

The role of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Region (PRIMA) in Portugal

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Outline

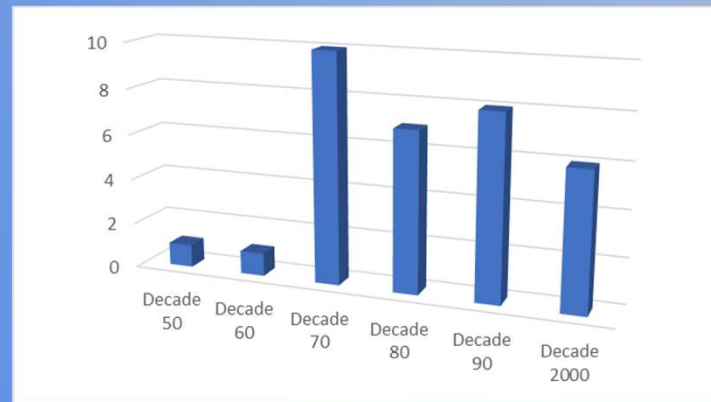
- **Portugal Bilateral Framework Agreements with Union for the Mediterranean countries as Science Diplomacy instrument**
- **Multilateral Euro-Mediterranean Policy Dialogue and instruments on Science Technology and Innovation**
- **Multilateral Euro-Mediterranean instruments on Research and Innovation: PRIMA (2018-2022)**
- **Role of PRIMA and Results in Portugal**

**Portugal and
UfM countries:**
year of the first
bilateral framework
Agreement
including on
Science, Tecnology
and Higher
Education



Portugal and UfM countries: bilateral framework Agreement including on Science, Tecnology and Higher Education

- Portugal has bilateral framework agreements on STI with 33/40 UfM countries
- Evolution on the number of Bilateral Agreements signed though the decades with the UfM countries



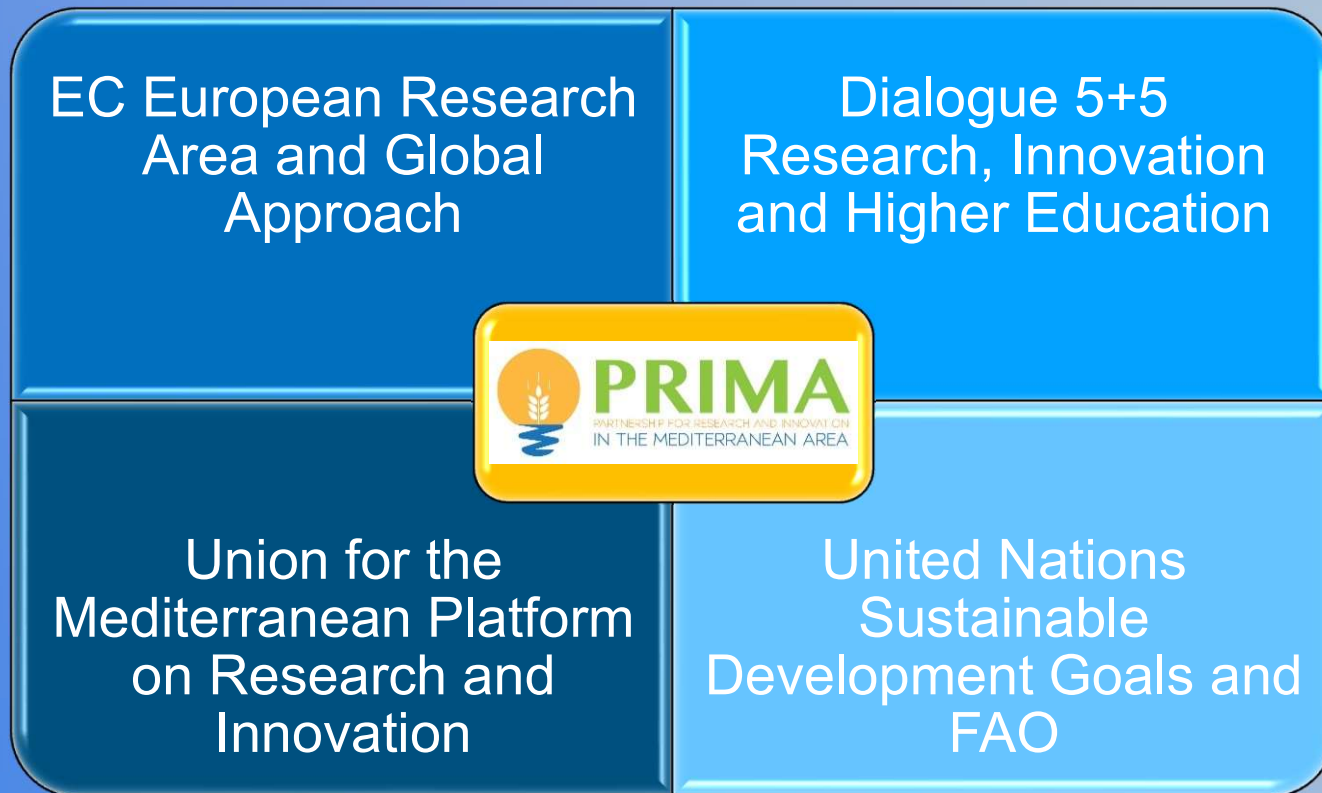
- From the active bilateral on-going programs those includes the thematic areas of the UfM Roadmaps on Research and Innovation: health, climate change, renewable energy

Political commitments from PT to PRIMA

Úrsula von der Leyen, last
18th July “Political
guidelines for the next
European Commission
2024-2029”

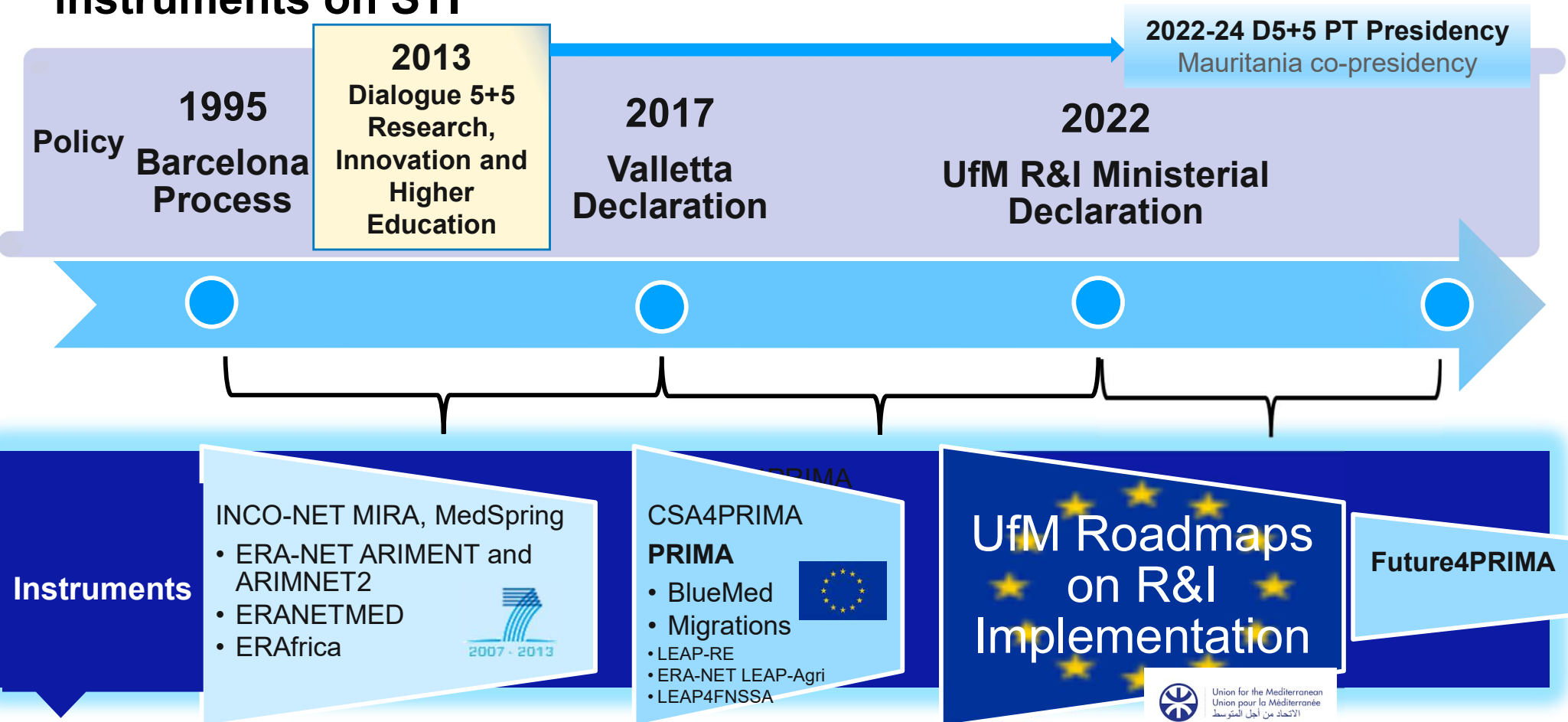
**A more strategic
approach to our
neighbourhood**

- Commissioner for the
Mediterranean



Portugal
Presidency
2022-2024

Portugal Multilateral Euro-Mediterranean Policy Dialogue and instruments on STI



Main challenges in the Mediterranean region

- Water
- Agrofood systems and food security
- Blue economy (skills)
- Humanities and social sciences

UfM, Ministerial Declaration, Foreigner Affairs, Valletta, 2017

- Climate Change
- Renewable energy
- Health

Horizontal integration and priorities for a future crisis management

(1st UfM Ministerial Declaration Research & Innovation, 2022)

Multilateral Euro-Mediterranean instruments on STI

Portugal commitment to the Mediterranean cooperation on STI is currently expressed in the on-going Government Constitutional Program (2022-2026)

The Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area - PRIMA

- Article 185° **Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union** initiative is long term public-public partnerships (P2P) established on a voluntary basis by EU Member States that are also eligible for a substantial financial contribution from the EU Research Framework Programme
- Addressing common challenges in specific research areas by creating economies of scale and synergies between national and EU research programmes and investments. Their ambition is to achieve scientific, managerial and financial integration amongst national research programmes in a given field
- PRIMA will contribute to **solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems contributing significantly to the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development, notably in the Mediterranean region**

Portugal is a founding country of PRIMA and Board of Trustees and Steering Committee member between 2018-2020 and since 2024

The role of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Region (PRIMA) in Portugal

- Establishing cross-border research and innovation governmental institutions collaboration
- Providing policy support on the implementation of EC, UfM, Dialogue 5+5, in the Mediterranean region as a contribution from science diplomacy to the overall diplomacy within the region
- Contribute to the internationalization of the national research and innovation system, through partnerships' building to
- Contribute to **solving water scarcity, food security, nutrition, health, well-being and migration problems contributing significantly to the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean region**
- Lobbying for the improvement in national regulatory systems to permeate into public policy affairs and raising awareness of the importance of evidence-informed policy making

Upcoming years

- Annual calls 2025-2027 funded in Section 1 Horizon Europe and Section 2 Funding agencies, including FCT
- Annual Awards
- Enlargement to other countries (CSA Future4PRIMA <https://future4prima.eu/>)
- Stakeholder Board focused on developing a PRIMA innovation ecosystems in the Mediterranean region <https://prima-med.org/future4prima-your-voice-matters/> **deadline 20th August 2024**
- Planning the future of PRIMA (CSA Future4PRIMA <https://future4prima.eu/>)

Results 2018-2022

➤ 65 projects with the participation of 103 national teams



➤ Total funding 10.011.134,30€

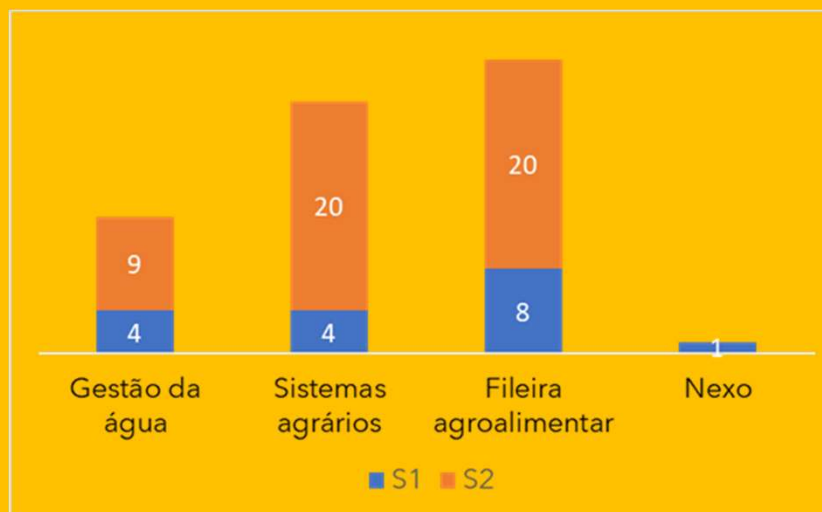


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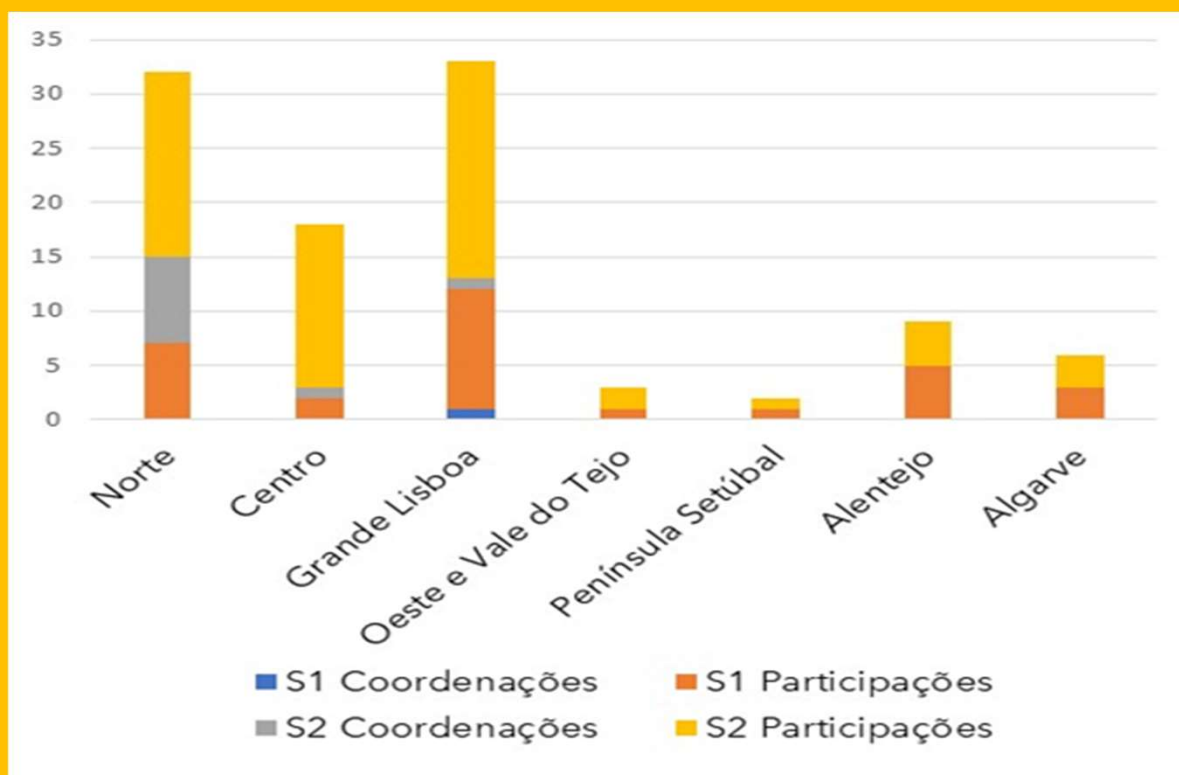
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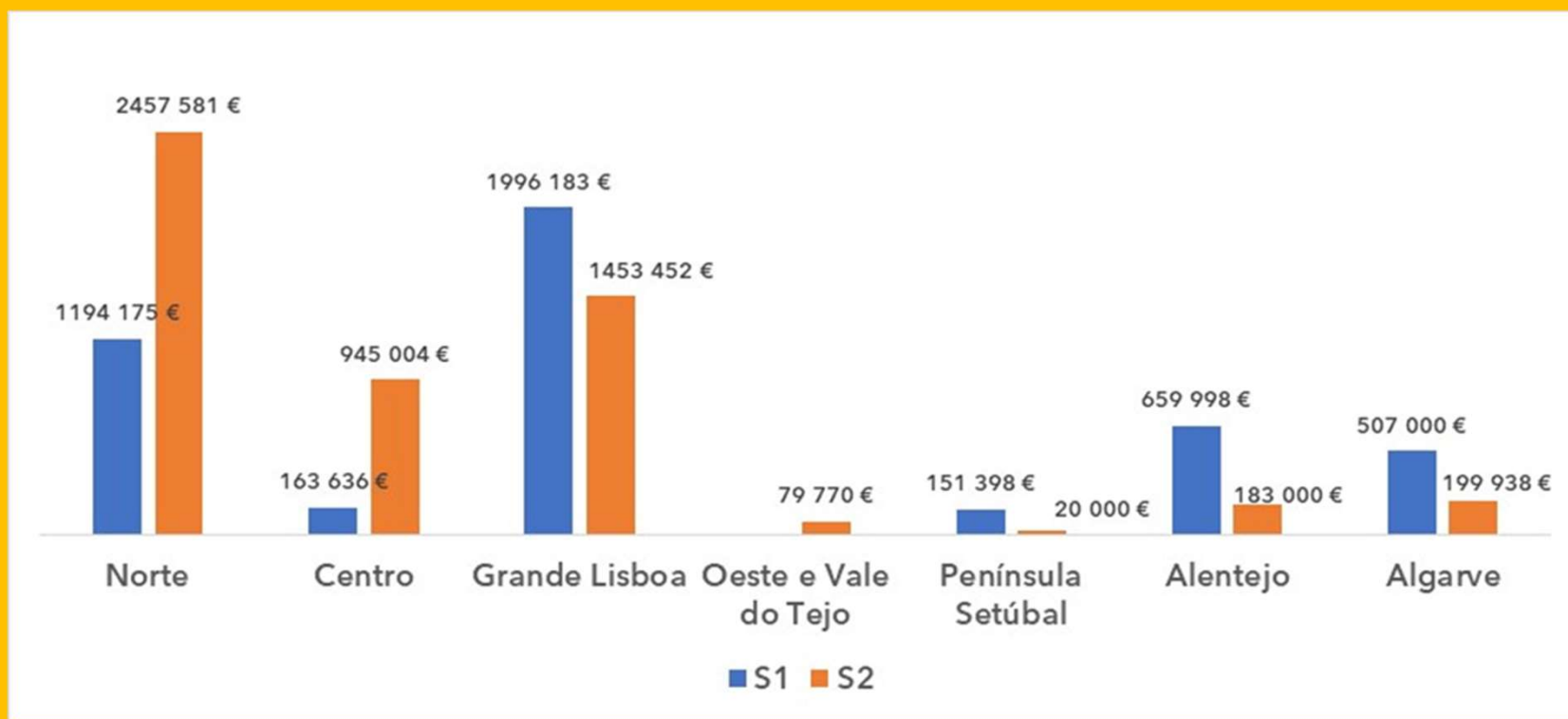
No. projects per thematic area



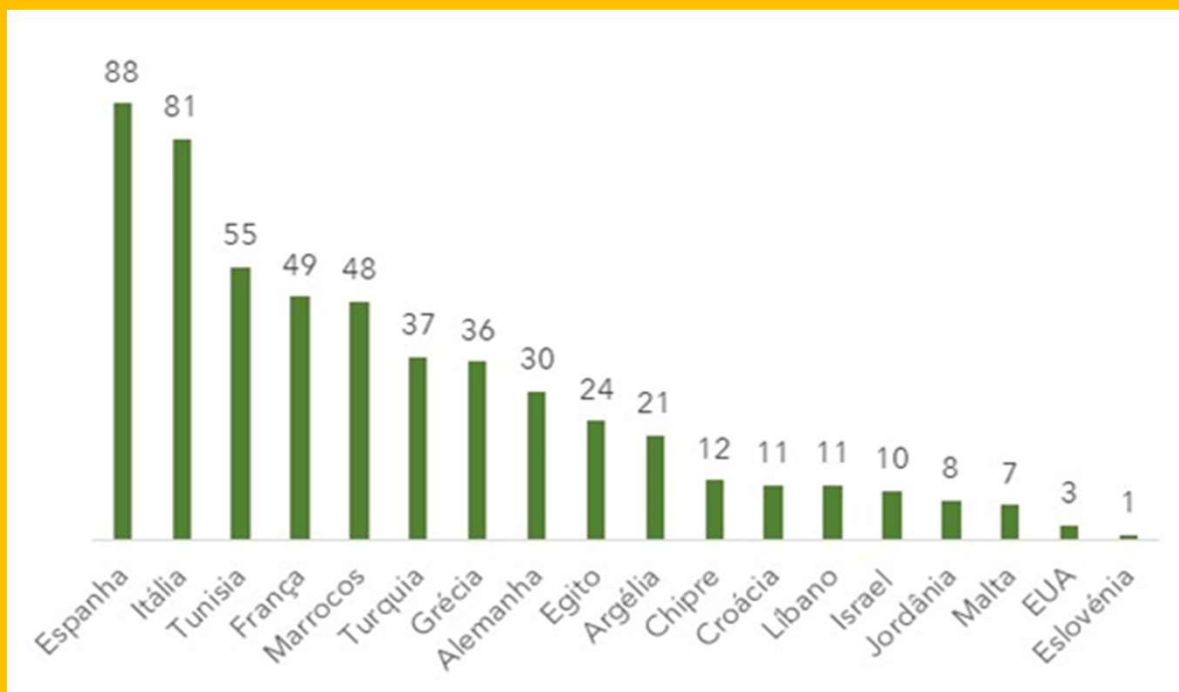
No. of projects coordinated and participated by region and type of call



Results 2018-2022 Funding by region and call type



Results 2018-2022: The Portuguese teams have **532** partners from **18** countries



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<https://www.fct.pt/en/internacional/espaco-europeu-de-investigacao/prima-parceria-para-a-investigacao-e-inovacao-na-regiao-mediterranica/>

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