

# THE NEXT SOCIETY

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# Funding opportunities for EU-MENA cooperation

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# Twinnings: Immediate Opportunities



# Twinning Programme – Technical Assistance



**What?** Short-term twinning programme to develop technical exchanges and/or transfer of know-how. Open to EU & MENA clusters, either as the expert organisation providing twinning technical assistance or as the beneficiary.



**Funded by?** EC (DG NEAR) *through* EBSOMED project *monitored by* ANIMA Investment Network



**Budget?** EUR 8,700 for each twinning



**When?** Applications are welcome permanently until 2022.



**Where?** <https://anima.coop/en/our-services/peer-technical-exchange/>

# Cluster Mentoring Reloaded

**What?** This programme is based on the matching of:

- experienced cluster practitioners (cluster managers or cluster management experts) willing to develop inter-cluster cooperation and share successful experiences, the mentors,
- with 15 selected MENA cluster managers interested in peer feedback, the mentees. The mentees are from Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia.

**Funded by?** EC (DG NEAR) *through* THE NEXT SOCIETY *monitored by* ACCIÓ

**Budget?** EUR 5,000 (VAT excluded)

**When?** Applications are welcome until Dec 4.

**Where?**

[https://www.thenextsociety.co/sites/default/files/files/ToR\\_TheNext\\_CBT\\_CallforMentors2020.pdf](https://www.thenextsociety.co/sites/default/files/files/ToR_TheNext_CBT_CallforMentors2020.pdf)

Ongoing



# Horizon 2020 (Horizon Europe: 2021-2027)

**What?** Health; Agriculture and maritime; Secure, clean and efficient energy; Transport & mobility; Resource, raw materials & climate change; Inclusive, innovative and secure societies.

**Green Deal:** The €1 billion investment will continue building Europe's knowledge systems and infrastructures. The call includes **opportunities for international cooperation** in addressing the **needs of less-developed nations, particularly in Africa**, in the context of the Paris Agreement as well as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Action 11: Accelerating the green transition and partnerships for energy access with Africa

**Funded by?** EC

**Budget?** 1 billion euros available with the Green Deal until 26/01/2021

**To note?** Several services to publish your skills offer & search in order to join consortium for the Green Deal:  
<https://www.horizon2020.gouv.fr/cid153155/recherches-offres-competences-pour-appel-green-deal.html>

Enterprise Europe Network, CORDIS

Very competitive, consortia already formed

**Where?** <https://cutt.ly/agem24H>

Tunisia H2020 website: <http://www.horizon2020.tn/>

Point d'Information National PIN Maroc est abrité à la Direction de la Recherche Scientifique et de l'Innovation:  
<https://pin.enssup.gov.ma/index.php/cooperation>



**What?** All sectors and geographic zones but depends on the calls



**Funded by?** EC



**Budget?** Several billion euros



**When?** You have to monitor and set up collaborative projects in your sector.



**Where?** <https://cutt.ly/ogezgAG>



# Closed calls

## Recurring programmes worth keeping a close eye on



# PRIMA - Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area



**What?** PRIMA is the most ambitious joint programme in the frame of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. Funding R&I through competitive calls.



**Priority sectors?** Management of water; Farming system; Agro-food value chain



**Funded by?** EC and member countries



**When?** Last call in May 2020



**Which countries?** Algeria, Croatia, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey have formally become PRIMA Participating States.



**Where?** <http://prima-med.org/calls-for-proposals/>

# ENI CBC “Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme”



**Priority sectors?** SMEs and business development; Technological transfer and innovation; Social inclusion and fight against poverty; Environment and climate change



**Funded by?** EC / European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI)



**When?** 2014-2020. Last call in July 2020 but the sequel is expected.



**Which countries?** Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Morocco, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia.



**Where?** <http://www.enicbcmed.eu/>



**To note?** Very competitive, less than 3% of successful applications



**Priority sectors?** Water, Energy, Environment



**Funded by?** Region SUD



**When?** Last call in September 2020 but it's the 3rd year in a row that it is launched.



**Which region?** Alexandria Governorate (Egypt), Hebron Governorate (Palestina Territories), Tunis and Kasserine Gouvernorate (Tunisia), Catalonia (Spain), Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceima Region (Morocco), Union of municipalities of Tyr and Union of municipalities of Jezzine (Liban), Wilaya of Algiers and Wilaya of Oran (Algeria)



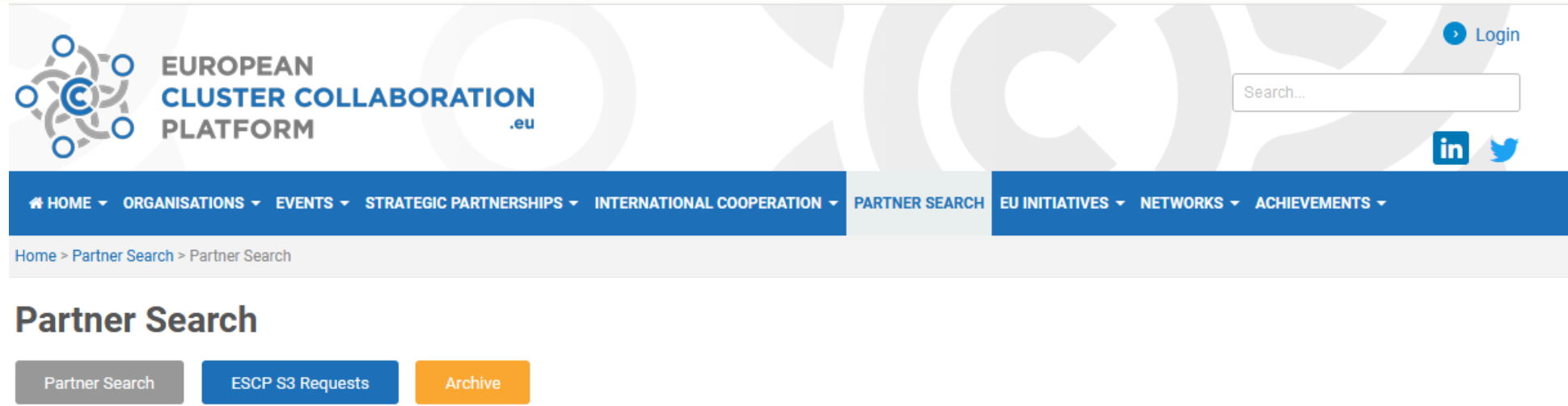
**Where?** <http://www.enicbcmed.eu/>



**To note?** 1 call / year

# Additional information





The screenshot shows the top section of the ECCP Partner Search Tool website. On the left is the logo for the European Cluster Collaboration Platform (ECCP), featuring a stylized 'C' with a network of nodes and lines, and the text 'EUROPEAN CLUSTER COLLABORATION PLATFORM .eu'. To the right of the logo is a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search...'. Further right is a 'Login' button with a right-pointing arrow. Below the search bar are social media icons for LinkedIn and Twitter. A dark blue navigation bar contains the following menu items: HOME, ORGANISATIONS, EVENTS, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS, INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, PARTNER SEARCH (highlighted), EU INITIATIVES, NETWORKS, and ACHIEVEMENTS. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Partner Search > Partner Search. The main heading 'Partner Search' is displayed in a large, bold font. Below the heading are three buttons: 'Partner Search' (grey), 'ESCP S3 Requests' (blue), and 'Archive' (orange).

This tool supports partnering and partner search among clusters organisations and their services. You can enter in discussion with potential partners to match your expertise and your interest. Only registered cluster organisations and their colleagues from the cluster management team as cluster profile administrators can post a new request.

Targets COSME calls but EU & MENA clusters can post a message if they are looking for partners



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