

Stories from the field



EU drives green innovation in tile manufacturing

INNOVATILE

Programme Interreg NEXT MED

Turkish organisations Kaleseramik Çanakkale Kalebodur Ceramic Industry Inc.; Çanakkale Technology Development Zone Inc.

In cooperation with partners from Cyprus, Egypt, Italy, Spain, Tunisia

EU support around EUR 2,5 million



EU invests in stronger law enforcement for effective migration management

Joining for Safer Borders

Programme Interreg IPA Bulgaria-Türkiye

Turkish organisations Governorship of Kırklareli, Governorship of Edirne

In cooperation with partners from Bulgaria

EU support around EUR 1,5 million



EU boosts efforts to monitor and protect the Black Sea seafloor

EfxINNOs

This is an Operation of Strategic Importance (OSI)

Programme Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin

Turkish organisation Istanbul University

In cooperation with partners from Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Romania

EU support around EUR 1,5 million



EU fosters skills for green jobs in the Mediterranean

MERAVIGLIA

Programme Interreg NEXT MED

Turkish organisation Governorship of Manisa

In cooperation with partners from France, Italy, Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan

EU support around EUR 2,2 million

EU supports fisheries, tourism, and maritime industries towards sustainability



Blue Gates

Programme Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin

Turkish organisations Eastern Black Sea

Development Agency, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University

In cooperation with partners from Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine

EU support around EUR 1,3 million

COOPERATION ACROSS BORDERS

Common challenges, joint opportunities

Türkiye



Interreg



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A strong and lasting partnership

Interreg is a European Union initiative designed to promote regional cooperation and development across borders. By involving Türkiye, Interreg plays a vital role in reducing development gaps and aligning economic, social and environmental standards across borders, so that regions – whether inside or outside the EU – can grow more cohesively and equitably, in their mutual interest. Türkiye's participation enables joint actions and coordinated solutions to common challenges,

such as environmental risks or smart growth. The cross-border and transnational cooperation mechanisms ensure that all participating regions can share the benefits: through Interreg, border areas are becoming greener, more prosperous, more inclusive and better governed. Looking ahead, the initiative will continue to deliver meaningful results for all people and territories involved, through the implementation of hundreds of cross-border projects.

Interreg facilitates cooperation between Türkiye and its neighbours



Thematic fields



A smarter Europe and its neighbourhood



A greener low-carbon Europe and its neighbourhood



A more social Europe and its neighbourhood



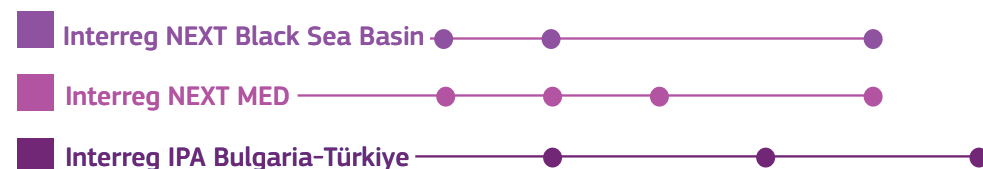
A Europe closer to citizens



A better cooperation governance for Europe and its neighbourhood



A safer and more secure Europe



Three Interreg programmes with Türkiye

Since 2007, Türkiye has played an increasingly strategic role in cross-border and transnational cooperation initiatives under the EU neighbourhood and enlargement policies. This engagement continues in the 2021–2027 programming period, with Türkiye participating in the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin and Interreg NEXT MED Programmes.

The EU provides over EUR 85 million for the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme, which supports cooperation among eight countries surrounding the Black Sea, including Türkiye. The programme focuses on promoting economic development, protecting the environment and fostering institutional collaboration. Türkiye is actively engaged in implementing projects that span a wide range of priorities – from environmental protection and disaster risk reduction, to research, innovation and the reinforcement of local governance.

Similarly, Türkiye is now a key partner in the Interreg NEXT MED Programme, for the first time participating in this programming period (2021–2027). The programme provides EUR 260 million

in EU funding and brings together 15 countries from the Mediterranean region. Through the Interreg NEXT MED Programme, Türkiye is engaged in joint projects that aim to advance the green transition, support SME competitiveness, foster innovation and strengthen social inclusion across the sea basin.

In addition, Türkiye continues its active participation in the Interreg IPA Bulgaria-Türkiye, which has been a key instrument for fostering regional cohesion and good neighbourly relations between the two countries for more than 20 years. With an EU contribution of EUR 29 million for the 2021–2027 programming period, it supports initiatives promoting energy efficiency, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, circular economy, resource efficient economy, integrated regional development and improving security in the cross-border area.

These programmes reflect Türkiye's commitment to multi-country cooperation and its important role as a bridge between the EU and its neighbouring regions.

Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin

Budget € 85 million EU funds

Participating countries Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Türkiye, Ukraine

Interreg NEXT MED

Budget € 263 million EU funds

Participating countries Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Türkiye

Interreg IPA Bulgaria-Türkiye

Budget € 29 million EU funds

Participating countries Bulgaria, Türkiye

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