

## Strategic Priorities 2014-2020 and Multi-annual Indicative Programme (MIP) 2014-2017

### European Neighbourhood-wide measures under ENI

#### SUMMARY

The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) sets out a number of global objectives for the European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI). While the political agreements with Neighbourhood countries are established at country and sub-regional level (East and South), certain areas of co-operation will therefore continue to cover the entire Neighbourhood, in cases where this offers added value and/or there are efficiency gains. The main areas concerned are public investment, education and institution-building.

The multi-country umbrella support (ENI Regulation Articles 4 & 7), whose objective is to foster reforms through additional allocations to countries showing progress in building deep and sustainable democracy will also be funded from the Neighbourhood-wide budget. It will contribute to the objectives and results in the programming documents of the benefiting countries. But since it is not possible to specify in advance which countries will benefit, it is not covered further in this document.

The European Neighbourhood-wide programme contributes to the overall ENI objective of progress towards 'an area of shared prosperity and good neighbourliness' between EU Member States and their neighbours. The programme will pursue the following strategic objectives which will complement the bilateral and regional programmes:

- **Building a partnership for inclusive and sustainable economic development and integration (55 %)**

Supporting investments and private sector development through the Neighbourhood Investment Facility, a financing blending instrument used to leverage EU grant funding with loans from eligible Financial Institutions. Support will be provided in line with the Strategic Orientations of the Neighbourhood Investment Facility<sup>1</sup>

Expected results: higher level of investments in public infrastructure and productive sectors, job creation and private sector developments in line with the Neighbourhood Investment Facility's Strategic Orientations will contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable economic, social and environmental development and progressive integration into the Union internal market.

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<sup>1</sup> Approved and regularly updated by the NIF Strategic Board, last on 13 December 2013.

- **Building a partnership between people (40 %)**

Contributing to Erasmus+ in the Neighbourhood and Russia to promote the international dimension of higher education in the ENP region.

Expected results: increased mobility of students and university staff, enhanced people to people contacts and improved quality of the higher education systems.

- **Targeted capacity building for European Neighbourhood countries (5 %)**

Supporting the approximation of the regulatory framework to EU norms and standards and enhance public governance systems for example through the use of the TAIEX (Technical Assistance Information and Exchange) tool and the provision of EU public expertise in good governance.

Expected results: Faster approximation of the regulatory framework to EU norms and standards and improved public administration capacities will contribute to public governance development and progressive integration into the Union internal market.

The programme will serve as a framework for those instruments which are most effectively implemented across all countries of the Neighbourhood. It will support initiatives which by their nature or size would be less effectively supported through bilateral or regional programmes while enabling specific commitments towards particular areas of policy interest.

By promoting cooperation on challenges which cannot be sufficiently addressed by countries individually and/or can be more effectively addressed at Neighbourhood-wide level, this approach has specific added value in that it will allow the EU to deploy common measures in all partner countries, while adapting the individual interventions to the particular needs they address ensuring economies of scale and more efficient delivery.

### **Incentive-based approach<sup>2</sup>**

The ENI Regulation provides for the use of a multi-country 'umbrella programme' to supplement the financial allocations of selected partner countries on the basis of their progress towards deep and sustainable democracy and the implementation of agreed reform objectives.

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<sup>2</sup> Separate additional allocation for selected partner countries

<i>Indicative allocation 2014-2020</i>	EUR 3,084,000,000 to EUR 3,455,000,000 of which EUR 1,407,000,000 for umbrella support
<i>Indicative allocation for the 1<sup>st</sup> period (2014-2017)</i>	EUR 1,675,000,000 to EUR 1,876,000,000 of which EUR 770,000,000 for umbrella support
<i>Building a partnership for inclusive and sustainable economic development and integration</i>	55%
<i>Building a partnership between people: Erasmus+ in the Neighbourhood and Russia</i>	40%
<i>Building capacity for European Neighbourhood countries</i>	5%