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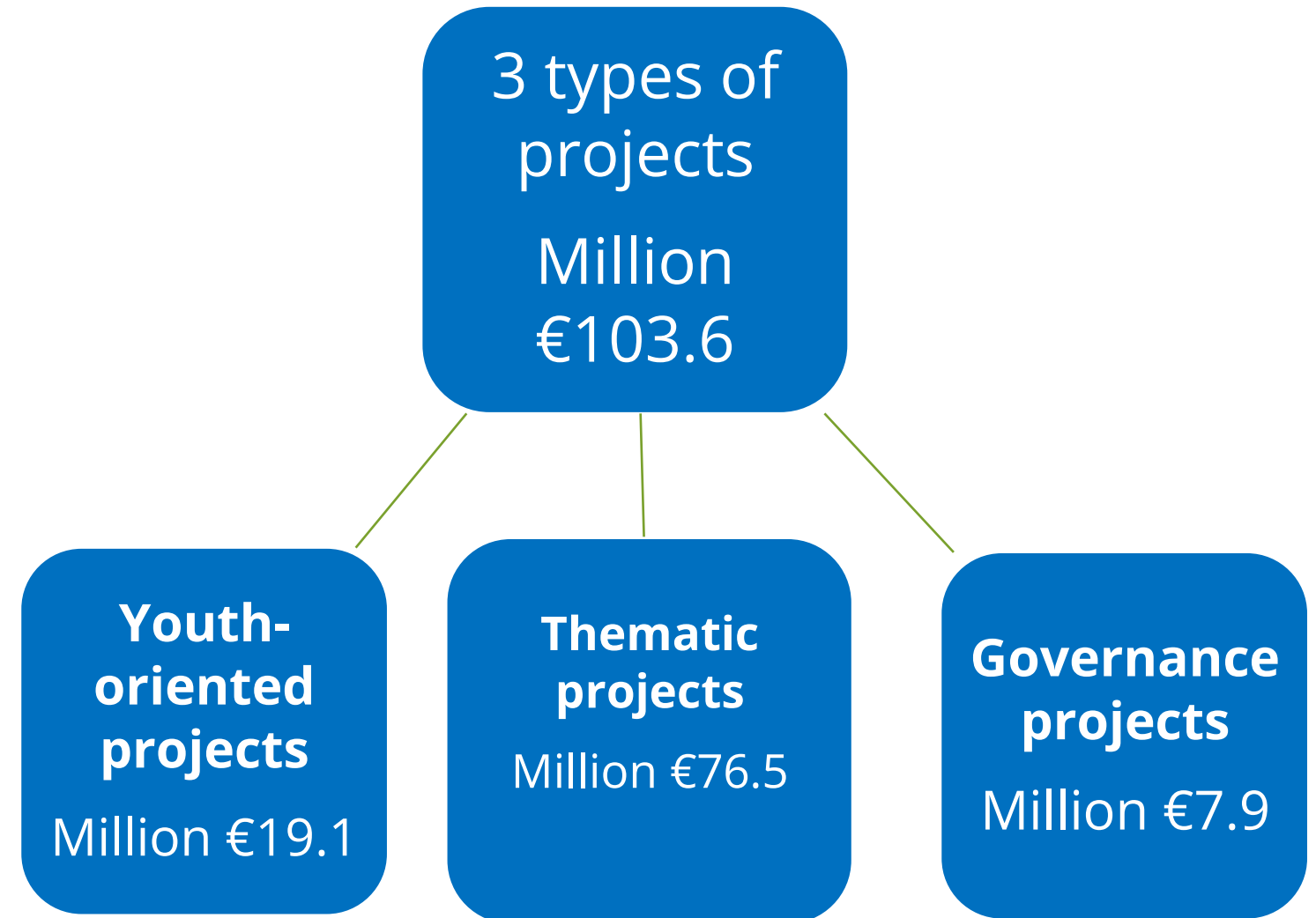


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## Three types of projects

Three different categories of projects, each with a set of specific features

- **Youth-oriented** projects as a major innovation in the Interreg NEXT MED strategy (within priorities 1, 2 and 3);
- **Thematic projects** in the continuity of the ENI CBC MED standard and strategic thematic projects (within priorities 1, 2 and 3);
- **Governance projects** to better connect public authorities, local stakeholders and citizens (priority 4).



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# The first call for proposals: main features

Financial dimension and duration



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\* Recommended maximum number of partners and recommended well-balanced partnership North-South and East-West Mediterranean



# Type of projects

Focus on thematic projects

- Can be submitted under Priorities 1, 2, and 3 ;
- Significant **demonstration** and **pilot** dimension;
- **Scale-up of already developed solutions** should be considered ;
- **Avoid**, as much as possible, to “reinvent the wheel” and **start from scratch**;
- **Link with existing** results and knowledge;
- Achieve an **impact** at different levels, including **technical, societal** and **regulatory**.

The **focus** of thematic projects is on the **operational phase**  
including pilots and experiments on the ground



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# Type of projects

Focus on youth-oriented projects

- Can be submitted under Priorities 1, 2, and 3 ;
- **20% of the budget** of Priorities 1,2 and 3 is allocated to youth-oriented projects;
- Aim to **enable young people to take action** in Interreg NEXT MED Programme through their participation in the design and implementation of the projects;
- All proposals shall have the scope to **deliver mainly for young people**;
- **Meet at least one of the two** following criteria:

Partnership including **at least 2** organisations whose **majority of staff** involved in the management is **aged 18-30**

And  
/ Or

Partnership including **at least 2** organisations whose **core mission\*** is to work **for the benefit of young people**



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\*Demonstrating **at least two years** of experience from the date of the launching of the call in leading or participating in projects addressing Youth with similar managed budget as for the share of the requested grant



# Type of projects

## Focus on governance projects

- Can be submitted under **Priority 4 only** ;
- Enhance the **capacities of public authorities** and **other stakeholders** to **design** and effectively **deliver public services** that aim at the **socio-economic** and **environmental well-being** of **citizens** and **places**, specifically on a local scale;
- Focus on the development of **local governance models** and **processes** that strengthen cross-sector and multilevel partnership;
- **Address** issues of interest at local level-for like the **provision of services** or **development of strategies/local policies** in the fields of health, education, mobility, employment, social inclusion, waste management, energy efficiency, urban development, etc.;
- Promote **common** methodologies and tools, **share** best practices, data and results, and will create **transnational frameworks** to facilitate **exchange** of knowledge and collective action **across borders** among groups of stakeholders from different countries.

The ultimate goal is the implementation of transnational cooperation projects that **engage citizens, local stakeholders** and **public authorities** in the delivery of **quality public services**



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