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#### 1. CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROGRAMME

Proposals via intensive contacts with the beneficiaries.

The ministry's structure has been modified in early January 2013, following the issue of the Government Decision on the organization and functioning of the **Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration**. However, the JMA structure remained the same.

In the first half of 2013, the Programme bodies have contracted most of the projects approved under the Second Call for Proposals, while managing the implementation of the projects contracted under the First Call for



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### 2. FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Implementation of the 19 projects contracted under the First Call for Proposals continued in the past six months. The Programme bodies continued to provide day by day support to the project beneficiaries in project implementation.

Also, the implementation period was finalised in case of the following 7 projects:

Project title: “**Dialogue between Cultures**”, Contract number: 180, Grant Beneficiary: General Toshevo Municipality, Bulgaria;

Project title: “**Black Sea Tradenet (BST)**” Contract number: 248, Grant Beneficiary: Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Shipping and Agriculture, Constanta, Romania;

Project title: “**Black Sea Cultural Animation Program: Pilot model for mobilizing the common cultural characteristics for creative destination management in the Black Sea Basin**”, Contract number: 306, Grant Beneficiary: International Management Institute, Dobrich, Bulgaria;

Project title: “**Capacity for integrated urban development: INTEGRABLE**”, Contract number: 191, Grant Beneficiary: Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development, Yerevan, Armenia;

Project title: “**Black Sea - Solidarity and Economic Activity - BS-SEA**”, Contract number: 281, Grant Beneficiary: Yambol Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Yambol, Bulgaria;

Project title: “**Tradition, Originality, Uniqueness and Richness for an Innovative Strategy for Tourism development in Black Sea Region - TOURIST**”, Contract number: 227, Grant Beneficiary: Eforie Municipality, Eforie, Romania;

Project title: “**Industrial Symbiosis Network for Environment Protection and Sustainable Development in Black Sea Basin - SymNet**”, Contract number: 287, Grant beneficiary: Institute of Oceanology - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Varna, Bulgaria;

Information about the 19 projects that are funded by the Programme under the First Call for Proposals may be accessed and downloaded on the Programme website, [Our Projects](#) section.



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### 3. SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS

With the EC decision to supplement the ENPI budget allocation of the Programme with additional 2.422.439 Euro, the number of projects to be financed by the Programme within the Second Call for Proposals was increased to 41, with 4 more additional projects than the initially approved 37 projects.



As from different reasons 3 projects failed to pass the contracting process, the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Black Sea Basin Programme has adopted on 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 2013 the decision regarding the rejection of the award of a grant for these 3 projects, and has approved the selection of 1

additional project from the reserve list, within the financial envelope of Priority 1. In this regard at the moment there are **39 projects approved for financing under the Second Call for Proposals.**

Currently there are 34 grant contracts signed and these projects started their implementation period.

The updated list of the signed contracts may be found on the Programme website, [Awarded projects](#) section.



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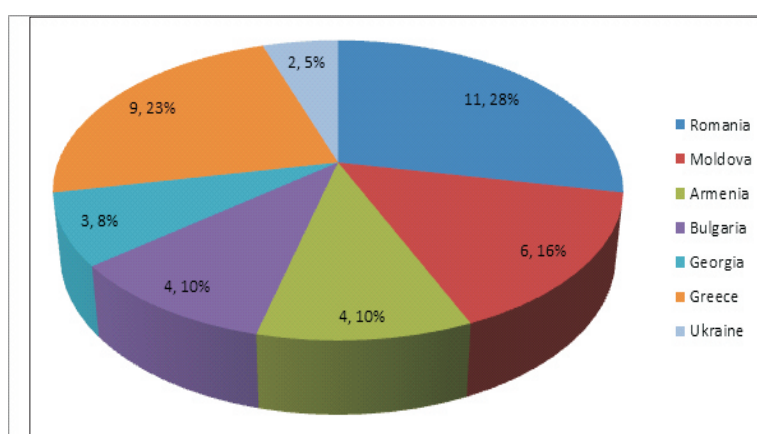
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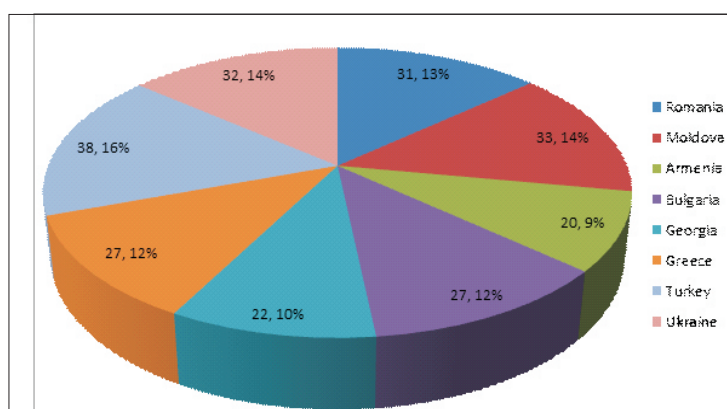
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The structure of applicants and entities involved in the 39 projects approved under the Second call for Proposals may be found below:

a) Total number of applicants involved in the approved projects, per country



b) Total number of entities involved in the approved projects, per country



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### 4. THE NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD 2014-2020

As the 2007-2013 ENPI CBC Programmes are closing to the end, the preparations for planning the new Programmes for the 2014-2020 period are now under way.

In view of the elaboration of the next ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme, a Joint Programming Committee was established, with the involvement of all participating countries. The Joint Programming Committee is a partnership structure, with a **strategic decision-making role in the programming process** of the BSB Programme 2014-2020.



The first Joint Programming Committee, Bucharest

The first meeting of the Joint Programming Committee, was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2013 in Bucharest, Romania. The event was organized by the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, as Joint Managing Authority for the Joint Operational Programme “Black Sea Basin 2007-2013”, and it marked the official launch of the 2014-2020 programming exercise. The discussions were focused on the main necessary steps, the main milestones and the indicative timeline of the strategic planning of the new programme.



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The second meeting of the Joint Programming Committee for the future ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020, was held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2013 in Constanta, Romania. The discussions were focused on the future managing structures (Managing Authority - MA and Audit Authority - AA) of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020.



The Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania was nominated as the **Managing Authority for the new ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020**, as a confirmation of the successful cooperation in the framework of the current Black Sea Basin Programme 2007-2013, which must be continued in the future programming period.

Also, the Joint Programming Committee has nominated the current Audit Authority to continue its mandate for the future ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020.



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For the preparation of the next ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020, an essential support will be provided by the **European Commission Framework Contract and INTERACT ENPI**.

In order to prepare the territorial analysis of the eligible area, ENI CBC - Support to the preparation of programmes (SPP) experts have already carried out a survey on the relevance and importance of current programme priorities and measures and the future needs of the programme area that may best be addressed via CBC and the results have been delivered to the Joint Programming Committee.



The **INTERACT ENPI** organizes technical meetings with the relevant authorities of the Partner States involved in the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 during which clarifications are provided as regards the provisions of the draft ENI Implementing Regulation referring to the management and control system in the future programme (responsibilities resulting from the application of "shared management" principle).



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### 5. WHAT'S NEXT



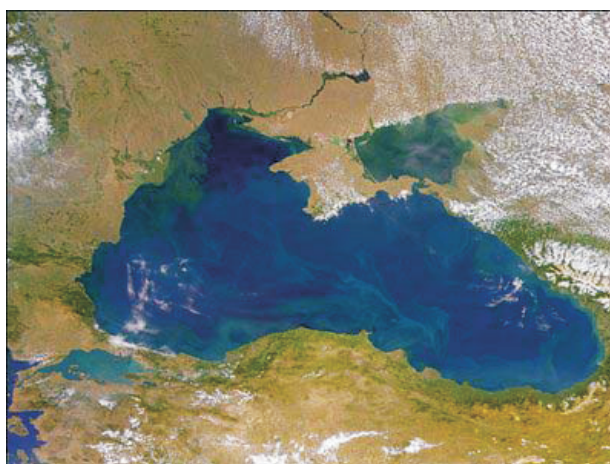
Additional project(s) from the reserve list may be awarded a grant until the end of 2013 and contracted, on the condition of funds becoming available.

Seminars on projects implementation shall be organized for the Grant Beneficiaries and Partners, clarifying contractual obligations, financial management, expenditure verification and public procurement aspects.

The next meeting of the Joint Monitoring Committee is envisaged to be organized in October.

The contracting process for the remaining projects approved under the Second Call for Proposals will be finalised during 2013.

All 58 projects awarded until now will be either in the implementation phase or finalised. The Programme bodies will manage the implementation of the projects under the First and Second Call for Proposals via intensive contacts with the beneficiaries.



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### 6. USEFUL INFORMATION

#### Updated list of the signed contracts on the Programme website

The *Our contracts* section on the Programme website was updated with general information of the signed contracts under the Second call for proposals. Please visit *Our contracts* section.



#### European Cooperation Day 2013: Be part of it!

On 21 September 2013 European Cooperation Day will be celebrated all over Europe and in neighboring countries. Last year more than 280 events were organized in almost 40 countries. INTERACT has launched a website containing overview of the upcoming European Cooperation Day 2013, with a new design, offering easier navigation and a better integration of the social media platforms. The website contains information about the territorial cooperation and flagship initiatives. The English version of the website may be accessed at [www.ecday.eu](http://www.ecday.eu)



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