



# EU-Mediterranean R&I Cooperation Status and Prospects

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## Topics Covered in this Presentation

- Status of Euro-MED R&I Cooperation
- Review of MED participation in Horizon 2020
- Topics in the Societal Challenge 6 WP2016-17
- Policy support to EU international R&I cooperation
- Prospects and opportunities for cooperation



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# Euro-MED R&I Cooperation - Status

# Status of EURO-MED R&I Cooperation

- 20<sup>th</sup> Euro-MED R&I GSO Meeting:  
**23 November 2015 in Brussels!**
- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Euro-MED Cooperation in R&I
  - **Keynote Speakers**
- EU-MED Cooperation update
  - **Updates from PRIMA, ERANETMED, H2020 Calls..**
  - **Maltese Presidency of the EU..**
- Afternoon session dedicated to Innovation
  - **Working party on Euro-MED Ind. Cooperation**
  - **Access to innovation funding**
  - **Common Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Agenda**

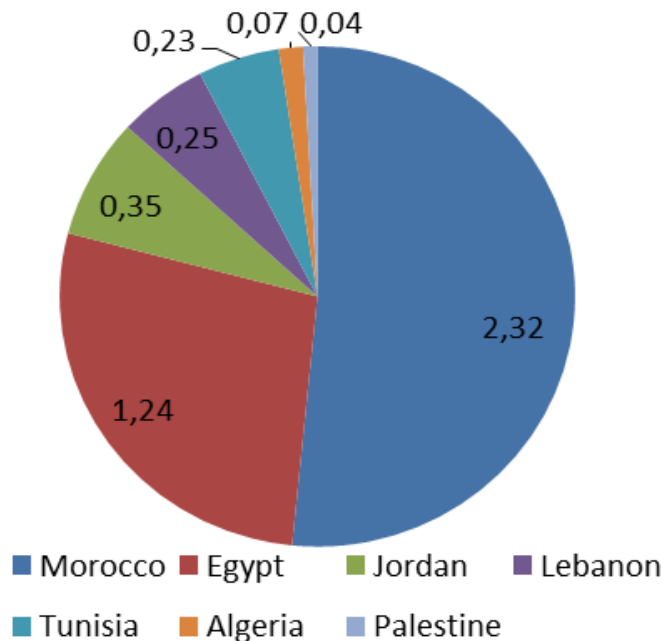
# Review of MED Participation in Horizon 2020



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# Review of MED Participation in Horizon 2020 (1)

## MED Country participation H2020



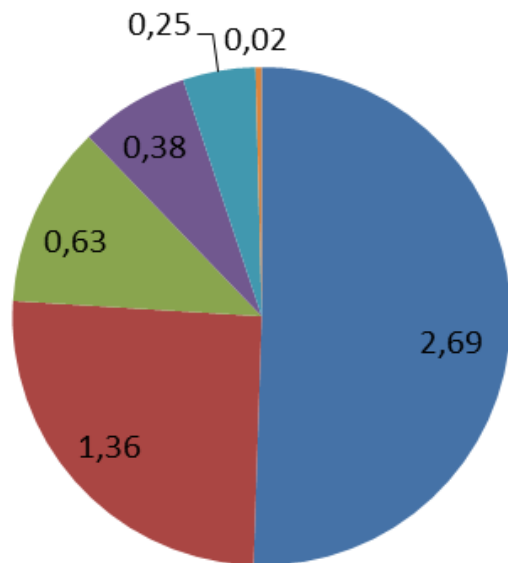
Country	Total N° of signed contracts	Total N° participations	N° of contracts MCSA & ERC
Algeria	1	1	0
Egypt	9	10	6
Jordan	4	4	1
Lebanon	3	3	1
Morocco	12	12	7
Palestine	2	2	0
Tunisia	2	2	1
<b>sub-total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>
Israel	243	289	102
<b>Total</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>118</b>



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# Compared with EaP Performance..(2)

## EaP Country participation H2020



■ Ukraine ■ Belarus ■ Armenia ■ Moldova ■ Georgia ■ Azerbaijan

Country	N° of signed contracts	N° participations
Ukraine	26	32
Belarus	10	10
Armenia	8	8
Moldova	9	9
Georgia	6	7
Azerbaijan	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>67</b>



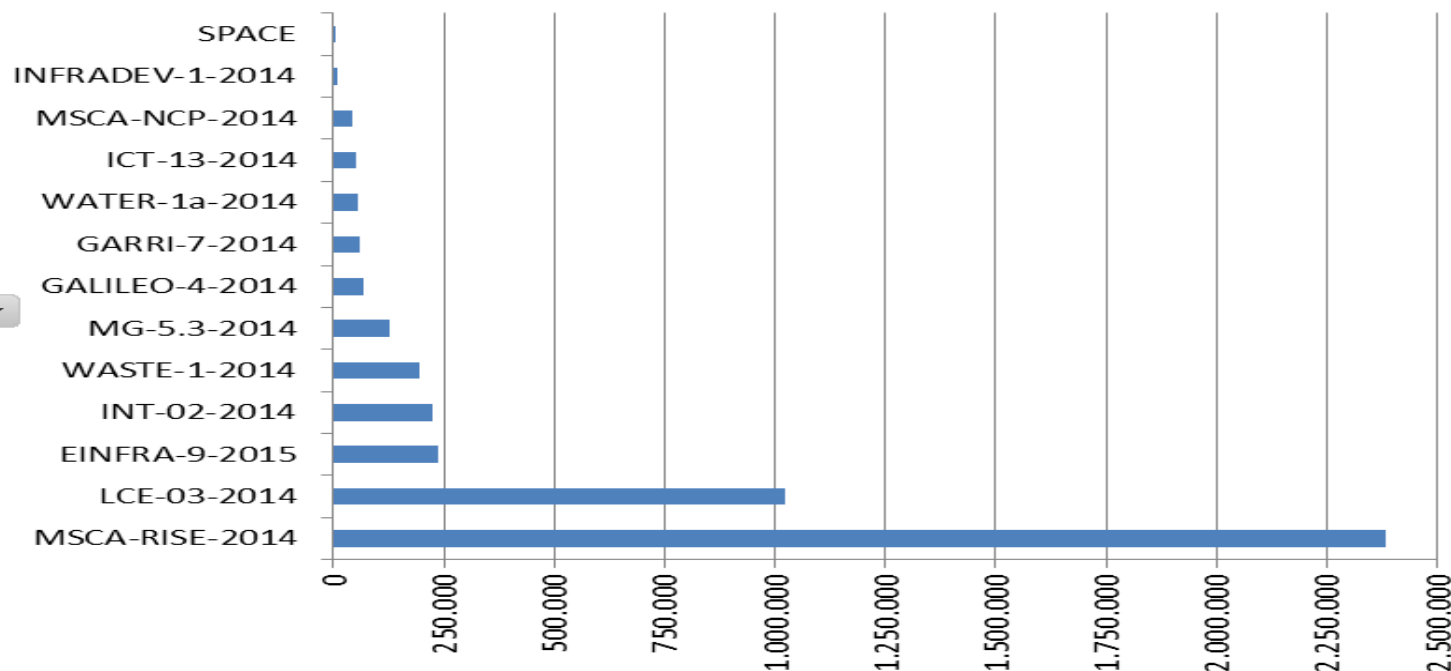
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# Review of MED Participation in Horizon 2020 (3)

Participant LE Country Code

Sum of Participant Requested EC Contribution

## MED (except IL) by H2020 Topic



Project Topic Code





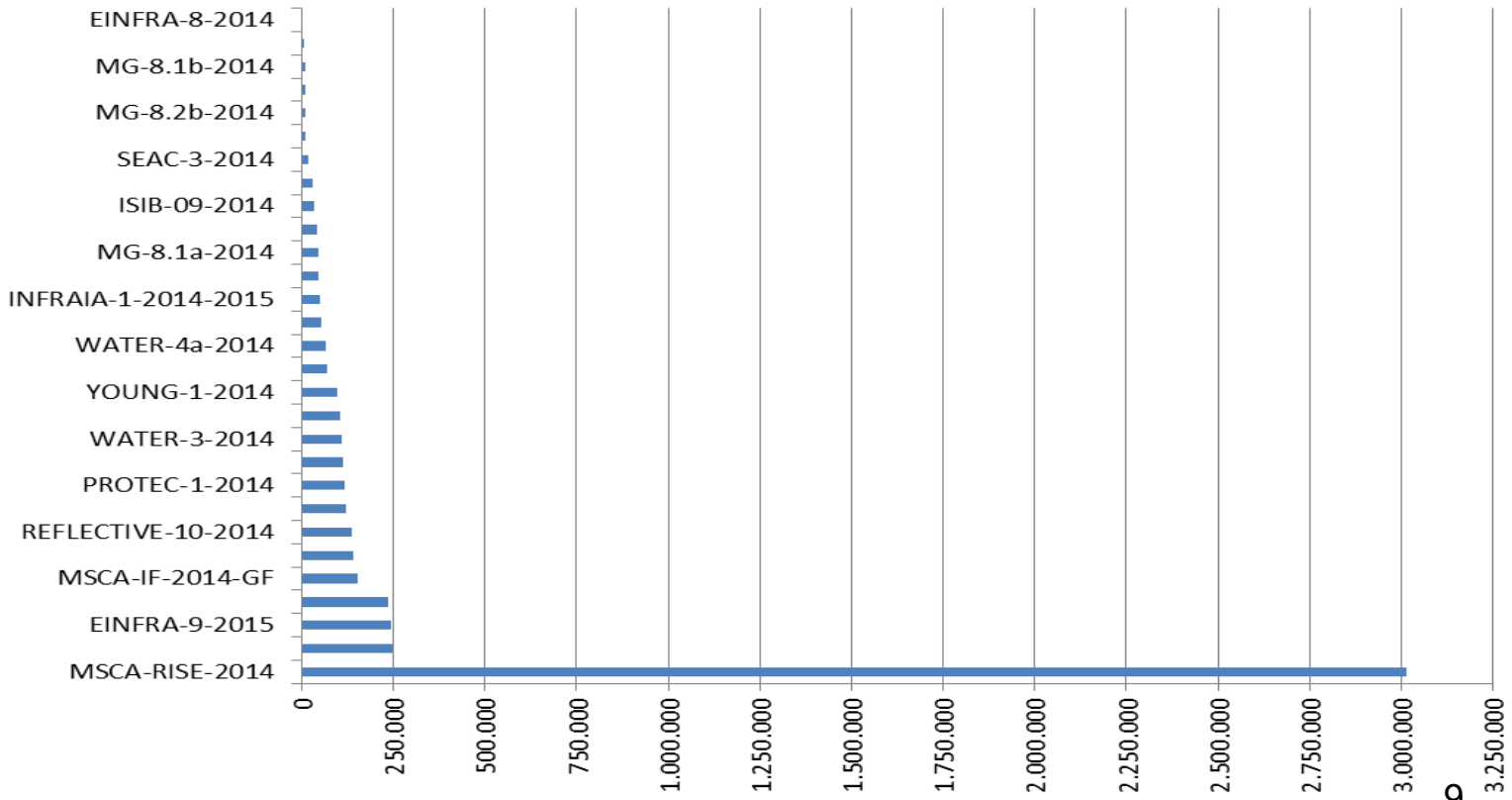
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# Compared with EaP Performance..(4)

Sum of Participant Requested EC Contribution

### EaP by H2020 Topic

Project Topic Code ▾

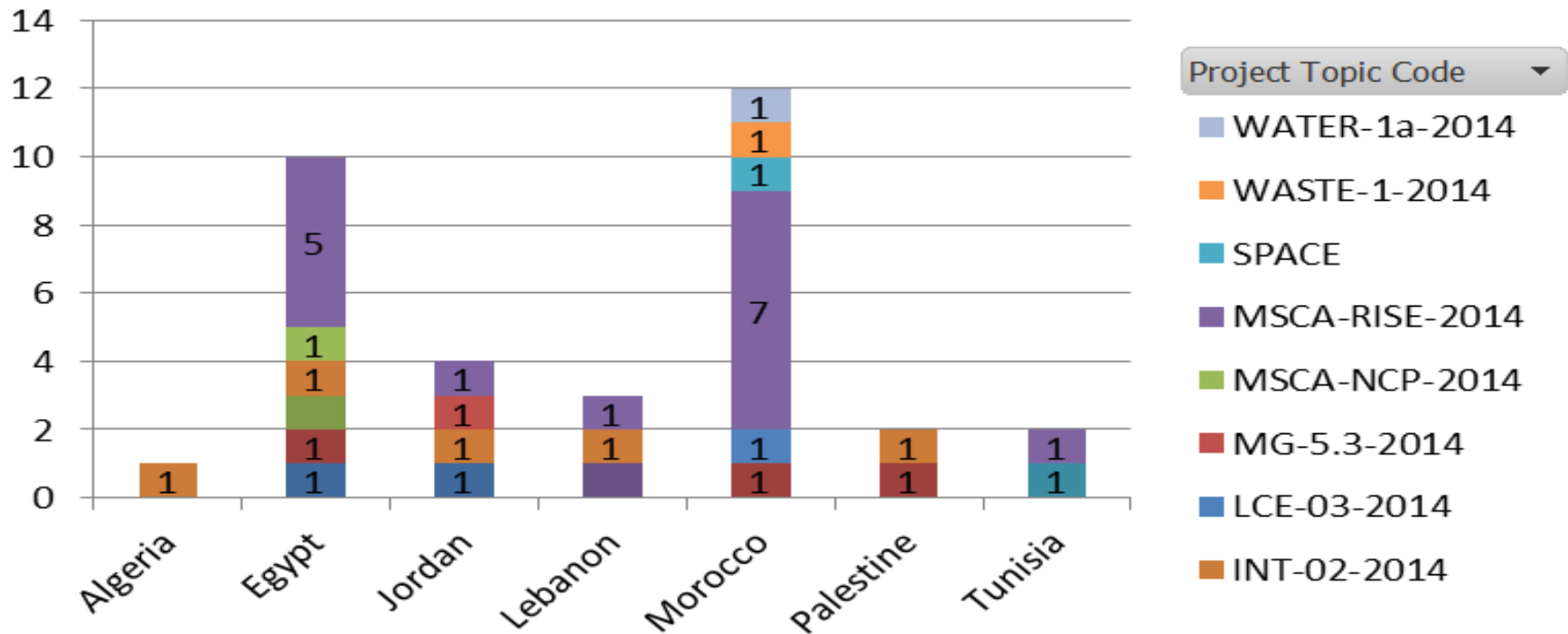




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# Review of MED Participation in Horizon 2020(5)

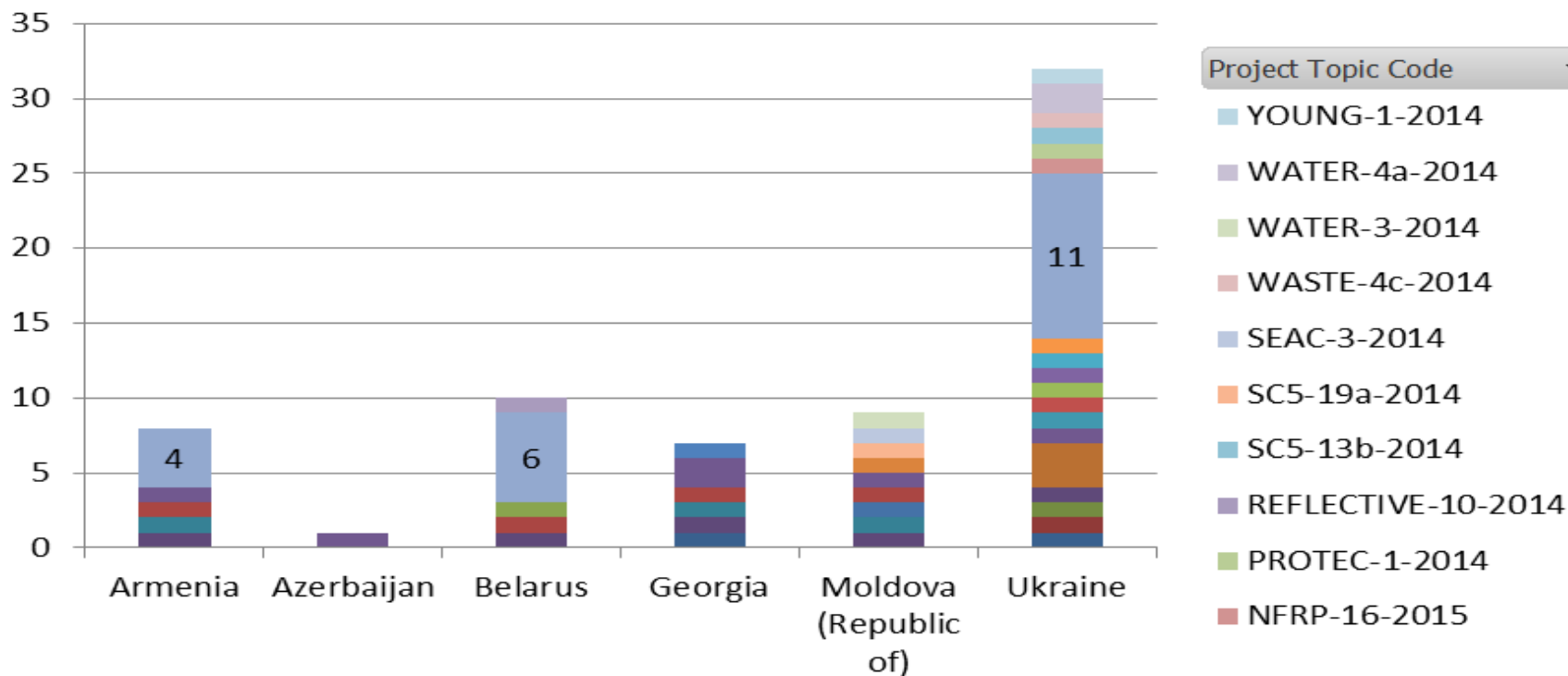
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Participant LE Country Name

# Compared with EaP Performance..(6)

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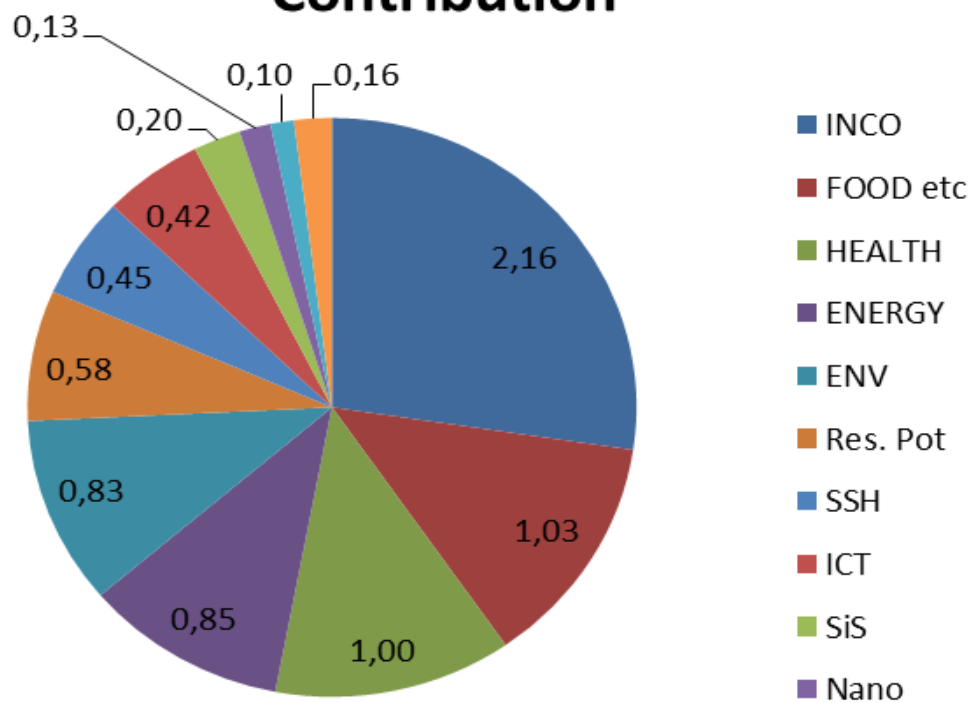
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# Compared with MED Performance in FP7 (7)

## MED-FP7 Av. Annual EC Contribution



# Topics in the Societal Challenge 6 WP2016-17

# Topics in the Societal Challenge 6 WP2016-17 (1)

- Call – Engaging Globally Together
  - **Topic 1-2017: Strengthening Europe's position in the global context: science diplomacy and intercultural relations**
  - **Topic 2- 2017: Shifting global geopolitics...**
  - **Topic 3 – 2017: The EU and the global challenge of migration...**
  - **Topic 4 – 2017: Science diplomacy for EU Neighbourhood...**

# Topics in the Societal Challenge 6 WP2016-17 (2)

- Call – Engaging Globally Together
  - **Topic 9-2017: Centres/Networks of European Research and Innovation**
- Call – Reversing Inequalities and Promoting Fairness
  - **Topic 2-2016: Strengthening Europe's position in the global context: science diplomacy and intercultural relations**

# Topics in the Societal Challenge 6 WP2016-17

- Topic 4 ENG GLOB – EU Neighbourhood participation is encouraged
- All Topics 1-3 ENG GLOB & Topic 2 INEQUAL are directly relevant to Southern Mediterranean!!
  - **Promoting knowledge, using science in the context of diplomacy, improving relations through Scientific Cooperation, fostering peace, integration, radicalisation & migration....**
- All of these topics reach beyond the EU borders and would benefit greatly from MED partner participation!!



# Topics in the Societal Challenge 6 WP2016-17

- Publication due mid-October 2015
- Pre-publication available on:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/sites/horizon2020/files/13.%20SC6\\_2016-2017\\_pre-publication.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/sites/horizon2020/files/13.%20SC6_2016-2017_pre-publication.pdf)

# Policy Support to EU International R&I Cooperation

# WP2016-17 Cont.: Policy Support to EU International R&I Cooperation (1)

- A Service Facility in support of R&I International Cooperation Strategy
- Objective:

**To provide services in support of policy development, priority setting, follow-up and implementation of the Strategy for International R&I.**

***€ 25 million – for 4 Years (Mid-2016 to Mid-2019)***

# WP2016-17 Cont.: Policy Support to EU International R&I Cooperation (2)

Services include:

- **Awareness raising and training**
- **Support to National Contact Points** (3<sup>rd</sup> country NCPs)  
**and other existing/new networks**
- **Organisation of meetings and events** (networking,  
brokerage, twinning etc.)
- **Analysis and Monitoring** (Studies, benchmarking etc.)

# WP2016-17 Cont.: Policy Support to EU International R&I Cooperation (3)

The Service Facility will build on networks created by BILAT and INCO-NET projects (FP7):

- **Networking (identifying relevant stakeholders, meetings etc.)**
- **Capacity-building (training)**
- **Dissemination of information about the RFP**
- **Support to policy formulation (analysis, etc.)**

# WP2016-17 Cont.: Policy Support to EU International R&I Cooperation (4)

The services will have to:

- **Support to the EU strategy for international cooperation in R&I**
- **Genuine EU dimension including in terms of critical mass (not excessively high, nor too small)**
- **Added value for target audience**
- **Economical, effective and professional delivery**



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# Prospects and opportunities for cooperation

# Prospects and opportunities for cooperation (1)

- Opportunities in Horizon 2020 Collaborative Research and Innovation Topics (shift from INCO projects)
  - **Horizon 2020 is a fully open programme BUT:**
    - **Excellence criterion**
    - **Highly competitive programme**
    - **Does not provide for investment in capacity building**
- i.e. look at external instruments supporting R&I capacities





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# Prospects and opportunities for cooperation (2) - Instruments

European Neighbourhood Instrument-ENI

- **16 ENI Partner Countries- 15.433 €Bn 2014-2020**

Development Cooperation Instrument-DCI

- **47 Developing countries- 19.66 €Bn 2014-2020**



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# Synergy with the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENPI/ENI)

The ENPI supports research and innovation capacity building through the implementation of bilateral research development and innovation programmes:

Algeria (21 M€ + 1,5 M€)

Egypt (11 M€ + 20 M€)

Jordan (5+5 M€)

Morocco (1.35 M€)

Tunisia (12 M€)

## Prospects and opportunities for cooperation (5) – Perspectives

- Successors to bilateral STI programmes in South MED countries...
- ENI regional programme 2015 on "Enhancing Investment, Innovation and Growth in the Southern Neighbourhood" in support of the DG RTD led initiative on Common Euro-Mediterranean Innovation Agenda (€ 10,7 million, € 7 million of which for innovation )



# Thank you for your attention!

Find out more:

**Horizon 2020 WP2016-17:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/draft-work-programmes-2016-17>

**Euro-Mediterranean R&I cooperation:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?pg=med\\_part](http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp/index.cfm?pg=med_part)