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The EU is a major donor for the Neighbourhood. The lion's share of its regional support is channelled through the EuropeAid Co-operation Office and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI). Approximately 10 percent of the ENPI funds are allocated to regional programmes and projects. ENPI funding approved for the period 2007-2013 was €11.2 billion. The proposed amount for the ENPI – to be renamed European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI) – in 2014-2020 is €18,182 million.



East: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Russia. South: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia.

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# Regional cooperation in the EU Neighbourhood

Regional cooperation in the European Neighbourhood complements national assistance programmes, addresses regional challenges, promotes cooperation amongst partners and builds bridges. Regional cooperation brings together 17 partner countries and territories from the southern Mediterranean, the Eastern Partnership area and Russia to engage in discussion and exchange views and experiences.



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# Why Regional Cooperation

**R**egional cooperation has a strategic impact as it deals with issues that partner countries have in common. It encourages South-North and South-South cooperation and serves as a forum for dialogue, exchange of views and knowledge. It contributes towards the aim of building an area of peace, security, economic growth and prosperity, for the citizens from partner countries.

## Partnership and dialogue

Regional cooperation offers a unique opportunity for people to sit around the same table and be part of a dialogue. People learn to work together, experiences are shared, relationships built, networks created and common activities carried out. Civil society and other local stakeholders are part of this effort.

## Investing in People

Much of the work done by projects focuses on building peoples' capabilities, through workshops, for example. There is also much activity on issues that improve society and living conditions. At the end of the day, though, it is all a matter of investing in the citizens, locally, through EU-funded cooperation activities.

Regional cooperation is mainly funded through the financial arm of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI).



**“The philosophy of logistics is to provide larger volumes of cargo with less transport means”**

Akif, Azerbaijan

# Who benefits

**G**overnment officials and bodies, NGOs, municipalities, professionals and hundreds of others participate in activities funded through projects, creating networks and exchanging best practices. In the long-term, the citizens from the partner countries in the European Neighbourhood are the end beneficiaries. Cooperation fields are agreed between the EU and the countries involved. Funding mainly comes from the ENPI, managed by the European Commission, Directorate General Development and Cooperation, EuropeAid.

## How to get involved

Funding is delivered through grants and contracts, as well as budget support to governments. It is channeled from the EU to projects implemented by civil society and other organisations, or to government coffers.

To learn more about the funding opportunities visit, announced on the EuropeAid website <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid> or the respective EU Delegation websites.

**“We restored a place that none of us thought could be restored...”**

Alaa, Palestine



The EU Neighbourhood Info Centre has produced a handbook on “EU Funding for the Neighbourhood and Russia” available on its website: [www.enpi-info.eu](http://www.enpi-info.eu)

# Milestones

- 2014** ENPI will be replaced by the more policy-driven European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI).
- 2011** Launch of the revised ENP outlining a new, incentive based, approach ("more for more) to assist political, economic and social reforms in the European Neighbourhood.
- 2009** Eastern Partnership (EaP) launched with Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.
- 2008** Euro-Med Partnership given new impetus through Union for the Mediterranean.
- 2007** European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) replaces funding instruments MEDA (South) and TACIS (East).
- 2004** European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) developed with partner countries and territories from the South and the East.
- 1995** EU and Mediterranean Partners launch Euro-Med Partnership in Barcelona (Barcelona process).

As a result of a better cooperation in specific sector areas, the ENP is more and more influencing people's life in a positive and concrete way. Projects supported by the EU and related to transport, environment, education and energy, among many others, are improving daily living conditions in partner countries.



# More-for-more

**T**hrough the More-for-More approach adopted by the European Union in the past years, increased emphasis is placed on those partners determinedly embarking on political reforms and respecting the shared universal values of human rights, democracy and rule of law.

A key issue in implementing More-for-More is how progress is assessed. The assessment needs to be based on open consultation with a large number of stakeholders including civil society and verified against international indicators. Then this assessment is captured in the ENP country progress reports, which include what the EU regards as key to democratic transformation in each neighbour partner country.

Put simply, the more a country goes down the path of reforms, the more benefits it has, including more economic integration, mobility of people and EU financial support.

**"Artists in our conflict region need genuine dialogue"**  
Sigal, Israel



**"Youth have been overlooked by politicians"**

Qurie, Jordan

# Thematic Instruments

The European Commission operates programmes with a specific thematic focus, also funded through the ENPI.

The thematic instruments available to the Neighbourhood are: European Instrument for Democracy & Human Rights (EIDHR), Nuclear Safety Co-operation Instrument (NSCI), Environment and sustainable management of natural resources including energy, Non-state actors and local authorities in development, Food security, Migration and asylum, Investing in people and the Instrument for stability.

## How to get involved

Most thematic instruments operate through calls for tenders published over regular periods.

Keep following their information portals to find opportunities.

Also look at the publication “EU Funding for the Neighbourhood and Russia” on the EU Neighbourhood Info Centre website, or the section “How we finance” on the EuropeAid website,



Eastern Partnership and South Neighbourhood Glossaries are available in English, French, Arabic and Russian on [www.enpi-info.eu](http://www.enpi-info.eu)

# Aims

**Regional Cooperation contributes to**

**Reinforce** regional integration

Sharing of **experiences** and transferring of **expertise**

Setting and promoting **best practice**

Defining common **thematic strategies** and action plans

Carrying out together **concrete projects**

**Creating networks** of people and organisations

Reinforcing capacities of national and **local authorities**

Strengthening **civil society**



**“I will bring the European Union home and read it to my siblings”**

Giorgi, Georgia

## Find out more

DG Development and Cooperation, EuropeAid  
[http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm)

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# LOOKING TO THE EAST

## EU Regional Programmes and

The EU and the countries on its Eastern borders have been building and deepening relations since the development of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in 2004, following the Union's enlargement. The aim is to bring these Neighbours closer to the EU and to support them as they carry out economic, social and political reforms.

With Russia, the EU has a separate Strategic Partnership and the country does not participate in the ENP, but activities on the ground get support from its financial arm, the ENPI.

**The Eastern Partnership (EaP)** completes the EU's foreign policy towards Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus as a specific Eastern dimension of the ENP.

Launched in 2009, the EaP creates the necessary conditions to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the EU and Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The EaP has gone a long way in shaping the agenda of cooperation between the EU and its eastern neighbours and providing a solid framework for sharing expertise and best practice. The initiative has given rise to new platforms for dialogue at government and expert level (thematic platforms), as well as in the fields of parliamentary and participatory democracy.

The main co-operation fields with the Eastern partners are:

- Democracy, good governance and stability;
- Economic development;
- Climate change, energy and environment;
- Social and human development;
- Regional integration.

Projects carried out under these priorities are funded by the ENPI, the main financial and cooperation instrument through which assistance is given to partner countries in the European Neighbourhood...

### Political dialogue

Preparing staff for EU-ENP related jobs

### Migration and border management

Integrated border management (IBM) – Flagship Initiative Training Project • EaP Integrated Border Management – Armenia/Georgia Bagratashen-Sadakhlo crossing point • Eastern Partnership Integrated Border Management – Information exchange Belarus/Ukraine • Enhancement of border management capabilities at the Ninotsminda-Bavra Border Crossing Point between Georgia and Armenia • EU Border Assistance Mission to Moldova and Ukraine (EUBAM) • Strengthening surveillance capacity on the 'green' and 'blue' border between Belarus and Ukraine

### Justice and rule of law

Council of Europe Eastern Partnership Facility • Eastern Partnership Police Cooperation Programme

### Culture and Media

Eastern Partnership Culture Programme • Regional Communication Programme

### Youth

Eastern Partnership Youth Programme • Eastern Partnership Youth Window



**“Fish don't know borders: rivers require joint efforts”**  
Matti, Russia



**“We developed a project and proposed it for EU funding”**

Gabriel, Moldova



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### Civil society and local authorities

CIUDAD – Sustainable urban development • Support to the European Endowment for Democracy • Neighbourhood Civil Society Facility

### Education

Erasmus Mundus II – Action 2 Partnerships • TEMPUS IV for higher education • eTwinning Plus

### Economy

East Invest - Support to SME sector • Small Business Support Programmes in the Eastern Partnership • Eastern Partnership SME Finance Facility • Technical assistance for electronic communications regulators of the Eastern Partnership countries

### Environment and climate change

Air quality governance in the ENPI East countries • Clima East: Supporting Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Russia and ENP East countries • Environmental protection of international river basins (EPIRB) • ENPI Shared Environment Information System (SEIS) • Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG II) • Greening Economies in the Eastern Neighbourhood • National Policy Dialogues on Integrated Water Resources Management (Support to the EU Water Initiative) • Improving water quality in the Kura river basin – phase III • Waste Governance in the ENPI East

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**EuroEast Projects**



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Matti, Russia



**“Erasmus Mundus gives young people a chance to be more attached to European values”**

Nigar, Azerbaijan



**“We transfer experience to other cities”**

Sergiy, Ukraine



# LOOKING TO THE SOUTH

**R**elations between the EU and the Southern countries go back a long way, to 1995 when the Euro-Med Partnership (Barcelona Process) was launched. This relationship aims at achieving peace, stability and growth in the Mediterranean and covers political, economic and social cooperation. Since then these partner countries became part of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP), developed after the EU's 2004 enlargement.

The Neighbours in the South also participate in the **Union for the Mediterranean** (UfM) set up in 2008 to give a fresh impetus to the Partnership through the development of strategic projects such as the establishment of maritime and land highways, a Mediterranean Solar Energy Plan and the de-pollution of the Mediterranean Sea.

The Southern countries participating in the ENP and getting support for regional programmes through its financial arm, the ENPI are: Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Libya, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria\* and Tunisia.

Four priority areas of cooperation with the South are spelt out in the ENPI regional programme:

- Common regional institutions, confidence building measures and media development;
- Regional integration, investment, regulatory convergence;
- Sustainable development;
- Social inclusion and cultural dialogue.

In response to the Arab Spring the EU is focusing on the need to wholeheartedly support the demand for political participation, dignity, freedom and employment opportunities.

\* EU Cooperation with the Syrian government was suspended at the time of publication because of the political situation in the country

## EU Regional Programmes and

### Supporting common regional institutions

Supporting the Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat • Promoting participation of ENP partners in the work of EU agencies

### Political dialogue

Information and training seminars for Euro-Mediterranean diplomats • Middle East Peace Projects (EU Partnership for Peace - EUPFP) • Preparing staff for EU-ENP related jobs

### Justice, Freedom and Security

Euromed Justice III • Euromed Police III • Strengthening democratic reform in the southern Neighbourhood

### Migration

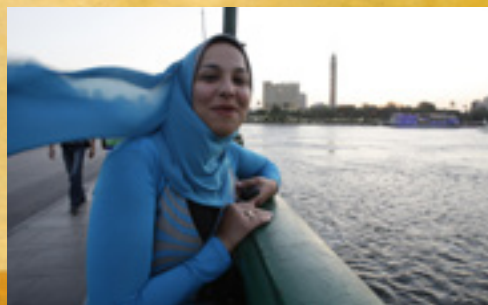
Euro-Med Migration III • Enhancing the capacity of civil society organisations in promoting and protecting the rights of migrants in the Southern Mediterranean region

### Culture and Media

Euromed Audiovisual III • Media and culture for development in the Southern Mediterranean region • Regional Communication Programme



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**EuroMed Projects**



**“I have learned to be a fully-fledged citizen!”**  
Iman, Egypt



**“The rubbish collection project is a big success”**  
Mohamed, Tunisia

**“After we held the exhibition, the volume of tourists increased by 23 per cent”**

Guido, Jordan



## and Projects **Southern Mediterranean 2012–2014**

### Youth and Intercultural Dialogue

Euromed Youth IV • Anna Lindh Foundation for Inter-Cultural Dialogue

### Civil society and local authorities

CIUDAD – Sustainable urban development • Support to the European Endowment for Democracy • Neighbourhood Civil Society Facility • TRESMED 4 – Civil society dialogue

### Education

Erasmus Mundus II – Action 2 Partnerships • TEMPUS IV for higher education • eTwinning Plus

### Gender issues

Spring forward for women

### Economy

EUMEDRegNet II – Information society cooperation • FEMISE – Socio-economic research • MEDSTAT III – Statistical cooperation • Private sector development in the Southern Mediterranean • Support to FEMIP

### Environment and climate change

Addressing climate change in the Middle East and North-Africa (MENA) region • Cleaner energy-saving Mediterranean cities • Clima South: Support for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in the ENPI South region • Development of a Mediterranean marine and coastal protected areas network (MedPAN) • ENPI Shared Environment Information System (SEIS) • Horizon 2020 Capacity Building/Mediterranean Environment Programme (H2020 CB/MEP) • Integrated Maritime Policy for the Mediterranean (IMP-MED) • Social and ecological resilience in the face of climate change in the Mediterranean Region • Sustainable Water Management and De-pollution of the Mediterranean • SWITCH-Med: Switching to more sustainable consumption and production in the Mediterranean

### Civil Protection

Euromed programme for the prevention, preparedness and response to natural and man-made disasters (PPRD) South II

### Energy

MED-ENEC II – Energy efficiency in construction • MED-REG II – Energy regulators • Paving the Way for the Mediterranean Solar Plan

### Transport

Euromed Aviation II • EuroMed Road, Rail and Urban Transport regional programme • Rail, Road and Urban Transport – Road Safety programme • Euromed Satellite Navigation: GNSS II • Mediterranean Motorways of the Sea – Maritime transport connections • SAFEMED III – Maritime Safety and Pollution Prevention

**Discover more: “A Panorama of Regional Projects” in the Neighbourhood South (EU Neighbourhood Info Centre website).**



**“I think we broke the wall of silence”**

Ghada,  
Palestine



**“Local business needs to know the rules to sell abroad”**

Aline, Lebanon



**“When I leave a room, I switch the light off”**

Fadela, Morocco



**“LibyaBlog helped us work as a team”**

Wisam, Libya