

Fact Sheet ENPI CBC Italy-Tunisia Programme

TOTAL ALLOCATION (2007-2013):
25.191 million EUR

ELIGIBLE REGIONS:

Italy: Agrigento and Trapani (adjoining regions: Caltanissetta, Ragusa and Syracuse)

Tunisia: Nabeul (adjoining regions: Tunis, Ben Arous, Ariana, Manouba, Bizerte, Béja and Jendouba)

The Programme's general objective is to promote the economic, institutional, and cultural integration between the Tunisian and Sicilian regions through a joint sustainable development process in the context of the cross border cooperation.

In coherence with this objective, the participating countries agreed to define the following priorities:

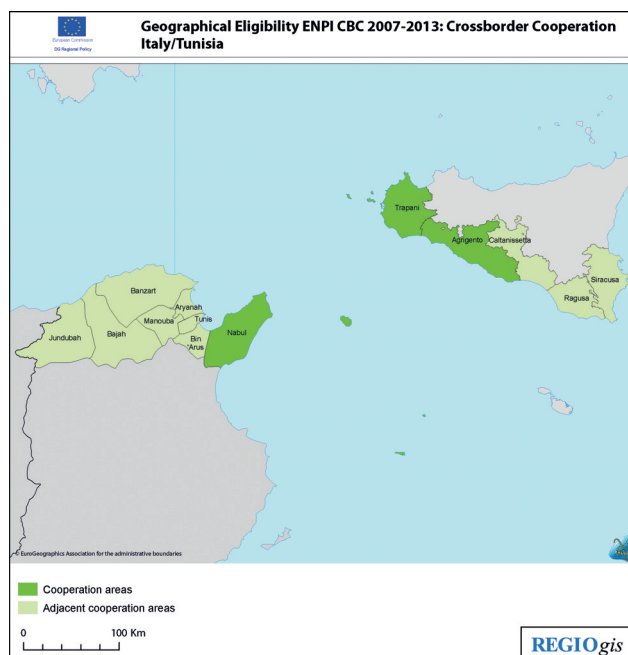
PRIORITIES:

1. Regional development and integration focusing on:

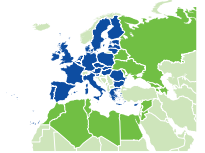
- Supporting the development and integration of the key sectors for the eligible zone (i.e. agriculture and food, fishery and tourism) (Measure 1.1);
- Promoting the flow of goods, which play a primary role in the region's commercial integration and to support the immigration and financial flows between Tunisia and Sicily (Measure 1.2);
- Promoting research and innovation (Measure 1.3);
- Supporting Institutional cooperation (regional organisations, chambers of commerce ...) for local development purposes (Measure 1.4).

2. Promoting sustainable development focusing on:

- Supporting the enhancement/conservation and efficient management of natural resources in the key sectors of agriculture and fishery (Measure 2.1);
- Protecting and enhancing the natural and cultural heritage, as a prerequisite for sustainable tourism development (Measure 2.2);
- Promoting the development of renewable energy sources (Measure 2.3).



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3. Cultural and scientific cooperation and support to networking focusing on:

- Supporting cooperation at the level of associations (Measure 3.1);
- Promoting cultural and scientific cooperation (Measure 3.2);
- Training and exchange of youths and students (Measure 3.3).

STATE OF PLAY:

The programme was submitted to the Commission in June 2008. The Commission Decision adopting the programme is likely to be taken in December 2008. The Managing Authority will then be able to launch call for proposals. The first projects are expected to be approved in the second half of 2009 provided the partner country (i.e. Tunisia) has signed the Financing Agreements with the Commission.

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