

## Partner Countries

The following countries can take part in certain Actions of the Programme, subject to specific criteria or conditions (for more information, please consult Part B of this Guide). Funding will be allocated to organisations in the countries within their territories as recognised by international law. Applicants and participants must respect any restrictions placed on EU external assistance imposed by the European Council. Applications have to be in line with the overall EU values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities as foreseen in art 2 of the Treaty of the European Union.

The Partner Countries below are regrouped according to the financial instruments of the EU External Action.

<b>Western Balkans (Region 1)</b>	Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kosovo <sup>17</sup> ; Montenegro
<b>Eastern Partnership countries (Region 2)</b>	Armenia; Azerbaijan; Belarus; Georgia; Moldova; Territory of Ukraine as recognised by international law
<b>South-Mediterranean countries (Region 3)<sup>18</sup></b>	Algeria; Egypt; Israel; Jordan; Lebanon; Libya; Morocco; Palestine <sup>19</sup> ; Syria; Tunisia

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<sup>16</sup> Subject to the signature of the Association Agreements between the European Union and those countries.

<sup>17</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

<sup>18</sup> The eligibility criteria formulated in Commission notice Nr.2013/C-205/05 (OJEU C-205 of 19/07/2013, pp. 9-11) shall apply for all actions implemented through this Programme Guide, including with respect to third parties receiving financial support in the cases where the respective action involves financial support to third parties by grant beneficiaries in accordance with article 204 of the EU's Financial Regulation.

<sup>19</sup> This designation shall not be construed as recognition of a State of Palestine and is without prejudice to the individual positions of the Member States on this issue.

<b>Russian Federation (Region 4)</b>	Territory of Russia as recognised by international law
<b>Region 5<sup>20</sup></b>	Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City State
<b>Region 6<sup>21</sup> Asia</b>	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, China, DPR Korea, India, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam
<b>Region 7<sup>22</sup> Central Asia</b>	Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan
<b>Region 8<sup>23</sup> Latin America</b>	Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela
<b>Region 9<sup>24</sup></b>	Iran, Iraq, Yemen
<b>Region 10<sup>25</sup></b>	South Africa
<b>Region 11 ACP</b>	Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Congo, Congo - Democratic Republic of the, Cook Islands, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Micronesia- Federated States of, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru, Niger, Nigeria, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Rwanda, Saint Kitts And Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent And The Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Suriname, Eswatini, Timor Leste - Democratic Republic of, Tanzania, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, Uganda, Vanuatu, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

<sup>20</sup> Countries not covered by the External Action Instruments.

<sup>21</sup> Classification used in the framework of the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI) and the proposed Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA III).

<sup>22</sup> As above.

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<b>Region 12<sup>26</sup></b>  <b>Industrialised: Gulf Cooperation countries</b>	Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates.
<b>Region 13<sup>27</sup></b>  <b>Other Industrialised countries</b>	Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Hong Kong, Japan, (Republic of) Korea, Macao, New Zealand, Singapore, Taiwan, United States of America, Uruguay.
<b>Region 14<sup>28</sup></b>	Faroe Islands, Switzerland, United Kingdom.