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# Cross-border cooperation in the Black Sea Basin

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# Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2007-2013 – particular construction – strong cooperation

**8 participating countries:**

- 3 Member States: Bulgaria, Greece, Romania (NUTS II regions)
- 4 Partener Countries: Armenia, Georgia, Moldova (all regions), Ukraine (NUTS II regions)
- 1 Candidate Country: Turkey (NUTS II regions)

**Russian Federation and Azerbaijan** may participate with their own funds

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# Black Sea Basin - a successful Programme

- Overall objective of the Programme is to contribute to: “a stronger and sustainable economic and social development of the regions of the Black Sea Basin”
- **TOTAL BUDGET: 35 mil.EURO (28 mil. EURO ENPI + 7mil. EURO IPA)**
- EC has increased the ENPI budget with 11 million EURO from 17 million EURO to 28 million EURO

# Cooperation - a common need in the Black Sea Basin

- 368 projects submitted under the two calls for proposals
- More than 180 mil. EURO requested by the submitted projects

## Results after 2 calls for proposals:

TOTAL - 62 projects contracted - 33,678,382.80 Euro (ENPI and IPA funds)

# PROGRAMME PORJECTS



**The projects from the Priority 1** have the overall objective to support the cross-border partnership for **economic and social development** based on combined results. The Programme has 26 projects with the following activities:

- Support to the **promotion of traditional products** from Black Sea agriculture on the international market;
- Development of cooperation networks aimed at promoting the **use of information and communication technologies in local/regional economic initiatives**;
- **Pre-feasibility studies for small-scale transport infrastructures** for a better integration of less developed areas and tourist destinations in the Basin;
- Common initiatives for promoting **transit transportation infrastructures** in the region aimed at **increasing freight and passenger transportation efficiency**.

# PROGRAMME PORJECTS

The projects from the Priority 1 have the following activities:

- Creation of **cross-border tourism products and common service standards** (thematic routes, quality systems etc).
- **Training for staff of local bodies and institutions supporting SMEs**, especially for the improvement of capacity to operate in interregional initiatives (e.g. marketing plans, product development and small business management);
- **Networks for the promotion of innovative urban and rural planning** and management methodologies for urban development and rehabilitation;
- Establishment of a Black Sea Basin **network for capacity building for local and regional administrators** through the exchange of good practices and innovations for local development.

# PROGRAMME PROJECTS

**The projects from the Priority 2** have the overall objective to share resources and competencies for **environmental protection and conservation.** The Programme has 24 projects with the following activities:

- Establishment or strengthening of **networks for the development in partnership of methodologies and capabilities of the responsible rescue authorities in view of the response to oil spills** on the coastal area and the mitigation of marine pollution;
- Support to the **development in partnership of contingency** plans in order to ensure the ability of the Black Sea coastal authorities to respond to pollution;
- Preparation/promotion or **implementation of scientific studies in the fields of monitoring, control and protection of the maritime system and of rivers in the area**.
- Development of **concepts for coordination and cooperation in case of natural or man-made disasters**

# PROGRAMME PROJECTS

The projects from the Priority 2 have the following activities:

- The establishment or strengthening of networks for joint development of planning and management methodologies and the **creation of databases for the natural protected areas** of the Black Sea Basin;
- Support to **information and educational activities**, including **awareness-raising campaigns**, in the field of wastewater and solid waste management, water saving and waste recycling;
- **Partnerships for innovation in waste management** in regions with significant seasonal tourism flows that are concentrated in particular areas;
- **Partnerships of authorities for the exchange of good practices and governance tools** in the sectors of **solid waste and wastewater management** - based on EU approaches.

# PROGRAMME PROJECTS

**The projects from the Priority 3** have the overall objective to promote **cultural networking and educational exchange** in the Black Sea Basin communities. The Programme has 12 projects contracted with the following activities:

- Establishment of partnerships for the **promotion of cultural heritage values**;
- Establishing **networks of cultural institutions** in the Black Sea Basin for strengthening regional identity;
- The creation of networks of **cultural centres,** sharing cultural values from all regions
- The establishment of **partnerships for the exchange of experiences with traditional popular culture** through the promotion of common cultural events in the Black Sea Basin.

# PROGRAMME PROJECTS

The projects from the Priority 3 have the following activities:

- Partnerships for the **exchange of students** and academics for the establishment of channels of cultural integration in the Black Sea Basin;
- **Partnerships among universities, high schools and research centres** aimed at the design and development of **special educational programmes** based on topics of common interest in the Black Sea Basin;
- Networks for the **exchange of experience** in adapting education and vocational training systems to the needs of a market economy, based on common approaches.

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# Looking to the future – the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020

**PROGRAMME'S GEOGRAPHY - IDENTICAL WITH THE CURRENT PROGRAMMING PERIOD**

**STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT ORIENTATION of the Programme is focusing** ON 3 strategic objectives provided by the Draft CBC Strategy/ Programming Document 2014-2020:

- Promote **economic and social development** in regions on both sides of common borders;
- Address common challenges, in **environment, public health, safety and security;**
- Promotion of better conditions and modalities for ensuring the **mobility of persons, goods and capital.**

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# The ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020

**The ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme' s aim is to achieve the following strategic objectives:**

- Promotion of social inclusion and fight against poverty
- Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and disaster
- Accessibility to the regions, development of transport and communication networks and systems

The objectives of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 are currently under public consultation.

According to the Partnership Agreement sing by Romania - Development of maritime potential (marine knowledge, protection of marine environment, Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Maritime Surveillance) may also be addressed through joint actions.

# PROPOSED THEMATIC OBJECTIVES (TO)

- **TO4** (Promotion of social inclusion and fight against poverty)
  - Development and/or access to social services
  - Integration of immigrants and vulnerable groups
- **TO6** (Environmental protection, climate change adaptation and disasters)
  - Environmental protection
  - Energy efficiency
  - Sustainable waste / waste water management
- **TO7** (Accessibility to the regions, development of transport and communication networks and systems)
  - Transport services (and small scale infrastructure)
  - ICT infrastructure

# POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TOs

- **TO1** (Business and SME development)
  - Specific sectors (tourism, agriculture); Entrepreneurship
- **TO2** (Education, research, technology and innovation)
  - Promotion of and support to research and innovation; Life-long learning
- **TO3** (Local culture, historical heritage)
  - Promoting local culture and history
- **TO5** (Support to local & regional good governance)
  - Capacity of local & regional authorities and communities; regional integration
- **TO8** (Common challenges in safety and security)
  - Development of and access to health services

# BUDGET

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- MS received from the EC information regarding the allocation of cohesion policy for 2014-2020, including for ETC objective
- ERDF transfer to external cooperation programmes (IPA/ENI)
- ENI funds = at least equal with the ERDF allocation from MS
- IPA transfer to the Programme's budget
- Provisional budget ⟶ beginning of 2014

# What we expect from the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020

The **common experience** of the past few years has to make the next ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 more efficient, with:

- a faster start,
- **more focused objectives and indicators,** to maximize the impact in the region and to obtain more concrete results,
- an **increased impact** in the region,
- more **concrete results.**

# Factors needed to a successful cooperation and for better projects

- **Relevant and result oriented proposals;**
- **Quality of action** (clear objectives and added value to the BSB cooperation area; concrete, visible and realistic results);
- **Strong partnership** (relevant, committed and effective team of Partners eager to achieve the objectives, with operational and technical capacity);
- **Accurate planning of activities** (while maintaining flexibility);
- **Effective Management** (track what has been done; identify potential risks; budgetary management);
- **Communication** (good and clear communication procedures).

# What have we done until now?

- **Joint Programming Committee** - the responsible body for the preparation of the future Programme, made up of representatives of all participating countries;
- **3 JPC meetings held**, on a rotation basis, in the eligible area;
- **Managing Authority and Audit Authority officially appointed – Romania trough the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration will have the role of Managing Authority and Audit Authority – Court of Accounts;**
- First draft of socio-economic analysis and SWOT prepared, with the support of ENI CBC – Support to programmes preparation;
- **Wide stakeholders consultations** on-going regarding the proposed T.O. (documents available on the www.blacksea-cbc.net)

# Next steps

- Public consultation on SWOT and proposed TOs of the wider regional stakeholders - by February 2014
- 3 JPC meeting in 2014
- Finalization and submission of the JOP – end 2014
- Negotiations and approval by EC - max. 6 months since JOP submission
- Signature of Financing Agreement - max. 1 year from JOP adoption

* The deadline proposal is depending from the finalization of the EC legal framework.

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# Thank you for your attention!

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