

PRIMA

The Partnership for Research and
Innovation in the Mediterranean Area

PRIMA: A partnership with a focus on the Mediterranean



Secretariat based
in Barcelona
(Since June 2017,
Foundation under
the Spanish law)



Budget:
700M €



20 PSs members:
Algeria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,
Egypt, France, Germany, Greece,
Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon,
Luxembourg, Malta, Morocco,
Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Tunisia
and Türkiye;
with the active participation of
the European Union.



PRIMA is a partnership focused on the Mediterranean, uniting 20 **Participating States (PS)** from both the Northern and Southern shores and the European Union.

The partnership includes:

12 EU and 3 H2020 associated countries and 5 third countries signing an international agreement for Science and Technology with the European Commission.

PRIMA offers a unique platform for strengthening cooperation between EU Member States and third countries, fostering joint projects to address common challenges in the region and beyond.

EU PS and non-EU PS work together on an equal basis, sharing decisions, funding, and management responsibilities.



VISION

“Inclusive, healthy and prosperous Mediterranean societies through innovative solutions in agro-food and water systems, contributing, by the end of the programme, to sustainable use of natural resources, economic growth and stability.”

PRIMA:

Deploying innovative solutions in the Mediterranean



PRIMA's vision is to foster joint **research and innovation (R&I)** approaches among Mediterranean countries to improve **water availability, sustainable agriculture and food production** in a region heavily distressed by climate change.



With a budget of **EUR 700 million**, PRIMA implements the Programme mainly through calls for proposals.



PRIMA:

Deploying innovative solutions in the Mediterranean



PRIMA's projects deploy
innovative solutions for
inclusive, healthy and
prosperous Mediterranean
societies, increasing
competitiveness at the local,
sub-regional and regional
levels.



PRIMA is boosting
innovation in the
Mediterranean and is
empowering businesses
with ready-to-use
sustainable solutions to
increase their productivity
and incomes

Programme thematic focus

PRIMA is a unique R&I instrument in the Mediterranean to break conventional silos and address the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems nexus.

PRIMA has a well-balanced project portfolio with international projects demonstrating tangible impacts on socio-economic development, gender equality, and cross-cutting actions in the region.

PRIMA is a pioneer for the WEF E Nexus: this strategic axis will help decrease environmental risks and ecological scarcities under conditions of climate change and will ensure the economic development in the region.



Water management

Integrated and sustainable management of water for arid and semi-arid Mediterranean areas.



Farming Systems

Sustainable farming systems under Mediterranean environmental constraints



Agri-food value chain

Sustainable Mediterranean agro-food value chain for regional and local development



WEFE Nexus

Water, Energy, Food and Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus

PRIMA achievements board (2018 - 2024)

ALL

PRIMA Participating
States received
funds



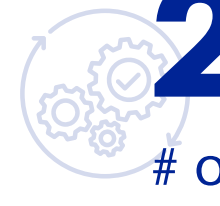
22K+

of participating
entities



2500+

of total
Beneficiaries



269

of funded
projects



62 WATER
PROJECTS



109 FARMING
PROJECTS



86 AGRO-FOOD
PROJECTS



12 WEFEX NEXUS
PROJECTS

401M€

Total Budget
allocated



30%

MPC Total Budget
share



20%

Budget share of
private sector

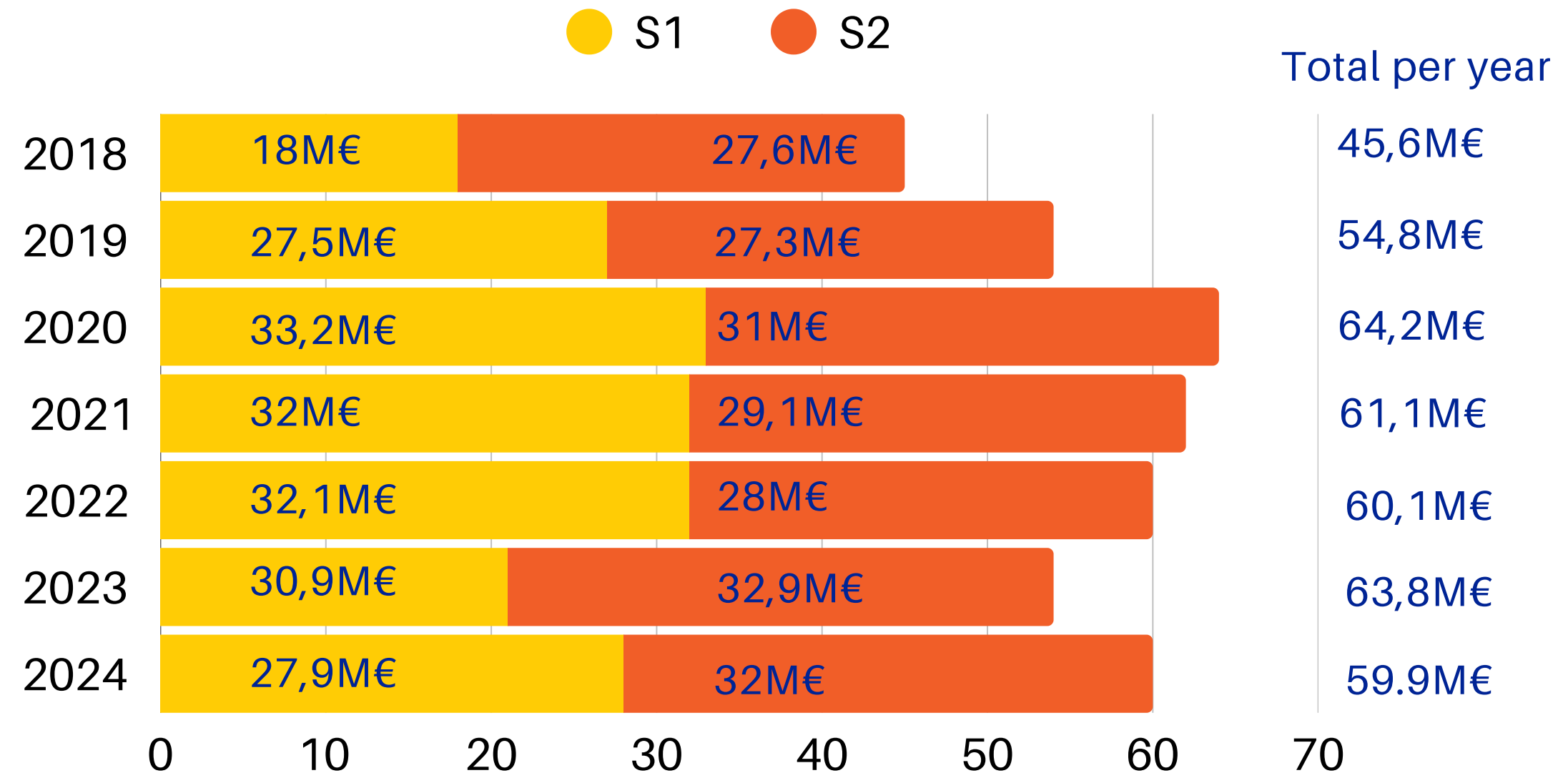
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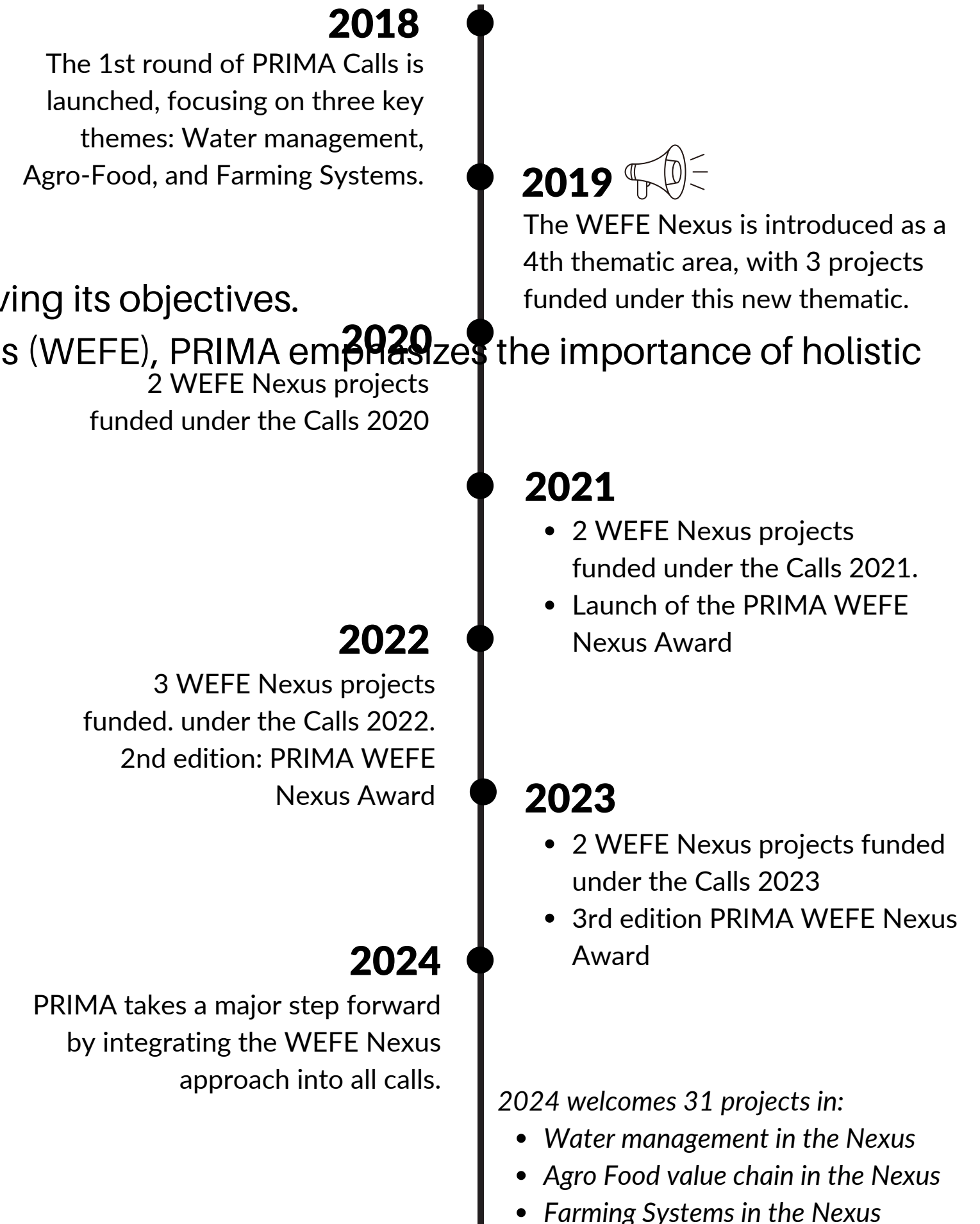
PRIMA: a pioneer for the WEFE Nexus

PRIMA's integration of the WEFE Nexus theme since 2019 is crucial for achieving its objectives.

Recognizing the interconnectedness of Water, Energy, Food, and Ecosystems (WEFE), PRIMA emphasizes the importance of holistic management rather than siloed approaches.

2024: a step further

In 2024, PRIMA takes a significant step forward in integrating the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus across all its calls, making it a core element of its strategic approach. This new approach fosters more collaborative, integrated solutions to address the region's interconnected challenges across water, energy, food, and ecosystems.



AWARDS

Since 2021, PRIMA introduced two Prizes into its activities, to be funded with EU funds (Section 1):

- the PRIMA WEF E Nexus Award (2021, 2022, 2023)
- the PRIMA Woman Greening Food Systems in the Mediterranean Award (2024).



Recognition prize

- 3 editions
- 6 winners (2 winners per edition)
- 10.000€ cash prize for each winner



Recognition prize

- first edition launched in 2024
- 4 winners in 2024
- 20.000€ cash prize in total

Key successes in the region

SCIENCE DIPLOMACY

PRIMA has proven to be an instrument facilitating cooperation between teams from North/South and South/South countries.

ALIGNING NATIONAL REGULATIONS

Aligning national regulations and administrative procedures: PRIMA effectively fostered collaboration among countries that had not previously worked together.

PRIMA'S NEW HORIZON: FUTURE4PRIMA

The recently granted CSA FUTURE4PRIMA project (Horizon Europe), led by PRIMA Program, (starting in January 2024 with 21 partners).

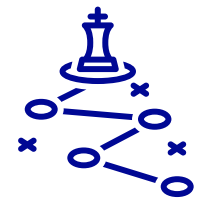
Objectives: prepare for a possible extension of PRIMA from 2028, potentially broadening the thematic focus, extending the partnership to other potential candidates, to prepare for a possible EC impact assessment, foster policy adoption and accelerate the adoption of innovations by the market with a pilot proof of concept.



Conclusion



**Strong institutional support
& major geostrategic role in
the Mediterranean**

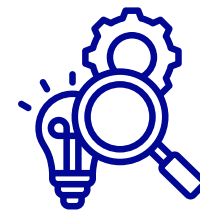


**A strategic R&I Agenda
coherent with global and
regional challenges**



Equal Footing

Based on equal footing, shared
interest and mutual benefit.



**PRIMA is a successful
example of R&I
cooperation and policy
alignment among States**



PRIMA: a solid instrument of Science Diplomacy

between Europe, Africa and Middle East



**A well balanced project
portfolio with 269
projects' results to be
capitalized**

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