

Citizens' Summary of the 2016 BalkanMed Annual Implementation Report

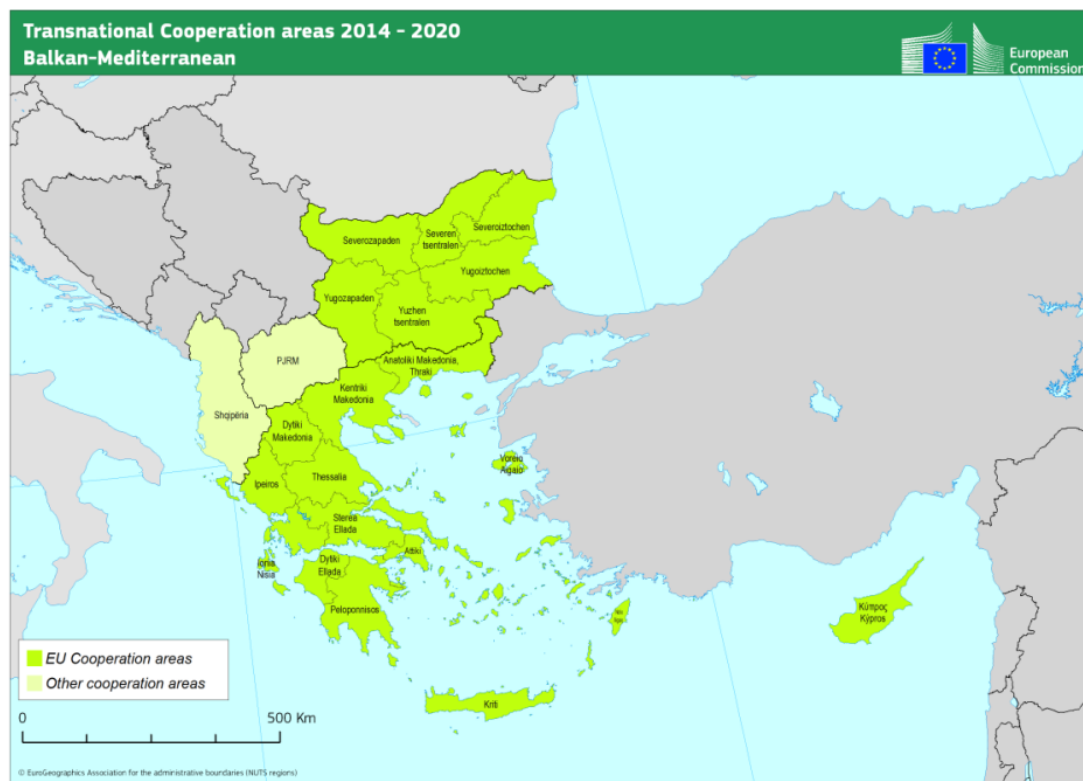
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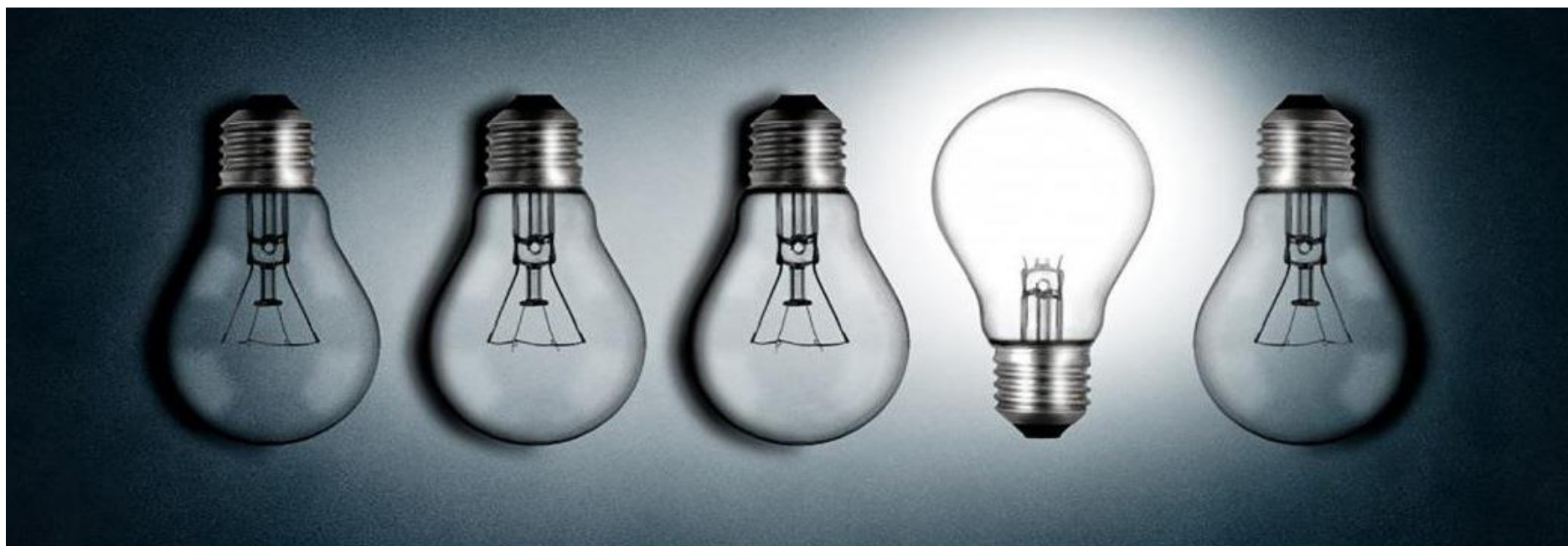
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What is the BalkanMed Programme about?

BalkanMed brings together five (5) countries, three EU member states and two candidate countries. **Albania, Bulgaria, Cyprus, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** and **Greece** come closer and cooperate, addressing specific needs of the Balkan Peninsula and the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. With BalkanMed we have a **new possibility** to join efforts, beyond mountains, seas and borders.

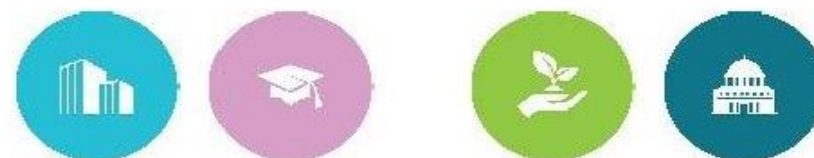




We want to help our regions and countries become the best they can be.

We want to lead ourselves as citizens to a better everyday life in the future.

Entrepreneurship & Innovation and Environment are the routes we have chosen to our success.



The 1st Call for Project Proposals

The 1st Call for Project Proposals was officially launched on 16/12/2015 with the note that it would be open until 15/04/2016. The deadline was extended until 26/04/2016, following a relevant decision of the Monitoring Committee. Eligible partnerships included partners from at least three participating countries. The Call had a budget of € 20.1 mil. (85% of which is covered by EU funds) and was open to both Priorities Axes.

Upon the publication of the 1st Call for Project Proposals Info Days and partner search forums were organised in all participating countries to help potential applicants to develop their projects and to search for partners. Info Days were organised in all participating countries in co-operation with the National Authorities. More than 1,000 participants attended these events, which gave way to discuss project ideas, management and implementation issues, to meet potential applicants and to facilitate partner search.

Overall, 384 Project Proposals were submitted, 175 in Priority Axis1 "Entrepreneurship & Innovation" and 209 in Priority Axis 2 "Environment". The overall requested budget was approximately 400 million €, 19.52 times higher than the budget available in the Call. In total 1092 individual entities from the five BalkanMed countries applied for funding under the 1st Call.



384 PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED



400 MILLION
EUROS ASKED




1092 ORGANISATIONS
PARTICIPATED


Our actions build on the BalkanMed area's potential and improve competitiveness, while promoting and supporting **entrepreneurship**. The small and medium-sized enterprises are encouraged to find their way through to cooperation by forming networks, creating clusters and inspiring cluster policies

Our entrepreneurs are enabled to acquire the necessary skills and tools to boost competitiveness, to gain **access** to other markets and introduce **innovation** in all phases of business cycle. By linking education and business, we place innovation into the heart of business practices and processes


PRIORITY AXIS 1

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION





Asked budget



Category	Available	Asked
Total	~10	~150
ERDF	~10	~100
IPA	~5	~30

THE PROPOSALS

175 Project Proposals with a total budget of 152 million Euros were submitted under Priority Axis 1.

Overall, 1,086 entities participated in the cooperation partnerships and schemes

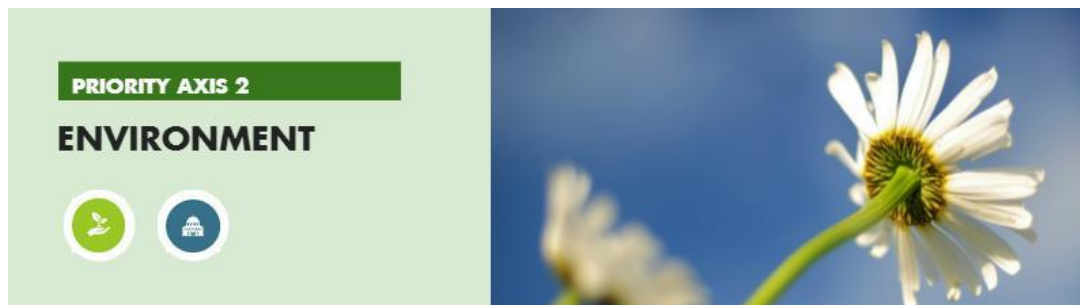
REMINDER

As the Programme area suffers from markets' fragmentation, High unemployment and Limited labor force skills, BalkanMed seeks to foster the area's entrepreneurship potential by encouraging SMEs' cooperation and networking, clusters and clusters policies and new business models' applications

175 proposals submitted. 124 passed to the Quality Assessment phase

In the BalkanMed area, we join efforts to preserve and manage the rich **natural heritage** of our region. After all, nature is our home; touristic development of our region matched with environmental protection and resources efficiency can ensure economic and sustainable growth for all

In order to best develop the rich **potential** of our region, we, the local actors, apply joint environmental education and training activities, share our experiences and practices and build our capacity for the future



THE PROPOSALS

209 Project Proposals with a total budget of 241 million Euros were submitted under Priority Axis 2.

Overall, 1,260 entities participated in the cooperation partnerships and schemes

Asked budget



REMINDER

In the BalkanMed area we join efforts to preserve and manage the rich natural heritage of our region. In order to best develop its rich potential we apply joint environmental education and training activities, share our experiences and practices and build our capacity for the future

209 proposals submitted. 152 passed to the Quality Assessment phase

BalkanMed funds a diverse range of activities.

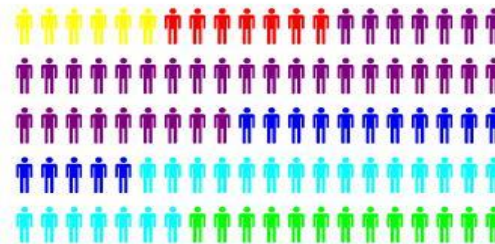
Our **joint** projects aim to deliver real benefits to the people and to build sustainable **links** in the whole BalkanMed area.

Projects are selected through a competitive procedure and should have a strong focus on the Programme's themes for cooperation.

There is no "good or bad idea" for a project, but "suitable solutions" to specific needs. Our target is the result and the result is a better everyday day life for all.



THE PARTNERS



- Ministries (6.25%)
- Regions (6.82%)
- Municipalities (36.17%)
- Universities (15.72%)
- Research Centers (22.35%)
- Chambers (12.69%)

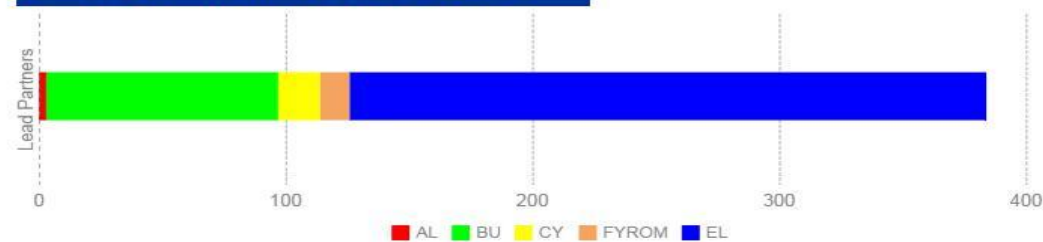


PARTICIPATION

In total, 2,346 entities asked for funding, while 98 entities participated as Observers Partners

1092 individual entities participated in the BalkanMed 1st Call for Project Proposals

LEAD PARTNERS PER COUNTRY



Do you need any further information?

Should you need further information about BalkanMed, please don't hesitate to contact us or visit our website



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