



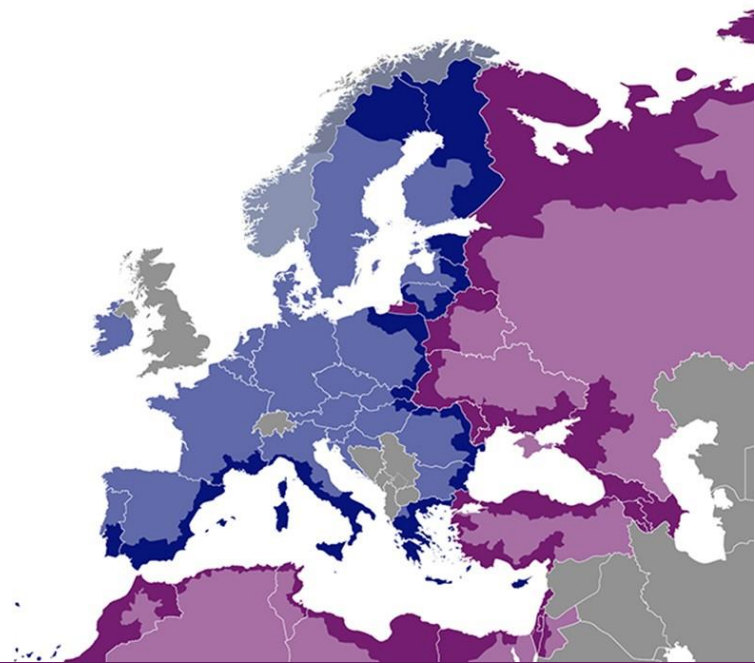
TESIM

Technical support to the implementation
and management of ENI CBC programmes

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Environmental cooperation in Central and
Eastern neighbourhood CBC programmes and
projects

Online, 28 February 2023



Scope

The five Central and Eastern neighbourhood CBC programmes are kicking-off the implementation of the 2021-2027 programming period and preparing the ground for the first calls for proposals, to be launched soon, tentatively before summer. All these programmes will address environmental challenges, responding to the well acknowledged need for action on climate change mitigation, transition towards a resource-efficient economy, protection and preservation of nature and natural resources and the reduction of pollution and of all kinds of waste.

Taking momentum, and using the ENI CBC projects as a bridge between the two programming periods, TESIM organises a **common reflection on environmental actions in the Central and Eastern neighbourhood regions**, identifying territorial strengths and potential gaps that should be addressed by the forthcoming calls.

The main aims of the event are building on the ENI CBC experience, networking and sharing practices. It is also meant to provide project practitioners with an overview of the strategies defined by Central-Eastern Interreg NEXT programmes in order to tackle environmental challenges.

Topics

These environmental challenges will be addressed taking into account the distribution of priorities and objectives in both the ENI CBC and the Interreg NEXT programmes, clustered in the following three macro areas:

	ENI CBC	Interreg NEXT
<i>Protection of biodiversity and nature</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental protection and preservation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure
<i>Risks prevention and climate change mitigation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate change mitigation and adaptation • Risk prevention 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster risk prevention and resilience • Transition to a circular economy
<i>Water, energy and circular economy</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency and renewable energy • Transition towards a resource-efficient economy • Waste sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy efficiency • Renewable energy • Smart energy systems • Sustainable water management • Circular economy

Targeted audience

The event is addressed to stakeholders of the five ENI CBC programmes (Black Sea Basin, Hungary-Slovakia-Romania-Ukraine, Romania-Ukraine, Romania-Republic of Moldova and Poland-Ukraine) that operate in the Central-Eastern external border of the European Union and that, as Interreg NEXT, are planning to launch their calls for proposals in early 2023. It is intended to involve three levels of stakeholders of these programmes:

- ENI CBC beneficiaries from the approximately 80 projects addressing environmental topics
- ENI CBC/Interreg NEXT programme bodies (Managing Authorities, Joint Secretariats, Branch Offices, National Authorities)
- EC officials and other international stakeholders

Together with programme bodies, ENI CBC projects will play a core role in the event, as testimonials and carriers of experiences from the field.

Agenda

The event will be fully online. It will last three hours, and the indicative agenda is as follows:

Time (CET)	Plenary
8:45 – 9:00	Opening and registration
9:00 – 9:15	Welcoming (<i>TESIM and DG REGIO</i>)
9:15 – 9:45	Outlook on environmental actions (<i>TESIM</i>): the ENI CBC state of play of environmental projects among Central and Eastern neighbourhood CBC programmes.
9:45 - 10:45	Voices from the ENI CBC community (<i>TESIM and project representatives</i>): thematic mapping and presentation of flagship projects under three macro areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of biodiversity and nature • Risks prevention and climate change mitigation • Water, energy and circular economy
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:30	From programming to implementation (<i>DG REGIO</i>)- Key remarks on environment and Policy Objective 2 “A greener low-carbon Europe and its neighbourhood”, bridging the ENI CBC 2014-2020 experience with the 2021-2027 programming period.
11:30 – 12:00	About the forthcoming calls for proposal (<i>Managing Authorities</i>) - Linking ENI CBC environmental practices with the strategies and forthcoming calls of Interreg NEXT programmes.
12:00 – 12:15	Closure