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Black Sea Cross Border Cooperation in the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy

Black Sea Joint Operational Programme 2007-2013

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The New neighborhood strategy and Black Sea Basin programme

- **The Global objective of the Cross Border Cooperation in the new Neighborhood strategy** :.....to support sustainable development along both sides of the EU's external borders, to help ameliorate differences in living standards across these borders, and to address the challenges and opportunities following on EU enlargement....
- **The global objective of the Black Sea Basin Programme:** . . .to achieve a **stronger regional partnership and cooperation** to promote sustainable economic and social development of the regions of the Black Sea Basin, based on stronger regional partnership and cooperation.



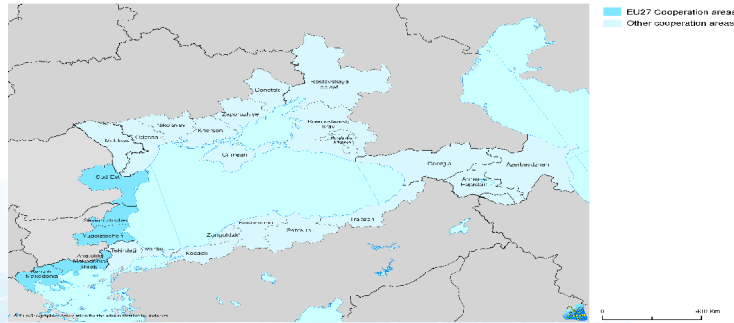
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Eligible area



ENPI CBC Sea-Basin Programme 2007-2013
Black Sea



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



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Programme's main features

- European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)
- **Joint Programme:** joint programming, joint projects
- **Joint budget:** 90% EU co-financing + 10% national co financing

Total budget*		Of which	
ENPI + national co-financing		ENPI	National co-financing
TOTAL	18.863.479	17.305.944	1.557.535
	Euro	Euro	Euro

- Turkey participates with IPA funds, 1 million Euros/year
- Programme addressing **cooperation at regional level**
- **NUTS II regions**- and equivalent territorial units in partner countries
- **10 Participating States:** 3 Member States, 1 Negotiating Candidate Country, 6 partner countries



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Programme strategy

OBJECTIVE 1: PROMOTING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE BORDER AREAS	
Priority 1: Supporting cross border partnerships for economic and social development based on common resources	Measure 1.1: Strengthening accessibility and connectivity for new intra- regional information, communication, transport and trade links
	Measure 1.2: Creation of tourism networks in order to promote joint tourism development initiatives and traditional products
	Measure 1.3: Creation of administrative capacity for the design and implementation of local development policies
OBJECTIVE 2: WORKING TOGETHER TO ADDRESS COMMON CHALLENGES	
Priority 2: Sharing resources and competencies for environmental protection and conservation	Measure 2.1: Strengthening the joint knowledge and information base needed to address common challenges in the environmental protection of river and maritime systems
	Measure 2.2: Promoting research, innovation and awareness in the field of conservation and environmental protection for protected natural areas
	Measure 2.3: Promotion of cooperation initiatives aimed at innovation in technologies and management of solid waste and wastewater management systems
OBJECTIVE 3: PROMOTING LOCAL, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE COOPERATION	
Priority 3: Supporting cultural and educational initiatives for the establishment of a common cultural environment in the Basin	Measure 3.1: Promoting cultural networking and educational exchange in the Black Sea Basin communities.



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



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Indicative financial allocation 2007-2013

Priorities by source of funding (in euros):

	ENPI EC Funding (a) *	IPA EC Funding (b)	ENPI Co-financing (c)	IPA Co-financing (d)	ENPI Co-financing rate (in %) (e) **	IPA Co-financing rate (in %) (f)	ENPI Total funding (g) = (a)+(c)	IPA Total funding (h) = (b)+(d)	EC Total funding (i) = (g)+(h)
Priority 1	5,500,000	2,224,700	550,000	392,594	10%	15%	6,050,000	2,617,294	8,667,294
Priority 2	6,250,000	2,528,000	625,000	446,118	10%	15%	6,875,000	2,974,118	9,849,118
Priority 3	3,025,350	1,547,300	382,535	273,053	10%	15%	4,207,885	1,820,353	6,028,238
Technical Assistance	1,730,594	700,000	N.A.	123,529	if applicable	15%	1,730,594	823,529	2,554,123
Total	17,305,944	7,000,000	1,557,535	1,235,294	9%	15%	18,863,479	8,235,294	27,098,773



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Projects' main features

- All projects will be based on a cross border partnership, from EU Member States and partner countries.
- **Integrated projects** where each partner carries out a part of the activities of the joint project on its own territory
- **Beneficiary (Lead partner)** will be leading implementation and interacting with the JMA.
- **Projects' size:** minimum 50.000 Euros
maxim 700.000 Euro
- **Projects' duration:** between 12 to 24 months
- **PRAG rules**
(http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/work/procedures/implementation/index_en.htm)
- **Potential beneficiaries:** local and regional authorities, development, environmental and tourism agencies, chambers of commerce, NGOs, Education institutions- located in the eligible area. (art.14(h) ENPI Regulation
- **Associate partners:** are not entitled to receive ENPI or IPA funding



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Indicative schedule for call for project proposals

4 calls for project proposals:

- 2009- 1st quarter
- 2010- 2nd quarter
- 2011- 2nd quarter
- 2012-1st quarter

2013- last contracting year

2014- last year for projects' implementation

2016- last year for payments at programme level



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The Black Sea ENPI programme and other regional initiatives

▪ **Interaction**

The JMA will promote permanent communication and partnership with other regional/international initiatives in the area.

▪ **Synergy**

Projects follow up will be promoted in other programmes, to exploit capability and know how generated, partnerships established will represent relevant institution building for other European and International initiatives (e.g.: the framework programmes for research and innovation)

Project ideas generated by other programmes will find opportunities for implementation (e.g. BSEC feasibility studies)

▪ **Complementarities**

Programme priorities will reinforce impact of other cooperation initiatives in regional development, economic reform, environmental policies, people to people cooperation.



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Next steps

- Resubmission of JOP to EC for approval -*October 2008*
- EC approval -*November 2008*
- A financing agreement is signed by the EC and each partner country of the joint operational programme; the JOP can start as soon as one partner country has signed its financing agreement- *during 2009*
- First call for proposals – *1st quarter of 2009*



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