Technical knowledge has been synthesised in thematic papers and factsheets and scientific publications.



#### BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION

The BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION community of nature conservation actors is influencing regional policy efforts for environmental sustainability. The whole community drafted and signed a Declaration for an Ecosystem based approach to biodiversity protection and management, that any interested party can adopt.



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