



The European Neighbourhood Policy and the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument

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The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP)

1. Background, objectives and principles of the ENP

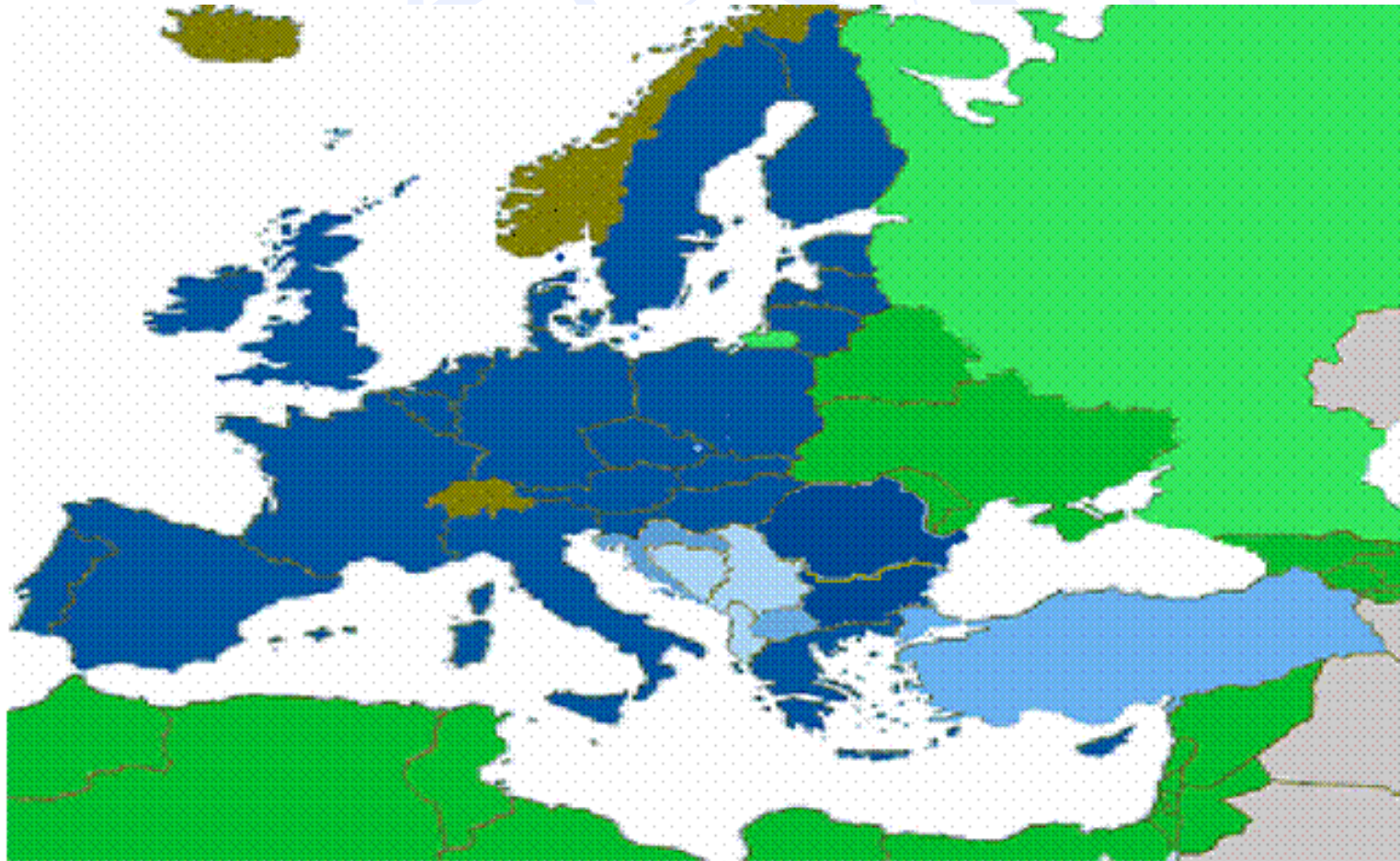
2. Content and methods of the ENP

3. Environment issues within the ENP

4. Instruments available to support the ENP

5. Next steps in ENP development and implementation

The EU and its neighbours



ENP partners

The **immediate** neighbours of the enlarged EU ... but not candidate countries or “potential candidates”

- *Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus*
- *Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan*
- *Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco*
- *Strategic Partnership with the Russian Federation*

Content of the policy

- **Focus and direction:** A comprehensive agenda for relations with EU neighbours
- **Aim:** good governance and institutional reform
- **Offer:** progressive economic integration, deepening political co-operation
- **Based on:** values and common interests
- **Assistance for:** agreed reform objectives, economic and social development and cross-border cooperation



ENP Action Plans

- Key **operational** instruments
- **Country-specific**, tailor-made **political documents**
- Jointly defining **agenda** on political, economic and sector **reforms**
- Short & medium-term **priorities** (3 – 5 years horizon)
- **Guidance** for assistance programming

ENP Action Plans – environment components

Three pillars:

1. Promotion of good environmental governance
2. Environment sectors (water, air, waste, nature...)
3. Enhancing international and regional co-operation

In addition:

4. Sustainable development strategies
5. Specific environment objectives within energy and transport

Level of ambition tailored in each Action Plan according to the specificities of the country in question

ENP Action Plans

Examples of water related actions

- *Establish a nation-wide surface and ground water - quantity and quality – monitoring network to accurately control surface and groundwater level and quality (Lebanon)*
- *Take steps towards adoption of plans and programmes related to air quality, **water quality** and biodiversity (Egypt)*
- *Pursue efforts to improve water supply and quality, especially in rural areas, with a view to meeting WHO standards (Palestinian Authority)*
- *Promote rational management of water resources. Adopt a general financial strategy on water issues where appropriate (Morocco)*
- *Prevent pollution of waters, in particular through enhanced water pollutant emission reporting, drawing on the experiences within the EU Water Framework Directive (Israel)*



New EC financial support

2007-2013

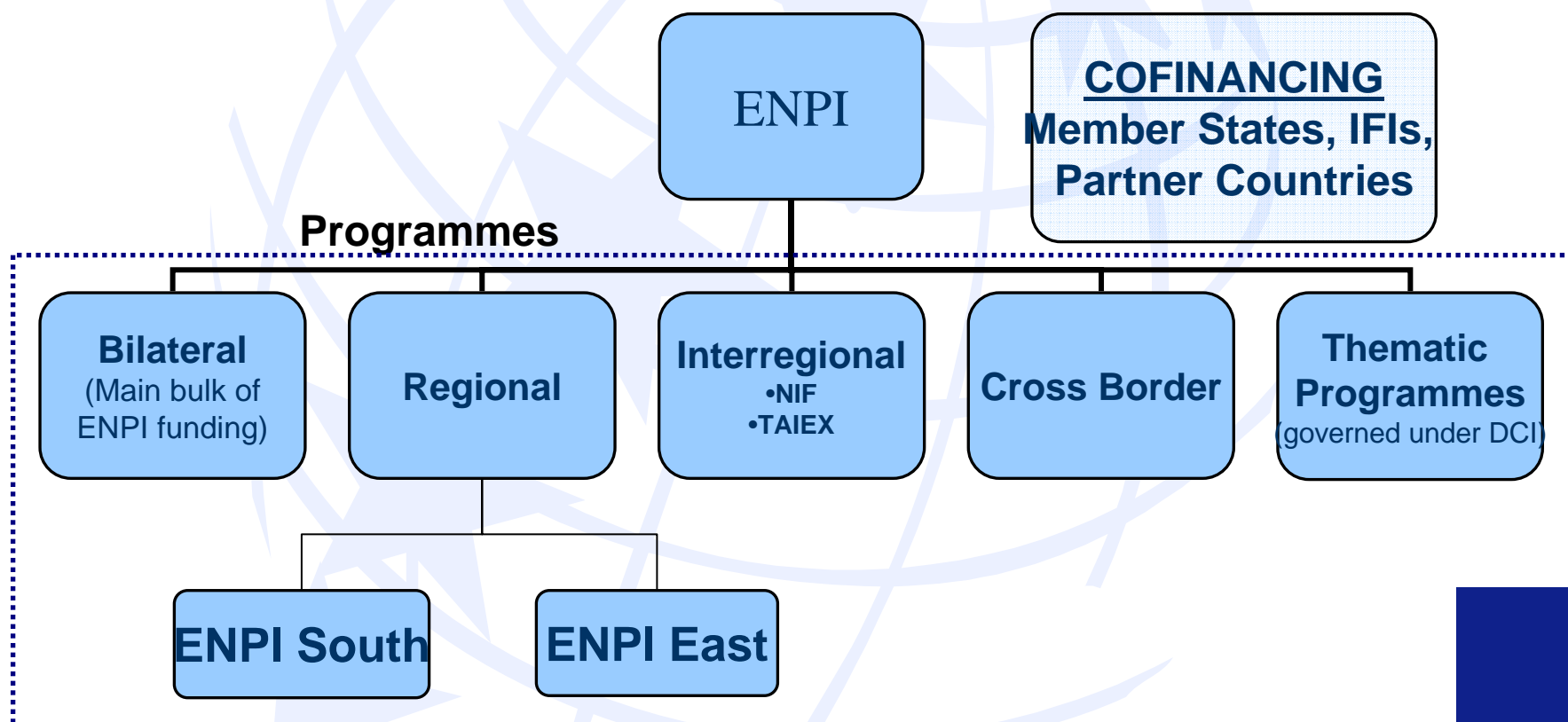
European Neighbourhood & Partnership Instrument (ENPI):

- ✓ Almost **€12bn** (+32% increase in “real terms”)
- ✓ More flexible, policy-driven instrument
- ✓ Supporting priorities agreed in the ENP **Action Plans**
- ✓ Simplified approach for **cross-border co-operation**
- ✓ Technical assistance: **institutional capacity-building**

Plus increased **EIB** lending mandate: **€12.4 bn**
(€8.7 bn for Mediterranean & €3.7 billion for Eastern Europe / Southern Caucasus / Russia)



Potential sources of ENPI financing



Environment (including water) in 2007-2010 ENPI programmes (examples)

□ National Programmes (examples):

- Jordan € 10 m (water management programme)
- Tunisia € 43 m (energy/environment)
- In many cases environment/water can be addressed under component for “support for the ENP Action Plan”

□ Regional Programmes:

- ENPI South: € 33 m (environment)

□ Interregional Programme (entire ENPI area):

- TAIEX: can address environment
- Neighbourhood Investment Facility: environment a priority area

□ CBC Programmes: can address environment

□ Environment thematic programme (governed by DCI)

- € 12.3 m (climate change/biodiversity in ENPI region)
- € 9.2 m from DCI (EU Water Initiative and EU Energy Initiative)



Strengthening the ENP

- **Communication on strengthening the ENP** (Dec 2006)
- **Progress Report** by the (German) **EU-Presidency** on strengthening the ENP (June 2007)
- **Conclusions** of the GAERC and the **European Council** (June 2007)
- **ENP Conference**, Brussels (Sept 2007)
- **Communication on a strong ENP** (Dec 2007)
- Country-specific **Progress Reports** (April 2008)

Conclusions

- **External relations' priority** of the Commission
- An **ambitious** political framework for EU relations with neighbouring countries
- **Environment protection is a key priority** sector within the ENP
- **The ENPI** offers different possibilities to support environment/water related issues. **Priorities and indicative budgets for 2007-2010 are now set.** Concrete projects are being prepared, but their formulation depends on active input by the partner countries.
- **Of mutual, long-term interest;** commitment to a **strengthened ENP**



ENP Website

Dedicated website on Europa server under

“Commission – Europe in the World”

(or just google “ENP”):

<http://ec.europa.eu/comm/world/enp>