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Cooperation into the OP ERDF Sicily 07/13

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Agenda

- ❑ Why the need to include the cooperation field into the ERDF OP
- ❑ The importance to capitalize the cooperation projects with the mainstreaming programmes
- ❑ The necessity to guarantee a strong coherence between the ETC and the mainstreaming programmes



Department activities

Managing Authority of the following programmes



7,5 Billion



35 Meuro



28 Meuro

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OP ERDF & cooperation

The first version approved in 2007 stated the following cooperation fields of intervention

- Reaping the benefit of the sea
- Managing coastal zones
- Improving quality of water supply
- Moving to a recycling society
- Moving to a low carbon economy
- Integrated policies on urban transport
- Bringing innovative ideas to the market more quickly
- Achieving sustainable urban development
- Improving the capacity of regions for research and innovation
- Bringing e-gov to regions and businesses

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OP ERDF & cooperation

2007

The ERDF OP didn't envisage any specific objects with the interregional cooperation

2009

A new legislative framework entitled the Planning Department as Managing Authority of the ETC OPs Italia-Malta and Italia-Tunisia programmes

2010

Following the results of the first calls, the need to reinforce the cooperation field came up

2011

The drafting of a new specific objective 5.2.3 "interregional cooperation" has been approved during the re-programming phase of the Sicily ERDF OP



Specific Objective 5.2.3

Interregional cooperation and institutional network

- **Coherent with Axis 5** – Business venture and competitiveness on the local productive system
- **Coherent with the op. ob. 5.2:** to reinforce the role of the Sicilian enterprises in the extra regional market and international market;
- **Sp. Ob. 5.2.3** aims at capitalise and disseminate into the regional area the results of the strategic and ordinary projects financed in the frame of ETC programmes.



Background

- A. to assure the coherence of the running cooperation operations falling under Italia-Malta and Italia-Tunisia programmes with the regional strategy financed through the Sicily ERDF OP
- B. To assure added value to the priorities and objectives settled by the mainstreaming programmes.

Expected results:

1. Exchange of best practices and promotion campaign to reinforce the international commercial market in specific sector in line with the strategies of Lisbon and Göteborg;
2. Positioning of the Sicily Region in the international network in order to make better the localisation advantages into the regional territory



Eligibility actions

Line of intervention	Description	Tipology	Beneficiaries
5.2.3 A	Pilot projects to capitalise and disseminate the results of the strategic and ordinary projects in the frame of ETC programmes	Purchase of goods and services	
5.2.3 B	a) Projects that aim to the creation of network and running cooperation platforms through agreements and memorandum of understanding among regional and local entities, research centres and Universities at interregional level;	Direct Financing to beneficiaries	Sicily region, local administration, Universities, associations
	b) Cooperation projects that promote institutional partnership (public-public and public-private) to carry out advanced networks and services in the field of cultural heritage, natural resources, accessibility, research and development for SMEs		Organisations of SME's research centres
	c) Operations that promote exchange and transferring of best practices/experiences in the frame of CBC context in order to carry out innovative actions in the field of local and regional policies (environment, marine hazards and risks, tourism, cultural heritage and		



We are working on

- ❑ **Targeted call** – Beneficiaries, eligible actions, cooperation field, drafting of the main expected results and impact indicators.
In order to guarantee an innovative management, we are supposing to launch a call for project proposal using the «social innovation tools» which will guarantee a wider participation of the full society at interregional level.
- ❑ **(non) reciprocity of the funding** – It will be possible to carry out a project with other EU partners who are using ERDF coming from their own regions or different sources, such as public funds or private funding.
- ❑ **Partner funding** – Partners have to assure at least the financing of the 15% of the project budget;
- ❑ **De minimis** – For all Economic operators
- ❑ **Letter of intent and co-financing** – the EU partners have to sign a letter of intent and co-financing statement declaring the respect of their own internal rules for the eligibility



We are working on

- ❑ 10 Meuro as financial resources;
- ❑ First call 5.2.3 A in 2012 - € 5 Meuro;
- ❑ Second call 5.2.3 B in 2012 - € 5 Meuro



Selection Criteria

Joint criteria 5.2.3 A e B

- Respect of the general condition Reg(CE) n. 1998/2006 e N. 800/2008 («de minimis»)
- Operations of institutional cooperation with entities of other EU regions

Specific Criteria 5.2.3 A

- Coherence of the reached outputs and results at cooperation project level with the Sicily ERDF OP
- Relevance of the project objectives with the Sicily ERDF OP
- Replication of the experience and capacity for promoting and disseminating the achieved results;
- Level of the administrative and technical competences of the proposed partnership
- Relevance of EU partnership (regional and local entities)
- Management and co-ordination capacity of the LP
- Congruency and relevance of the budget / activities / results



Selection Criteria

Specific criteria 5.2.3 B

- **Partnership : public – public and public-private**
- **Public lead partner**
- **Promotion and dissemination capacity of the reached results into the whole regional territory (and in particular in NUTS III areas of Catania, Palermo, Enna and Messina)**
- **Relevance of the project objectives with the ERDF Strategy**
- **Administrative and technical competences of the involved partners**
- **Capitalisation actions and replication of the experience in other contexts**
- **Collaboration with associations concerning the themes tackled by the project**
- **Relevance of EU partnership (regional and local entities)**
- **Number of agreements and memorandum of understanding with other EU entities (regional and local level);**



What capitalisation means

Example from the call for ordinary project 1/2009

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HF Radar Monitoring System and Response against Marine Oil Spills in the Malta Channel

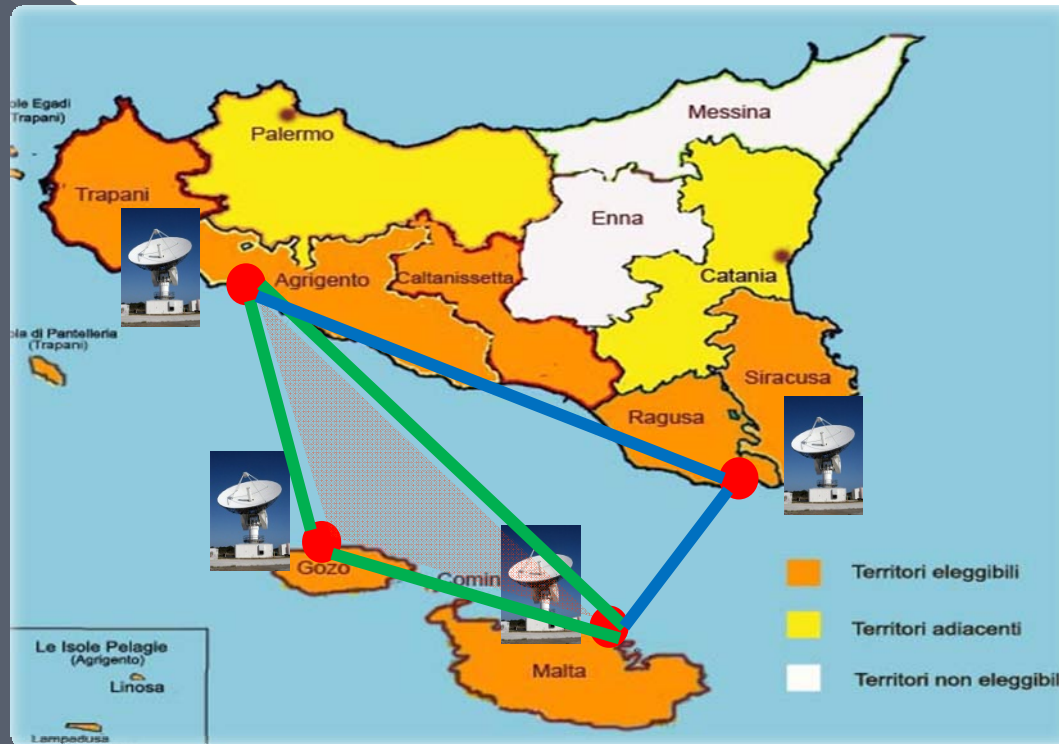
AXIS/SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: 2.3

PRIORITY THEME: Risk Prevention

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS: Projects which favour, by means of the adoption of advanced technological systems, the monitoring and control of marine risks and the management of phenomena of ocean pollution

OBJECTIVES: The project proposes the setting up of a permanent and fully operational HF radar observing system, capable of recording (in real-time with hourly updates) surface currents, winds and waves in the Sicilian Channel. The system consists of HF radar installations on the northern Malta and southern Sicilian shores at selected sites and combines stations to elaborate and publish data to users.

Support applications to **optimise intervention in case of oil spill response** as well as endow tools for security, **safer navigation**, improved **metro-marine forecasts**, **monitoring of currents in critical areas** such as ports, **surveillance**, **search and rescue** and **better management of the marine space between Malta and Sicily.**



- LP : Università di Malta
- PP 2: ARPA Sicilia
- PP 3: IAMC-CNR Capo Granitola
- PP 4: Università di Palermo
- PP 5: Università di Catania (CUTGANA)
- PP 6: Transport Authority
- PP 7: Civil Protection Department
- PP 8: Armed Forces of Malta

Budget: 1.455.399,00

Capitalisation with the Sicily ERDF OP

1. To involve **further authorities** (they have already asked for doing that) responsible in the theme tackled by the project;
2. To **make better the project outputs and findings** in the frame of the regional strategies;
3. To guarantee the **full coordination** with other projects financed by other projects or programmes;
4. To increase the financial resources in order to finance further infrastructure investments and maximise the results gained with the **ETC project**



What capitalisation means

Example from the call for ordinary project 1/2009

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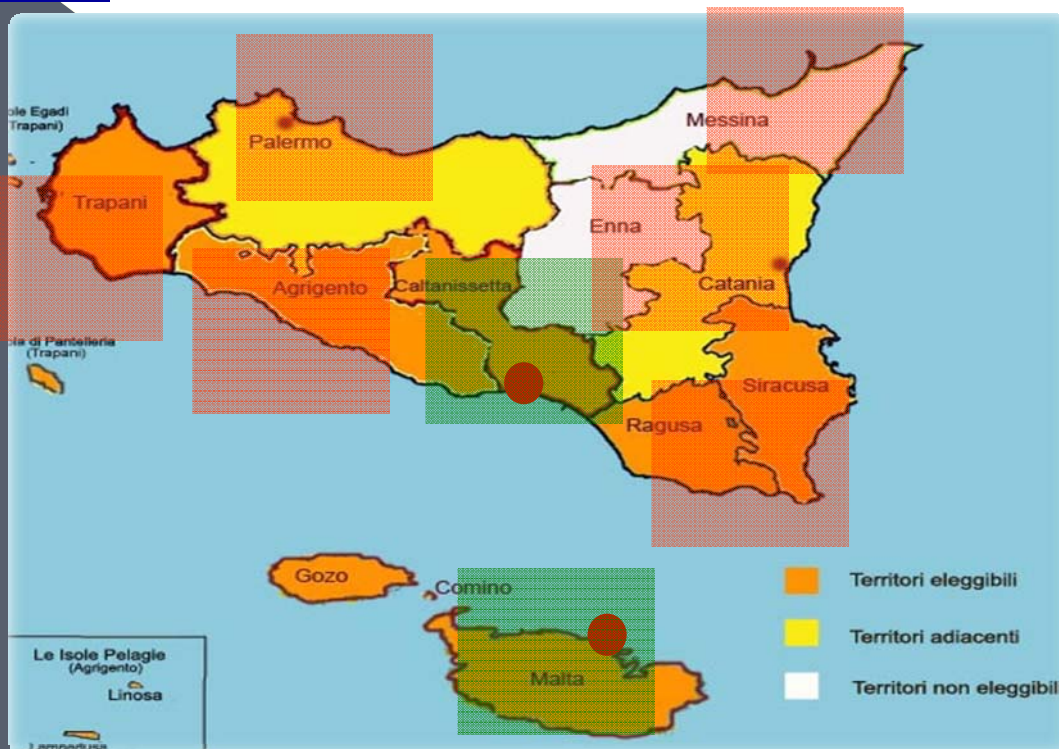
Indoor and outdoor Air quality and Respiratory Health in Malta and Sicily

AXIS/SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: 2.3

PRIORITY THEME: Risk Prevention

ELIGIBLE ACTIONS: Operation which promote the development of joint strategies and management planning aimed at preventing and reducing natural, industrial and technological risks

OBJECTIVES: This project will assess a sample of the Maltese, and Gela communities for known respiratory diseases, using standardized scientific questionnaires, and making measurements of the status of the respiratory system and of the level and type of allergies of these populations. Specific measurements of indoor air pollution will be made while routine data for outdoor air pollution will be obtained. The project will attempt to identify the conditions determining the relationship between exposure to pollutants and health effects, by the analysis of main risk factors.



- LP : Ministero della Salute di Malta
- PP 2: ASP Caltanissetta
- PP 3: Università degli Studi di Palermo – DREAM
- PP 4: Consiglio Nazionale delle

Budget: 1.162.029,00

Capitalisation with the Sicily ERDF OP

1. To involve **further authorities** (they have already asked for doing that) responsible in the theme tackled by the project;
2. To launch at CBC level an **informatic platform** guarantying the exchange of know how and data among the health authorities;
3. To apply the **analysis methodology** performed in the **whole territory**
4. To apply the performed research in the **whole territory** in order to define further risk factors and their relationship between exposure and pollutants;



Conclusion

Our expectations are:

- ❑ to be assisted by the European Commission and also by the National authorities;
- ❑ to make a better network with other regions that are working on that;
- ❑ to demonstrate successfully the importance of the ETC and its influence into the mainstreaming strategies as well as the added value of the ETC into the ERDF OP



Thank you for your attention

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