



## Partner Fora

Black Sea Basin ENI CBC Programme 2014-2020.

2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals – Support to applicants to attend the Partner Fora.

**Venues:** Chisinau (Republic of Moldova) on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and Yerevan (Armenia) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

TESIM and the Managing Authority/Joint Technical Secretariat of the Black Sea Basin ENI CBC Programme are able to support potential applicants from all the participating countries to take part in the two Partner Fora for the second call for proposals, according to the following division:

- a) **TESIM** will support applicants from the CBC Partner Countries<sup>1</sup> to attend both Partner Fora. A maximum of sixteen potential applicants will be supported from each CBC Partner Country, except for Armenia and the Republic of Moldova<sup>2</sup>.
- b) **the Managing Authority/Joint Technical Secretariat** will support applicants from Member States to attend the partner Forum in Yerevan only.

The proposed selection criteria, and the process to be followed is given below. Support will consist of travel from the closest airport<sup>3</sup> to Chisinau and Yerevan airport and accommodation for two nights on a bed and breakfast basis. All other costs will need to be borne by the selected participants (meals other than the lunch on the day of the forum, internal travel in their own countries, transportation from/to airport and from/to hotel, etc.).

### 1. Selection Criteria

Supported participants should:

- Be an eligible potential beneficiary from an eligible region
- Be intending to be a lead applicant or applicant in the coming call for proposals
- Have registered for the Partner Forum on the programme website and submitted a Project Idea in the framework of the BSB Programme (essential)
- In the case of CBC Partner Countries, not representing an institution supported by TESIM to attend neither the Partner Forum in Constanta on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 nor the Partner Forum in Istanbul held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- Not be a beneficiary in one of the selected projects in the first call for proposals

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<sup>1</sup> Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Turkey and Ukraine.

<sup>2</sup> As Armenia and the Republic of Moldova are holding the Partner Fora, applicants of these two countries are only supported to attend the other Partner forum, within the limits set for each respective Partner forum under 3. Proposed process

<sup>3</sup> If relevant, other means of transportation may be envisaged



- Not be able to fund their own participation (representatives from the private sector such as companies, businesses or consultants cannot be funded). In case of doubt, participants will need to send a letter stating that they cannot support themselves.
- Be able to understand and speak English (no interpretation will be provided)

## 2. Selection considerations

- Only one person per organisation/project idea will be supported
- Preference will be given to organisations who will be able to present several projects on behalf of several organisations e.g. NGO resource centre or network, an association of local and regional authorities, etc.
- Preference will be given to ensuring representation from different regions and types of organisation (one person per region in Ukraine and Turkey ; balanced representations in Georgia, Moldova and Armenia)
- Gender balance between the selected persons shall be ensured;
- Preference will also be given to organisations with proposals contributing to the following programme indicators (as these are the indicators with least fulfilled targets from the first call):
  - 1.1.3 Number of small scale improvements to cultural and historical sites as a direct consequence of programme support (COI 7)
  - 1.2.1 Number of enterprises participating in cross border agricultural or agro-industrial business events (COI 3)

## 3. Proposed process

- Participants should be selected by order of registration according to the criteria and selection considerations outlined above
- Those wanting to be supported to attend should send to the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) their project idea and an email explaining why the support is needed
- Up to ten persons for the partner forum in Moldova and up to six for the one in Armenia from each CBC Partner Country will be selected.
- **Up to six persons** for the partner forum in Armenia from each Member State will be selected.
- Travel and accommodation costs will be covered only for the minimum period needed to attend the event and will be based on the provision of the relevant supporting document, that is, flight/ticket and boarding passes, provided by the selected participants.



#### 4. Suggested timeline

The selected participants will be notified during the month of August 2018.

The selected participants from the partner countries will be contacted by TESIM regarding the travel arrangements.

For the participants selected to be supported from Member States travel and accommodation cost will be reimbursed.

