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ANR AND THE
MEDITERRANEAN REGION
Encouraging interdisciplinary research and systemic approaches

The Mediterranean basin is a region of the world that is culturally rich, complex and contrasted. In the course of its long history it has gone through and is still experiencing crises in many forms, whether ecological, economic, social, cultural and geopolitical. It is this situation that has prompted ANR, along with the other stakeholders, to participate in the **co-construction of a Euro-Mediterranean research area.**

The Mediterranean is in effect the only region in the world for which ANR has introduced specific programme planning, characterised by a strong desire to encourage interdisciplinary research and systemic approaches.

✔ Transmed, **a national transdisciplinary research programme** on the Mediterranean, designed to strengthen North-South partnerships.

✔ In ANR's **Work Programme 2014**, the Mediterranean research community is expected in particular to contribute to the "Food security and demographic challenges" societal challenge.

✔ **Launching of transnational calls** for proposals across the Mediterranean region within the framework of the European ERA-NET initiatives:

→ ARIMNET on agriculture: 9 research projects co-funded by ANR bringing together researchers from North and South funded by their respective countries. Partner countries: Egypt, Morocco, Greece, Algeria, Italy, Spain, Israel, Turkey, Tunisia, Portugal

→ SEASERA on marine research: 2 research projects co-funded by ANR in partnership with Greece and Turkey

✔ **Setting up of a Euro-Mediterranean programme** dedicated specifically to the coordination of research efforts in the Mediterranean: the ERA-NET MED, pluridisciplinary programme coordinated by Italy. Launched in October 2013, it brings together Turkey, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia, Malta and Italy.

ANR has been assigned responsibility for organising a future call for proposals for international research projects.

ANR's dedicated Foresight Workshops

Workshops devoted to this region since 2010:
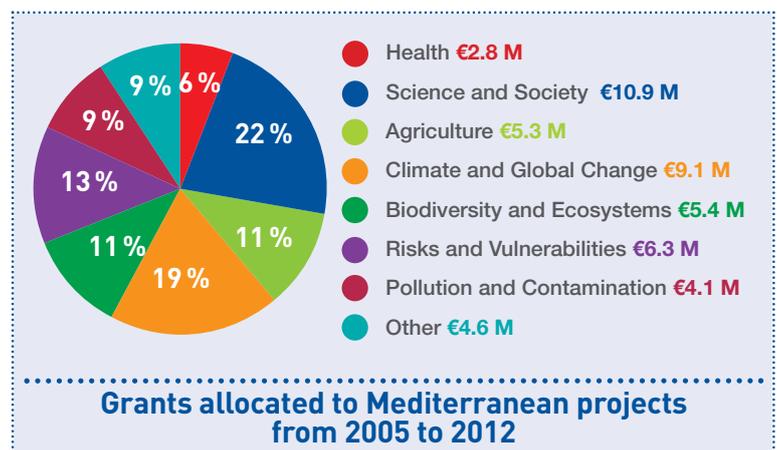
▶ 2010-2011: PARME "What research projects and which partners for the Mediterranean region?" which led to the identifying of 3 broad fields of research in the region: 1) men and women, societies and their territories; 2) natural resources - environments, water, soils and energy; and 3) agriculture, food and health.

▶ 2012-2013: FUTOURAUMED dedicated to migratory movements on the two banks of the Mediterranean Sea, which has led to the recommending of cooperative cross-disciplinary research projects

▶ 2013-2014: MEDMER focusing on adapting to environmental changes in the Mediterranean Sea

What to remember for 2014

✔ ANR signed an agrement with Tübitak in Turkey, in January 2014.

- Health €2.8 M
- Science and Society €10.9 M
- Agriculture €5.3 M
- Climate and Global Change €9.1 M
- Biodiversity and Ecosystems €5.4 M
- Risks and Vulnerabilities €6.3 M
- Pollution and Contamination €4.1 M
- Other €4.6 M

Grants allocated to Mediterranean projects from 2005 to 2012

Project-based research funding

The French National Research Agency:
- ✓ Contributes to the development of science and technology
- ✓ Rallies teams around strategic challenges
- ✓ Speeds up knowledge production and transfer, and encourages partnerships
- ✓ Promotes interdisciplinary dialogue
- ✓ Facilitates European and international collaborations

ANR selects the most promising research projects through an independent **peer review** process complying with international standards.

ANR is the main manager of the **"Investments for the future"** programme for the research and higher education component (€22 bn).

ANR WORK PROGRAMME 2014

- ▶ A generic call for proposals
- ▶ Selection: a two step process
- ▶ In addition, a limited number of specific calls for proposals including international calls (e.g.: ERA-NETs)

2012 KEY FIGURES

- ▶ Budget: **€555 M**
  (of research projects grants, of which 7% is allocated to international projects)
- ▶ Average project grant: **€350 k to €700 k**
- ▶ French and foreign peer reviewers: **14,500**
- ▶ Staff: **243** ANR members

More than 10,000 projects funded since ANR's creation in 2005, including around 900 co-funded international projects