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GLOSSARY

COUNTRY CODES

Albania **(AL)** - Austria **(AT)** - Belgium **(BE)**

Bosnia-Herzegovina **(BA)** - Croatia **(HR)**

Cyprus **(CY)** - France **(FR)** - Greece **(EL)**

Italy **(IT)** - Malta **(MT)** - Montenegro **(ME)**

Portugal **(PT)** - Slovenia **(SI)** - Spain **(ES)**

ICONS

Studying project

Integrated project

Testing project

Horizontal project

Capitalising project

Governance & Strategic project

This catalogue will be available for download on the Programme website in both the Programme's languages after the event.

This flyer underlines the work done so far by our projets.
Most of them are not yet closed and therefore the outcomes are still unclear.

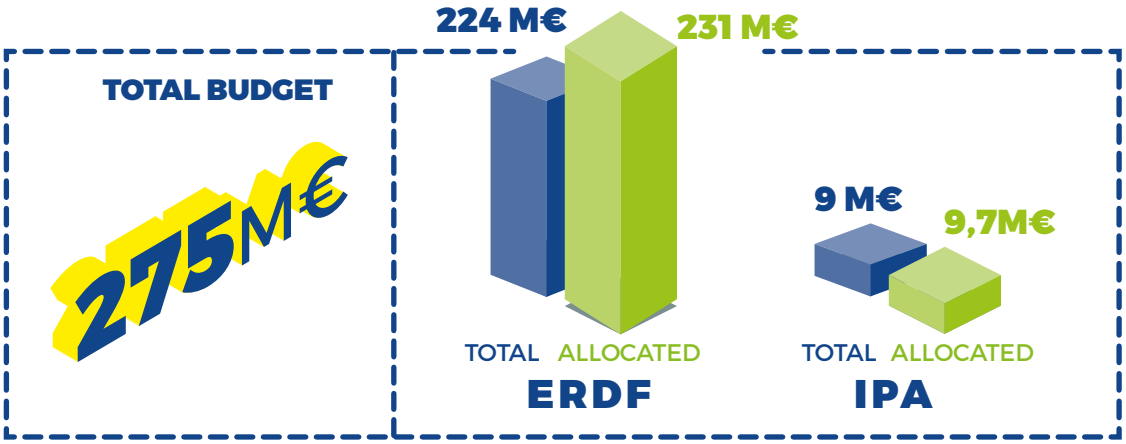
OVERVIEW ON THE PROGRAMME

The Interreg MED Programme is a European transnational cooperation programme adopted by the European Commission and co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). It provides funds for cooperation projects developed and managed by public bodies – and in some cases by private entities – in the Northern regions of the Mediterranean.

Its overall objective is to promote sustainable growth in the area by fostering innovative concepts and practices and a reasonable use of resources and by supporting social integration through an integrated and territorially based cooperation approach.

From Portugal to Cyprus, stakeholders of 13 different countries work together to find shared solutions to common challenges such as the implementation of low carbon economy, the protection of natural and cultural resources and the strengthening of innovation. These three challenges have been identified as the most critical for the area.

In order to be as efficient as possible, our projects will also be working on triggering changes in policies and political strategies on these three different topics. In this regard, the Programme aims to build a new community of interests through the implementation of tools and policy framework.



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MODULAR PROJECTS | HORIZONTAL PROJECTS | GOVERNANCE PROJECT | STRATEGIC PROJECTS | APPROVED PROJECTS

PROJECTS BY AXES AND THEMATICS

The Interreg MED Programme has chosen four priority axes (three thematic axes and a strategic one)

AXIS 1

BLUE GROWTH
> 12 PROJECTS

GREEN GROWTH
> 16 PROJECTS

SOCIAL & CREATIVE
> 13 PROJECTS

AXIS 2

EFFICIENT BUILDINGS
> 11 PROJECTS

RENEWABLE ENERGY
> 8 PROJECTS

URBAN TRANSPORTS
> 9 PROJECTS

AXIS 3

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM
> 24 PROJECTS

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION
> 17 PROJECTS

AXIS 4

GOVERNANCE
> 1 PROJECT

STRATEGIC PROJECTS
> 4 PROJECTS

TYPES OF PROJECTS

For the 2014-2020 programming period, the Interreg MED programme has established three project categories: Strategic, Horizontal and Modular projects. Each type corresponds to different objectives and levels of impact necessary to build a solid framework of territorial cooperation. Likewise, the modular projects have three specific units that can be combined according to the targets of each project, enabling greater quality and efficiency. A modular project combining the three units makes for an integrated project.

GOVERNANCE & STRATEGIC PROJECTS

To influence and define policies towards a common goal of territorial development.
These projects seek to foster partnerships among local, regional and national public stakeholders to make an impact in policy-making. They are implemented following a top-down approach to improve governance tools in the Mediterranean.

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

To create a new cooperation method between the various projects.
This is the mission that the Interreg MED Programme set up when creating the "Horizontal projects". They are the unifying elements of the Modular projects. Their objective is to design and implement common communication and capitalisation activities. Horizontal projects coordinate a thematic community.

MODULAR PROJECTS

MODULE 1 – STUDYING
Projects from this module will analyse an intervention field, complement data, build networks, references and design common approaches, shared methodology, models, and strategies. These activities can be the main objective of the project or become the first phase of a broader project.

MODULE 2 – TESTING
A module designed to cover testing and pilot activities where project partners will have the occasion to test processes, techniques, and models, in order to create solutions applicable to a wider set of users and territories. Testing activities can be set up when the context, data and actors are already well identified and when technical and institutional conditions are favourable.

MODULE 3 – CAPITALISING
When methodologies, practices, and intervention tools have been successfully tested and implemented in regions, projects can suggest capitalisation and dissemination activities in the Mediterranean area. A specific attention will be paid to the transfer of results towards regional and national programmes, funded by the ERDF and to the involvement of end users in the communication processes.

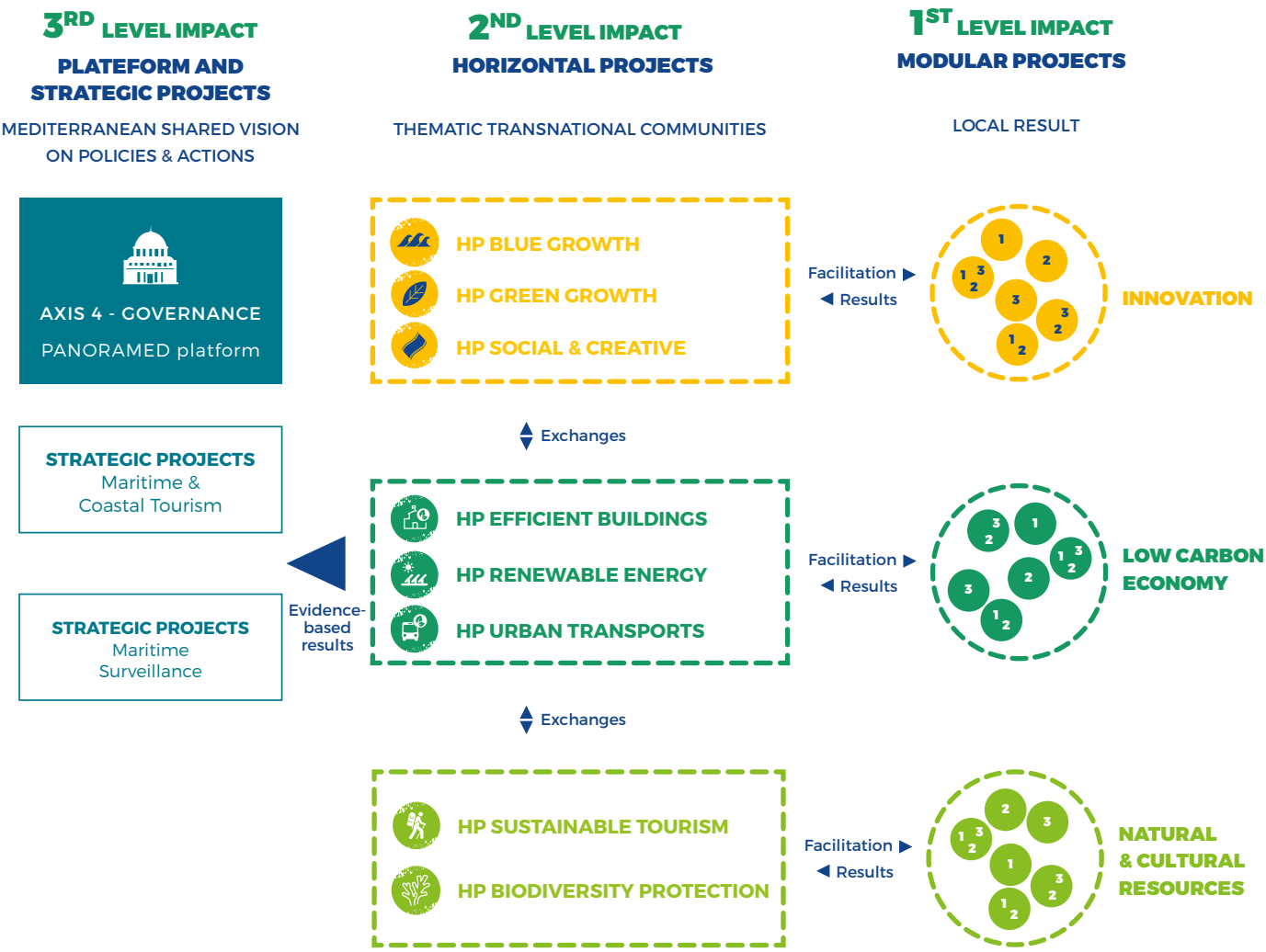
INTEGRATED PROJECTS

The underlaying logic of these projects is to cover the entire project chain of modules from studying to capitalising. The objective of this type of project is a wider publicity of the Programme through large-scale projects.

NUMBER OF APPROVED PROJECTS PER TYPE

10	14	34	24	5	8	8	1	4
STUDYING	STUDYING + TESTING	TESTING	TESTING + CAPITALISING	CAPITALISING	INTEGRATED	HORIZONTAL	GOVERNANCE	STRATEGIC

HOW DOES ALL THIS WORK TOGETHER ?



ENHANCING MEDITERRANEAN GOVERNANCE

GOVERNANCE & STRATEGIC PROJECTS

During the 2014-2020 programming period, the Interreg MED Programme invested in the Axis 4, to reinforce governance efforts in the Mediterranean Region. The Programme participating States acknowledged the need to improve the coordination of policies and actions to ensure a more informed use of public funds and seize additional opportunities for development and growth.

This approach is reflected in the PANORAMED project, a platform for intergovernmental close and permanent dialogue among national, regional, European and international actors in the region.

Governance output indicators : **358** STRUCTURES INVOLVED IN SUPPORTED INITIATIVES

PANORAMED : SUPPORT GOVERNANCE COORDINATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

The PANORAMED platform is an innovative intergovernmental project that joins 21 ministerial and regional authorities of the European States of the Mediterranean shores and of the three pre-accession to the EU States, namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro. The main goal of this initiative is to contribute to the definition of shared policies and actions to respond to challenges and sustainable growth opportunities of the Mediterranean Region. Under the coordination of the Lead Partner, the Spanish Ministry of Finance and Public Administration, the partner authorities will discuss themes of high relevance for the region, such as coastal and maritime tourism or maritime surveillance, in order to identify top down strategic projects and contribute to shared policies and frameworks.

Approved in June 2017, with a nine million euros budget and running until spring 2022, the project ensures a medium/long term perspective and has the potential to give a positive contribution to new EU strategies in the Mediterranean beyond the time length of the Interreg MED Programme.

2019 has been the first year when the governance processes have been fully operational, with all different types of projects, including the new 4 Governance strategic projects, working together with the thematic projects communities and the platform project that coordinates the Axis.

Four strategic projects were approved to work on coastal and maritime tourism and on maritime surveillance. Two new strategic projects on innovation are foreseen in early 2020.

PANORAMED MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS

- Application of evidence-based approach: benchmarking analysis on gaps and growth opportunities, based on projects deliverables and results
- Support to policy making processes at Mediterranean scale and post-2020 debate
- Transnational thematic working groups of national and regional experts
- Terms of reference for strategic projects
- Development of stable synergies with key actors of the Mediterranean, who are associated to PANORAMED initiative

9	5	12
BUDGET	DURATION	COUNTRIES

PARTNERS

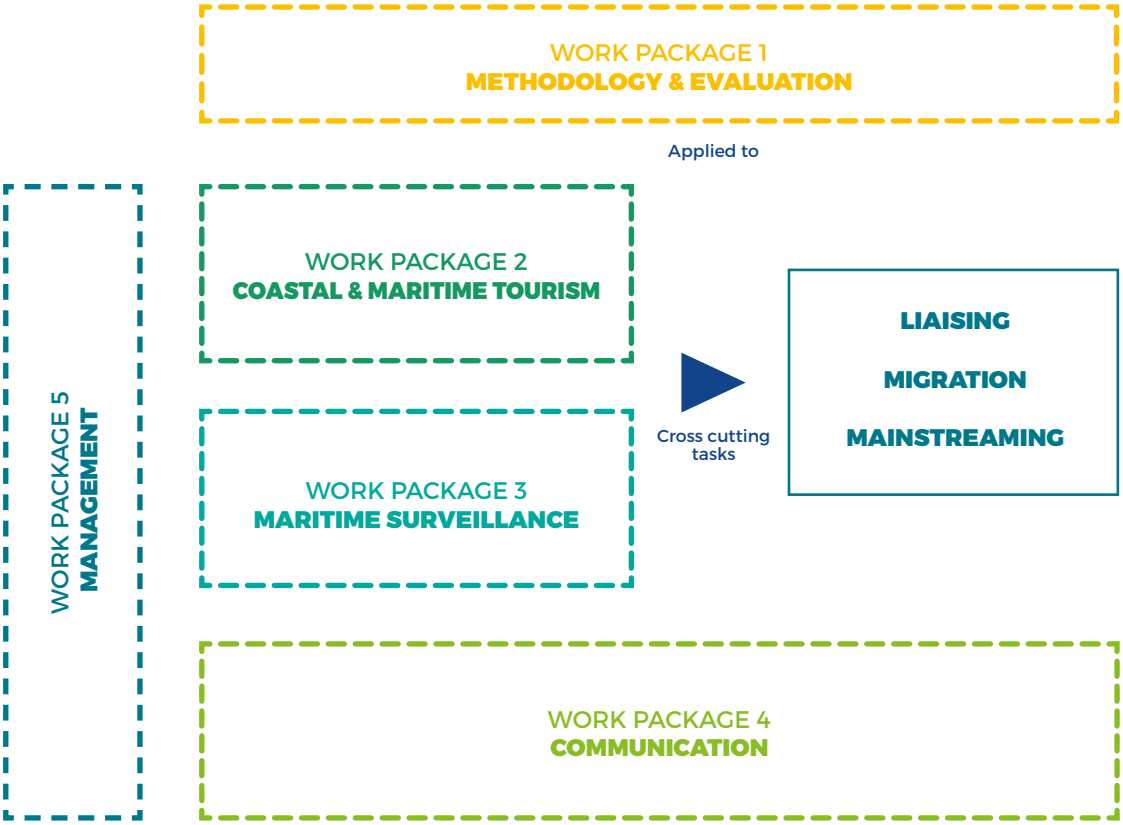
- LEAD PARTNER: Ministry of Finance and Public Administration – General Directorate for European Funds **(ES)**
- Government of Catalonia **(ES)**
- Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs **(AL)**
- Directorate for European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina **(BA)**
- Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds **(HR)**
- Directorate general for European Programmes, coordination and development **(CY)**
- Commissariat General for Equality of Territories / Region Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur / Secretariat General for the Sea **(FR)**
- Ministry of Economy and Development / Region of Crete **(EL)**
- National Agency for the territorial cohesion / Region Emilia Romagna / Region Marche / Region Molise / Region Tuscany **(IT)**
- Ministry for European Affairs and Equality **(MT)**
- Government of Montenegro – European Integration Office **(ME)**
- AD&C, Agency for Development and Cohesion **(PT)**
- Government Office for Development and EU Cohesion Policy **(SI)**
- Jožef Stefan Institute **(SI)**

ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

The associated partners are key drivers of the Axis 4 PANORAMED project in terms of exploring and acting on complementarities and synergies as well as defining possible alignments of initiatives and, potentially, of funds.

- EU Commission – DG REGIO, DG MARE, DG NEAR
- Union for the Mediterranean
- UNEP MAP - United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan
- Center for Mediterranean Integration (CMI) Interreg ADRION & Interreg Balkan MED, ENI CBC MED programmes
- Interact Programme
- Interreg Europe Programme
- ESPON Programme
- EUSAIR – EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region
- BLUEMED Initiative
- CPMR (Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions – Intermediterranean Commission)

The overall architecture of the Axis 4 PANORAMED project is summarized in the following scheme :



STRATEGIC PROJECTS : SUPPORT GOVERNANCE PROCESSES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

2019 has been the first year when the governance processes have become fully operational. The new four strategic projects, approved in 2019, completed the governance processes within the Programme architecture, bringing it to its fully operational scope.

These projects aim to bring together public authorities of various regions and countries to coordinate tourism, maritime surveillance and innovation policies in the region. Many stakeholders and initiatives spread around the Sea basin call for a better coordination of actions and approaches.

More concretely, they carry out their activities building notably from the outcomes of the Interreg MED thematic projects. The four strategic projects involve actively 39 public partners on the ground (national authorities, regions and municipalities), from 10 countries, developing pilot actions and new coordinated action plans, organising data storage, fostering policy coordination and offering training or giving assistance to relevant authorities to help them improve their technical capabilities.

BEST MED

Strategic project on Coastal and Maritime tourism
The project aims to achieve a better coordination and a touristic planning for a more sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean coasts, to contain the phenomenon called "seasonality". The partnership works on a more balanced distribution of tourists between the coastal and inland areas. This is done by implementing the "MED Sustainable Path and Cultural Routes Model" (MED S&C Path) method. The project also oversees spreading the use of tools already developed, adapted or promoted by Modular projects such as the "Tourism Data indicators toolkit", the "Green Beach Model" (designed by MITOMED+) or "Tourism sustainability toolkit in Mediterranean" (CO-EVOLVE project).

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Strategic

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET : **2 999 774 €**
ERDF PROJECT BUDGET : **2 492 636,9 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : El Legado Andalusi, Andalusian Public Foundation **(ES)**
- Lazio Region – Regional Tourism Agency **(IT)**
- University of Algarve – School of Management, Hospitality and Tourism **(PT)**
- Croatian Chamber of Economy – Rijeka County Chamber **(HR)**
- Ministry of Economy, Development & Tourism, General Secretariat for Tourism Policy and Development **(EL)**
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe **(FR)**
- Malta Marittima Agency **(MT)**
- National Tourism Organisation of Montenegro **(ME)**
- Junta de Andalucía – Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fishing and Sustainable Development **(ES)**
- University of Maribor – Faculty of Tourism **(SL)**
- Calabria Region – Programming Department – Programming Cooperation and Institutional Capacity **(IT)**
- AP: National Tourism Organisation of Montenegro **(ME)**

SMARTMED

Strategic project on Coastal and Maritime tourism
The project's overall objective is to promote the MED area as an attractive, smart and inclusive destination, by setting up a permanent collaborative platform for joint action as well as networking events and regional forums. The capacities of all stakeholders in tourism business and policy making thus are strengthened, along with the competitiveness and the attractiveness of Med Destinations through the development of a transferable and sustainable SMART Tourism Business Model.

This should allow the attainment of a new long-term vision for tourism in the Mediterranean area, that is actually failing to attract innovative business in tourism especially during off peak seasons, leading to heavily seasonal labour market and putting great pressure on natural resources, local infrastructure and public services.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Strategic

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET : **3 000 000 €**
ERDF PROJECT BUDGET : **2 490 500 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Croatia **(HR)**
- The Tourist Board of Herzegovina – Neretva Canton **(BA)**
- Croatian Chamber of Economy – Rijeka County Chamber **(HR)**
- Occitanie/Pyrenees-Mediterranean Region, Directorate for Tourism and Balneology **(FR)**
- Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona, Economic and Social Development Agency **(ES)**
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe **(FR)**
- Turismo de Portugal, I.P **(PT)**
- Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism, Directorate for Competitiveness Development and Investments in Tourism **(ME)**
- University of Primorska – Faculty of Tourism Studies – Turistica **(SI)**
- Puglia Region – Department of Tourism, Economy of Culture and Valorisation of Territory **(IT)**
- Atout France – Direction de L'ingénierie et du Développement des Territoires **(FR)**
- Autonomous Region of Aosta Valley – Regional Ministry of Tourism, Sport, Trade, Agriculture and Cultural Heritage **(IT)**
- Ministry of Tourism, Hellenic Republic **(EL)**

MED OSMoSIS

Strategic project on Maritime Surveillance
National authorities carrying out maritime surveillance need constant updated and accurate information and effective operational infrastructures. There is a great deal of complexity to be dealt with marine spatial information obligations stemming from European Directives, initiatives and policies, in terms of maritime surveillance and safety.

The MED OSMoSIS strategic project aims precisely at cutting through this complexity by developing a few modules/applications about maritime surveillance activities and facilitating the exchange of information between different authorities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Strategic

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET : **3 000 000 €**
ERDF PROJECT BUDGET : **2 480 300 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Special Service of European Union Structural Funds for the Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy **(EL)**
- Abruzzo Region – Cooperation Territorial Service IPA Adriatic **(IT)**
- CSIC – Institute of Marine Sciences **(ES)**
- National Institute of Biology **(SI)**
- Valenciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region **(ES)**
- Directorate-General Maritime Authority **(PT)**
- Naval Hydrographic and Oceanographic Service **(FR)**
- Intermodal Transport Cluster **(HR)**
- Plovput limited liability commercial company for maintenance of maritime waterways and radio service **(HR)**
- Ministry of Transport and Maritime Affairs **(ME)**
- Ministry of Tourism of the Republic of Croatia, Sector for Strategic Planning and Implementation of European Union Programmes and Projects **(HR)**

SHAREMED

Strategic project on Maritime Surveillance
Marine ecosystems are exposed to the impact of multiple stressors including climate change, pollution, maritime traffic, exploitation of living and non-living resources or invasive species. Surveillance capabilities to assess and prevent such threats and impacts is a permanent need that SHAREMED strategic project will address.

The project aims to increase the capability of Mediterranean regional, sub regional and local authorities and of research community to jointly assess and address hazards related to pollution and environmental threats in Mediterranean transnational waters.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Strategic

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET : **3 100 000 €**
ERDF PROJECT BUDGET : **2 575 500 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale – OGS **(IT)**
- Valenciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region **(ES)**
- National Institute of Biology – Marine Biology Station Piran **(SI)**
- University of Montenegro – Institute for Marine Biology **(ME)**
- CSIC – Institute of Marine Sciences **(ES)**
- Aix-Marseille University **(FR)**
- University of Malta (MT)
- Intermodal Transport Cluster (HR)
- Instituto Português do Mar e da Atmosfera, I.P. **(PT)**
- LaMMA Consortium – Environmental Monitoring and Modelling Laboratory for Sustainable Development – Division of Oceanography **(IT)**

ACTING FOR A BLUER MED

BLUE GROWTH COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

The Interreg MED Programme supports projects that contribute to foster blue growth in the Mediterranean. It seeks to reinforce the joint work between the various stakeholders in the sector: research bodies, training structures, public authorities and civil society. The Blue Growth projects aim to create innovative solutions to unlock the potential of a healthy and productive sea. This goal is articulated around sub-themes such as maritime surveillance, blue energy and supporting the competitiveness of the maritime sector.

TOPICS OF INNOVATION

- Blue energy
- Fishing and Aquaculture
- Integrated Maritime Surveillance
- Biotechnologies
- Coastal and Maritime Tourism

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- SMES
- Economic Operators
- Public Authorities
- Research Structures

THE COMMUNITY IN FIGURES

3 STUDY AND TESTING PROJECTS

2 TESTING PROJECTS

4 TESTING AND CAPITALISING PROJECTS

1 INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROJECT

11 PROJECTS + 121 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Blue Growth Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of InnoBlueGrowth Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

During the first phase, InnoBlueGrowth has built a real community of projects dealing with Blue Growth. Moreover, it has enhanced the dissemination and transferability of several modular and integrated projects' results, consequently ensuring a wider and deeper impact towards external multilevel stakeholders.

Blue Growth, after laying the foundations of a strong community during the project's first phase, comes now to its capitalisation phase. It will assist and coordinate the modular/integrated projects dealing with Blue Growth, creating and ensuring internal (inter-community) and external synergies, knowledge sharing, transfer and capitalization for policy-making project recommendations take-on by key stakeholders (projects, SMEs, decision-makers, technicians, researchers, etc.).

Blue Growth's plans of action will address various audiences through specific tools (events, training, associates peer reviews, policy recommendations), channels (media, social networks, videos, online publications), and messages. The above actions will keep contributing to the sustainable socio-economic development of the Med area through innovative investments in the Blue economy.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :

1 562 088,24 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 262 475,00 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
65 300,00 €

DURATION

InnoBlueGrowth :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences **(IT)**
- Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe **(FR)**
- Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry **(ES)**
- University of Montenegro - Institute for marine biology **(ME)**
- National Technical University of Athens **(GR)**
- Plan Blue for Mediterranean environment and development **(FR)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 470 588,24 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 200 000,00 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
50 000,00 €

DURATION

Blue Growth :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences **(IT)**
- ASCAME (Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry) **(ES)**
- Plan Blue for Mediterranean environment and development **(FR)**
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe **(FR)**
- National Technical University of Athens - School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering **(EL)**
- University of Montenegro - Institute for marine biology **(ME)**
- IrRADIARE, Science for evolution®, Lda. **(PT)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

The Blue Growth Community has integrated dynamics between projects and transnational key stakeholders and the support of Mediterranean clusters active in Blue Economy. Results : its work is synthetized in informative factsheets on clusters, maritime surveillance, yachting, blue energies and a policy paper.

MODULAR PROJECTS

4HELIX+

The project aimed at stimulating, coaching and funding Cross-Sectoral and trans-boundary innovation of the med key sector "blue growth". Main change sought was to improve basic conditions for bridging the gap among the Mediterranean maritime clusters and within their quadruple helixes, thanks to the collaboration with the non-institutional innovation agents such as fab labs, co-working spaces, makerspaces, creative hubs, etc. The project first offered an intense cycle of coaching and matchmaking sessions, and then offered an innovation voucher scheme for 48 small scale innovation projects, such as the creation of innovative mobile apps, the support to solar boats and the promotion of virtual and augmented reality for educational and promotional purpose.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 30/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : VIM - Sviluppo Marche S.r.l. **(IT)**
- University of Camerino – School of Science and Technology - Computer Science Division **(IT)**
- Thessaloniki Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(EL)**
- CEI – Central European Initiative **(IT)**
- Croatian Chamber of Economy – Zadar County Chamber **(HR)**
- Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville **(ES)**
- XXI Dynamic Network **(IT)**
- Barcelona Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Navigation **(ES)**
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry Marseille Provence **(FR)**
- Albanian Development Fund **(AL)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 193 983,75 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 720 636,95 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **144 249,25 €**

BLUE CROWDFUNDING

The project aims to develop the capacity building of Blue Economy stakeholders to effectively use crowdfunding. Its strategies will allow SMEs to shift from public funding to crowdfunding and crowdsourcing, with the goal of financing and validating Blue Economy products and services. The lack of capital hinders innovation in the Blue Economy: banks are mistrustful of SMEs and there are not alternative financing tools. The project will provide SMEs with better access to different financial support. Partners will work with Blue Economy clusters, crowdfunding experts, universities and local authority to develop these skills through such means as international training.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : Institute for Comprehensive Development Solutions – eZAVOD **(SI)**
- Network of Insular Chambers of Commerce and Industry of the EU **(EL)**
- Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville **(ES)**
- Crowdpolicy **(EL)**
- Fundación Goteo **(ES)**
- University of Algarve – CRIA – Division of Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer **(PT)**
- Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(CY)**
- European Crowdfunding Network **(BE)**
- Council of Flora Region **(AL)**
- Albanian Development Fund **(AL)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 2 543 870,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 996 946,50 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET **: 115 744,50 €**

BLUE DEAL

The project aims to integrate blue energy in governance objectives and maritime spatial planning. It foresees the creation of transnational Labs involving multisectoral stakeholders, the realisation of planning processes and the setting up of public-private partnerships through open innovation actions. Partners will share transdisciplinary expertise, proceed to demonstration actions in target regions and offer a concrete vision for sustainable coastal development. The project will also produce a single policy-driven joint plan addressed to policy-makers, as well as a market-oriented protocol to support SMEs and their investors.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 981 132,8 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 415 647,15 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **118 315,75 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Siena, Department of Physical, Earth and Environmental Sciences **(IT)**
- ENEA – Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development **(IT)**
- Business Innovation Centre of Valencia **(ES)**
- University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture **(HR)**
- Dynamic Vision P.C **(EL)**
- Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving – CRES **(EL)**
- Cyprus Energy Agency **(CY)**
- Malta Marittima Agency **(MT)**
- Association des Energies Renouvelables D'andalucía **(ES)**
- National Agency of Natural Resources **(AL)**
- INDACO2 **(IT)**
- Geoimaging limited **(CY)**
- U-SPACE ESPAÑA SL **(ES)**

BLUEfasma

The circular economy deters the depletion of non-renewable resources through the utilisation of energy and supplies in a closed-loop system. That being said, the project tackles the transnational challenge presented by the innovation gap in the circular economy of MED island and maritime regions, especially in the fishing and aquaculture sectors. Public administrations and SMEs have usually a bias towards circular economy practices because they are concerned these practices would be an implementation burden or they won't have any benefit. The project will move beyond these prejudices by reproducing effective approaches tested by other MED projects, by organising Blue Living Labs, and by creating an e-platform and a self-assessment tool.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 811 585,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 270 889,75 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **118 957,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Patras – Department of Civil Engineering **(EL)**
- Region of Crete – Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning **(EL)**
- Dynamic Vision P.C **(EL)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**
- Maritime Cluster of Balearic Islands **(ES)**
- MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- Taormina Etna Consortium **(IT)**
- IMC Foundation – International Marine Centre **(IT)**
- Larnaca-Famagusta District Development Agency (ANETEL) **(CY)**
- Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency DUNEA **(HR)**
- CEEETA-ECO, Energy Consultants, Ltd. **(PT)**
- Chamber of Economy of Montenegro **(ME)**
- Malta Marittima Agency **(MT)**
- STRATAGEM ENERGY LTD **(CY)**

iBlue

The project aimed to revive the yachting sector by creating a Mediterranean transnational network based on a sustainable methodology, whose first version was developed after an in-depth literature review focused on business models and sustainability indicators.
The 3-Pillar Business Model (3-PBM) was constructed, based on the 3 pillars of sustainability (economic, environmental and social), and suitable for enterprises in the yachting sector operating in the Mediterranean area. Data on national yacht industries, as well as tools, methods and approaches, were collected to develop a methodology based on those three pillars. The model was tested with 12 enterprises of the sector.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2017 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 252 855,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 774 676,75 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **140 250,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Udine **(IT)**
- STEP RI – Science and Technology Park of the University of Rijeka Ltd **(HR)**
- Kedge Business School Group **(FR)**
- Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville **(ES)**
- Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(CY)**
- Lasithi Chamber of Commerce **(EL)**
- University of Primorska **(SI)**
- RCDI – Development and Innovation Network **(PT)**
- Durres Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(AL)**

MAESTRALE

It consisted of studying and testing activities for blue energy deployment in the Interreg MED area. A geodatabase has been released maestrale-webgis.unisi.it embedding information on energy potentials. The project aims to select 20 pilot sites as concrete initiatives to implement blue energy plants in partner regions. Different stakeholders were involved in Blue Energy Labs to achieve a participative design process.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/11/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 2 407 425,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 046 311,26 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Siena **(IT)**
- Business Innovation Centre of Valencia **(ES)**
- IRENA – Istrian Regional Energy Agency L.t.d. **(HR)**
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **(GR)**
- GOLEA – Goriška local energy agency **(SI)**
- University of Cyprus **(CY)**
- INFORMEST **(IT)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- MCAST-MIEMA Joint Research Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Environmental Sustainability **(MT)**
- Maritime Cluster of Andalusia **(ES)**
- Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency **(MT)**

MISTRAL

What if we made marine knowledge and sustainable innovation the key drivers for blue growth? This is the question the project wants to answer. It supports MED clusters to become an excellent intermediary of knowledge and implements sustainable development trajectories, harmonised with the MED regions Smart Specialisation Strategies. Joint innovation actions are developed by the partnership to boost the Blue Growth sector in the MED area. A clustering innovation service pack is launched to improve the innovation performance of blue SMEs. Effective policy mainstreaming and new governance vision are targeted by the project.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **4 837 420,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **3 900 582,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **211 225,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Emilia – Romagna Region - Directorate General, Knowledge, Labour and Enterprise Economy **(IT)**
- ART-ER – S. CONS P.A. **(IT)**
- Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia **(IT)**
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research – Institute of Oceanography **(EL)**
- Maritime Cluster of Balearic Islands **(ES)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**
- Maritime Cluster of Andalusia **(ES)**
- National Research Council – Earth system science and environmental technologies **(IT)**
- Region of Crete – Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning **(EL)**
- Alentejo Regional Development Agency **(PT)**
- National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation **(AL)**
- Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres **(AL)**
- Croatian Chamber of Economy Zadar **(HR)**
- Chrysalis LEAP Limited **(CY)**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food **(ES)**

PELAGOS

It looked to develop smart and sustainable blue growth by focusing on: establishing a transnational Interreg MED cluster on blue energies and facilitating the distribution of targeted solutions and products specifically adapted for the Mediterranean regions.
An innovative online platform (be-cluster.eu) was developed to increase the innovation capacity of its members, support research and innovation in the marine renewable energy sector. It also fostered linkages and collaborations among all the stakeholders of the quadruple helix.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 396 104,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 036 688,40 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- ENEA - Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development **(IT)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- CTN Marine Technology Centre **(ES)**
- Association of Chambers of Commerce of Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research - Institute of Oceanography **(EL)**
- Maritime Institute of Eastern Mediterranean **(CY)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**
- University of Zagreb, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture **(HR)**

PROteuS

The project studied the various aspects and applications of Maritime Surveillance (MS) as well as creating a MS Cluster. It offered a mix of transnational support activities to all stakeholders involved. Moreover, it developed a network involving the main actors of the quadruple helix operating in MS sectors. As a result, the project has offered knowledge and technology transfer all around the Interreg MED area.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 230 312,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 895 765,20 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Crafts and Agriculture of Venice Rovigo Delta -lagunare **(IT)**
- University of the Aegean **(EL)**
- Maritime Institute of Eastern Mediterranean **(CY)**
- Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville **(ES)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**
- Piraeus Port Authority SA **(EL)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- Liguria Ricerche Spa **(IT)**
- Valencia port Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region **(ES)**

Psamides

The project aims to create a community of small and medium-sized ports (SPM) in the MED zone, by setting up an integrated ecosystem of companies. Thanks to this, they will be able to identify the most effective and innovative Blue Growth solutions by overcoming personal and financial limitations. The project had also the goal to improve the Blue Growth governance by providing a multi-level management tool, as well as a structured methodology. This will allow to optimize process operations and marinas management by using appropriate tourism flows management tools, to stimulate eco-innovation and to reduce costs and the environmental impacts of tourism.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 859 329,75 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 209 437,73 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET **: 220 992,56 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean GECT **(FR)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**
- Port Authority of the Balearic Islands **(ES)**
- Generalitat of Catalonia – Department of Territory and Sustainability **(ES)**
- EPR Port of Sete, South of France **(FR)**
- Athena Research and Innovation Center – Corallia Cluster **(EL)**
- Private scientific research institution – "Institute of modern technology Montenegro" **(ME)**
- SAS NOVELTIS **(FR)**
- University of Rijeka - Faculty of Maritime Studies Rijeka **(HR)**
- Port Authority of Héraklion **(EL)**

UNLOCKING THE GREEN POTENTIAL

GREEN GROWTH COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

The Interreg MED Green Growth is a thematic community of 14 modular projects promoting a sustainable development based on the sound management of the natural resources. Led by the SYNGGI project, it enhances cross-sectoral innovation practices considering the effects on the labour market by promoting social inclusion and green jobs.

The thematic Community supports the projects in their communication and capitalization efforts thus increasing their impact at policy level and ensuring potential transfer of their results and good practices to the Interreg MED cooperation areas and beyond.

Furthermore, the Green Growth community worked with the UN2030 Sustainable Development Goals, synthesising the results of modular projects into White Papers on Circular Economy and synergies for green growth, a Policy Paper, Legal Recommendations and a Green Growth Book. As a result, the Union for the Mediterranean labelled the Community, thereby acknowledging its potential in the transition to circular economy in the Mediterranean region.

TOPICS OF INNOVATION

- Agrofood
- Green manufacturing
- Energy Efficiency
- Waste Management / Recycling
- Smart cities
- Eco-innovation

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- SMEs
- Economic Operators
- Public Authorities
- Research Structures

THE COMMUNITY IN FIGURES

1 STUDY AND TESTING PROJECT

9 TESTING PROJECTS

1 TESTING AND CAPITALISING PROJECTS

2 CAPITALISING PROJECTS

1 INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROJECT

15 PROJECTS + 154 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Green Growth Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of SYNGGI Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

SYNGGI project – "Synergies for Green Growth Initiative" Energizing the Impact of Innovation in the Mediterranean" – was a horizontal project that supported, over its three-year implementation period (November 2016 – October 2019), the MED modular approved projects under the MED objective of "Green Growth" in their communication and capitalisation activities, as well as in the production of unified findings.

The second phase of the renewed consortium aims to support the modular projects acting as a community promoting a sustainable development by fostering innovation through an integrated and territorial based approach. Building upon achievements of the first phase, the project intends to further maximise the transnational replicability and capitalization of its results on sustainable development and innovation in the fields of agriculture, energy efficiency, green procurement, eco-innovation, waste management and smart cities. The expected outcomes will facilitate the creation of multi-stakeholders shared actions plans to highlight new opportunity, and to unlock market potentials as well as effective political leverage.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 319 970,56 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 071 383,23 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
50 591,75 €

DURATION

SYNGGI :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : Fundació Universitària Balmes **(ES)**
- University Consortium for Industrial and Managerial Economics **(IT)**
- Regional Council Durres **(AL)**
- Dynamic Vision P.C **(EL)**
- Fondazione Ecosistemi **(IT)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 459 999,99 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 189 999,99 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
51 000 €

DURATION

Green Growth :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : Fundació Universitària Balmes **(ES)**
- University Consortium for Industrial and Managerial Economics **(IT)**
- Dynamic Vision P.C **(EL)**
- ANIMA Investment Network **(FR)**
- European Regions Research and Innovation Network **(BE)**
- Centre for Energy, Environment and Resources **(BA)**
- REVOLVE MEDITERRANEO **(ES)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

The Green Growth community worked with the UN2030 Sustainable Development Goals, synthetising the results of 14 modular projects into white papers on circular economy and synergies for green growth, a policy paper, legal recommendations and a green growth book. As a result, the Union for the Mediterranean labelled the community, thereby acknowledging its potential in the transition to circular economy in the Mediterranean region.

MODULAR PROJECTS

ARISTOIL

The project aimed at boosting the Mediterranean olive oil sector competitiveness. It achieved this through the development and application of innovative production and quality control methodologies leading to olive oil with enhanced health protecting properties (as recognized by EU 432/2012 regulation). It delivered among others Olive Oil Living Labs, Guide for production and quality control of olive oil with increased health protecting properties, Automated measurement application, Methodology on establishing a Certification Centre and its Operational e-Guide, and an Agronomic Factors Database. The project paved the way to the establishment of Aristoil Med Healthy Olive Oil Cluster.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/11/2016 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 008 200,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 706 970,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : EGTC Efxini Poli – SolidarCity Network **(EL)**
- EuroMediterranean Center for the sustainable development **(IT)**
- National and Kapodistrian University of Athens **(EL)**
- Larnaca /Famagusta District Development Agency **(CY)**
- ARISTOLEO **(CY)**
- University of Split – Faculty of Chemistry and Technology **(HR)**
- University of Cordoba – Department of Analytical Chemistry **(ES)**
- Free Municipal Consortium of Ragusa **(IT)**
- Region of Peloponnese – Regional Unit of Messinia **(EL)**
- Oleocanthal Andalusian Society **(ES)**
- Provincial Government of Malaga **(ES)**

CAMARG

It aimed at exploiting a sustainable purchasing and distribution framework based on the zero-km philosophy. Its key message was "High-quality zero-km agrofood products directly on your table at the same price of standard-quality mass retail ones". The project's solution has helped producers to overcome market obstacles but also consumers in getting fresh, authentic products.

Starting and Ending Date :01/02/2017 – 31/12/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 001 146,24 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 700 974,96 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Consorzio IB Innovation **(IT)**
- BISY srl **(IT)**
- Confagricoltura Emilia-Romagna **(IT)**
- Cluster of agrofood innovation in Granada **(ES)**
- Andalucia Smart City Cluster **(ES)**
- Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja **(HR)**
- Association for Creative Development Slap **(HR)**
- CRITT: Agrofood Regional Innovation and technology transfer center **(FR)**
- Regional Chamber of Agriculture PACA **(FR)**
- Public Institution County Development Agency of Osijek – Baranja County **(HR)**

CREAINNOVATION

It designed, launched and tested e-Labs for Creative Innovation, engaging regional and transnational public entities, students, researchers and managers while developing structured processes for new policies.
In the e-Labs (CIeL), SMEs and public organizations. worked together to overcome impediments on subjects of common concern and to lay the basis for a new transnational knowledge cluster. The project aimed to create new models of creativity for sustainable innovation, dealing with topics as novel product and service development, digital transformation, or even the internal culture of experimentation. Managing creativity successfully helped organisations to tap into hidden capacity for growth and improved competitiveness.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 627 450,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 182 477,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **200 855,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Chamber of Commerce of Viterbo **(IT)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- CERTH - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas **(EL)**
- Barcelona Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Shipping **(ES)**
- SRC Bistra Ptuj -Scientific Research Centre Bistra Ptuj **(SI)**
- University of Zagreb **(HR)**
- Gers Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(FR)**
- Sarajevo Economic Regional Development Agency SERDA **(BA)**
- Montenegro Ministry of Economy **(ME)**

EMBRACE

The project aimed at testing a model and toolkit for the establishment of two transnational meta-clusters working on circular economy's principles. The project offered to clusters, SMEs and Innovation stakeholders a set of instruments able to strongly introduce circular economy in two leading sectors of the Interreg MED area: Wine and Agro-food. They assured the provision of awareness and training actions addressed to both economic actors (SMEs and clusters) and Public Administration (Regions, provinces), with the final goal of introducing feasible circular economy practices into those two sectors, and more.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 140 390,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 587 074,68 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **141 703,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : t2i – technology transfer and innovation **(IT)**
- Development Agency of the Una – Sana Canton **(BA)**
- SARGA - Government of Aragon **(ES)**
- Valencian Federation of Agrifood Industries **(ES)**
- Palmela's wine grape growers association **(PT)**
- Local Action Group Partenio Consortium **(IT)**
- Corsican Development Fund **(FR)**
- Primorska Technology Park **(SI)**
- Ass. For. SEO consortium society **(IT)**
- Federation of Industries of Northern Greece **(EL)**

ESMARTCITY

The project's primary objective was to improve the potential of cities by creating innovation ecosystems involving citizens, businesses, universities and public authorities. To reach this goal, it tested the Smart City concept, which uses digital and energy saving technologies to allow better services for citizens with less impact on the environment, producing new employability and living scenarios. The project focused on providing specific services to citizens in the field of intelligent urban planning, energy efficiency of buildings and smarter public lighting.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 500 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 992 400,00€**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET **: 132 600,00€**

PARTNERS

- LP : Abruzzo Region – Department of Energy Policy, Air Quality and National Environmental Information System **(IT)**
- Athena Research and Innovation Center **(EL)**
- Energy Agency of Granada **(ES)**
- City Development Agency East Sarajevo **(BA)**
- Energy and Environment Agency of Arrábida **(PT)**
- Region Of Western Greece **(EL)**
- Metropolitan City of Milan **(IT)**
- Politecnico di Milano **(IT)**
- Capenergies **(FR)**
- National Institute of Applied Science **(FR)**

FinMED

The project's aim is to boost the financing of innovation in the green growth sector through improved delivery of policies and strategies and the introduction of innovative cluster services. It develops and adopts new concepts, principle and practices to fund green growth strategies, improves collaboration among involved stakeholders and bridges the gap between enterprises and funding actors. So, for example, a Capacity Building Tools for enterprises and public authorities have been successfully developed and tested. The tools incorporate, processes and organize information and data from previous project activities, scientific literature and practical experiences, in form of workable knowledge.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 4 300 740,37 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **3 449 079,31 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **206 550,00 €**

• PARTNERS

- LP : Regione Piemonte – Directorate Financial Resources and Assets **(IT)**
- University of Turin **(IT)**
- Region of Western Macedonia **(EL)**
- Sarajevo Economic Regional Development Agency SERDA **(BA)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- Larnaca-Famagusta District Development Agency **(CY)**
- Environment Park Spa **(IT)**
- Autonomous Region of Sardinia – Industry Department **(IT)**
- Jožef Stefan Institute **(SI)**
- CERTH – Centre for Research and Technology Hellas **(EL)**
- EA Eco-Entreprises **(FR)**
- Gozo Development Agency **(MT)**
- Collectivity of Corsica **(FR)**
- IVACE **(ES)**
- Technological Corporation of Andalusia **(ES)**
- Regional Development Fund of Western Macedonia **(EL)**
- Chamber of Craft and Small Business of Slovenia **(SI)**

GRASPINNO

It supported green procurement solutions in energy refurbishment of public buildings. Its goals were to enhance the capacity of public authorities to manage energy efficiency improvements and encourage SMEs to enter the green energy market. GRASPINNO has delivered a Unified Platform, which provides access to green criteria to use in procurement, and a Transnational Mediterranean Network (TMN) – an online exchange forum for public and private stakeholders interested in renewable energy sources and energy efficient solutions.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 204 787,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 465 213,70 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **175 567,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Patras **(EL)**
- Atlantis Consulting SA **(EL)**
- Terre di Siena Lab **(IT)**
- Mountain Community Alto Basento **(IT)**
- University of Maribor **(SI)**
- Inter-District Association of Electrification and Lightening of Haute-Corse **(FR)**
- Association of Chambers of Commerce of Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Veneto region **(IT)**
- Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works **(CY)**
- General Secretariat for Commerce and Consumer Protection **(EL)**
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Terrassa **(ES)**
- Government of Zenica-Doboj Canton **(BA)**

GREEN MIND

The project had the objective to strengthen the transnational activities of clusters and agencies to support SMEs systems in exploiting the market opportunities of the raising demand for green and smart mobility products and services. In this project, eight Interreg MED territories cooperated to: test new market intelligence, offer matchmaking services for SMEs, set up a transnational innovation network and deliver a policy support programme to mainstream the project results based on the Smart Specialisation Strategies of the involved regions.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 742 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 358 300,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **122 400,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Sipro Development Agency-Ferrara (IT)
- CERTH – Centre for Research and Technology Hellas **(EL)**
- Multi-sector Innovative Business Association for Smart Cities – Andalucia Smart City Cluster **(ES)**
- AFT – Regional Delegation Occitanie **(FR)**
- Istrian Development Agency (IDA) Ltd. **(IT)**
- Sarajevo Economic Regional Development Agency SERDA **(BA)**
- eZAVOD – Institute for Comprehensive Development Solutions **(SI)**
- County of Split-Dalmatia **(HR)**

GREENOMED

The project aimed at contributing to green manufacturing through the design and implementation of a European network of pilot plants in the Interreg MED regions. In the project, pilot plants were conceived as innovation infrastructures accessible to companies, including SMEs, where they could understand, test and set-up innovative technologies and methods for their businesses.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2017 – 31/12/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 050 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 742 500,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : National Research Council - Institute of Industrial Technologies & Automation **(IT)**
- AFIL – Lombardy Intelligent Factory Association **(IT)**
- Marche Manufacturing Cluster Association **(IT)**
- EURECAT **(ES)**
- Pomurje Technology Park **(SI)**
- Technology Park Ljubljana **(SI)**
- Croation Chamber of Economy **(HR)**
- Cluster Inteligentna Energija **(HR)**
- Plastipolis **(FR)**
- i-BEC- Interbalkan Environment Centre **(EL)**

MADRE

It dealt with urban and peri-urban agriculture. The main goal was to foster sustainable metropolitan food supply model by capitalising on existing good practices collected and analysed in a Best Practice Catalogue. The project also organised 6 local and transnational working groups to elaborate recommendations for public authorities and initiating a transnational network of cooperation with a collaborative platform to reference stakeholders, projects, resources and events on Mediterranean urban and peri-urban agriculture.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2017 – 31/07/2018
Type of project : Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 173 175,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **877 051,25 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **120 147,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Agency for Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Territories **(FR)**
- ANIMA Investment Network **(FR)**
- Metropolitan City of Bologna **(IT)**
- MedCities **(ES)**
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **(EL)**
- Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier **(FR)**
- Agricultural University of Tirana **(AL)**

MED Greenhouses

Starting from the LIFE+ "Adapt2change" project, it implemented innovative greenhouses in the Interreg MED area to minimise energy and water demands. Its overall objective was to improve eco-innovation capacities of public and private actors in the greenhouse/agriculture sector through stronger transnational cooperation, knowledge transfer and better collaborative networks.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2018 – 31/12/2019
Type of project : Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 171 400,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **891 565,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **104 125,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Institute of Thessaly – Research Committee **(EL)**
- Technological Educational Institute of Thessaly **(EL)**
- Region of Thessaly – Department of Development and Planning **(EL)**
- Molise toward 2000 (IT)
- EEIG Euro-Mediterranean Water Information System Technical Unit **(FR)**
- CSIC-CEBAS – Centro de Edafología y Biología Aplicada del Segura **(ES)**
- Regional Council of Berat **(AL)**
- Agricultural Research Institute **(CY)**

PEFMED

The main objectives of the project were the reduction of environmental footprints and the implementation of green innovations along the whole agrofood supply chain. It foresaw the development of the "PEFMED method" based on the application of the European "Product Environmental Footprint (PEF)", combined with a set of socio-economic indicators in a specific territorial context. This method takes into account the impacts of a product throughout its life cycle, from cultivation of raw materials, through processing, transport and use, to disposal and recycling.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 438 360,51 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 072 606,43 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : ENEA – Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development **(IT)**
- Italian Federation of Food Industry **(IT)**
- French Association of Food and Drink Industry **(FR)**
- Spanish Food and Drink Industry Federation **(ES)**
- Portuguese Agrofood Industry Federation **(PT)**
- Agrofood Regional Innovation and Technology Transfer Center **(FR)**
- DNV GL Business Assurance Espana S.L **(ES)**
- Federation of Hellenic Food Industries **(EL)**
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia - Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprise **(SI)**
- Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea **(IT)**

REINWASTE

It aggregated, in the Interreg MED regions, three influencing food «Clusters» (France, Italy and Spain) dealing with waste prevention in the field of agro-food. It enhanced a transnational network of competences, selected and tested the best available solutions and quickly transferred this knowledge. The project aimed to bring a concrete contribution to the reduction of inorganic waste, favouring the adoption of greener innovative concepts by the agriculture and food industries, with a focus on SMEs. For example, some pilot tests have been successfully carried out to improve the agricultural practices utilized for soil mulching and the raffias used for planting.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 499 304,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 007 113,94 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **117 294,90 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Andalusia Agency For Agriculture and Fisheries Development **(ES)**
- ASTER S.Cons.p.A. **(IT)**
- National Association of Food and Drink industry **(FR)**
- Andalusian Institute of Agricultural, Fisheries, Agrifood and Organic Production Research and Training **(ES)**
- CRITT – Agrofood Regional Innovation and technology Transfer Center **(FR)**
- Spanish Food and Drink Industry Federation **(ES)**
- University of East Sarajevo **(BA)**
- SEPE – Confagricoltura **(IT)**
- Federalimentare Servizi Srl **(IT)**
- Regional Chamber of Agriculture PACA **(FR)**
- ART-ER - S. CONS P.A **(IT)**

RE-LIVE WASTE

The project tested innovative solutions for livestock waste management in selected Interreg MED regions, taking into account technical, environmental, economic and legal aspects. The project pilot actions will transform livestock waste into organic high-value commercial fertilizers, contributing to smart and sustainable growth and to the creation of new businesses and market opportunities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 285 087,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 556 934,38 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **385 390,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Sassari **(IT)**
- Cyprus University of Technology **(CY)**
- Sarajevo Economic Regional Development Agency SERDA **(BA)**
- University of Sarajevo **(BA)**
- ALIA Agricultural transformation society **(ES)**
- LAORE Sardegna – Regional Agency for Agriculture Development **(IT)**
- Sereco Biotest di Bilenka Oksana s.a.s. **(IT)**
- Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment **(CY)**
- Global Nature Foundation **(ES)**
- La Unió de Llauradors I Ramaders del País Valencià **(ES)**

FOSTERING SOCIAL INNOVATION, CULTURAL AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

SOCIAL AND CREATIVE COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

The Social and Creative thematic community aims to promote trans-local innovation clusters for creative and social innovation. By improving the innovation capacities of public and private stakeholders from cultural and creative industries, they want to deliver better social outcomes, creating new social relations or modes of cooperation. Their projects seek new responses to social needs but also to have a positive impact on the dynamic cultural and creative sector.

As a result, the Social and Creative community has inter-connected the innovation clusters developed within its thematic modular projects to create a transnational meta-cluster of creativity and social innovation in the Mediterranean. It has developed 12 Policy Briefings and tools to help policy-makers and stakeholders to define the local and regional policies on creativity and social innovation, among them an innovative semantic tool. All this work led to the definition of a shared Innovation vision.

TOPICS OF INNOVATION

- Open data
- Public Sector Innovation
- Coworking
- Social innovation
- Creative Design
- Collaborative economy/sharing economy
- Innovative Entrepreneurship

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- SMEs
- Economic Operators
- Public Authorities
- Research Structures

THE COMMUNITY IN FIGURES

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STUDY PROJECTS	STUDY AND TESTING ROJECTS	TESTING ROJECTS	TESTING AND CAPITALISING	INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROJECTS

12 PROJECTS + 129 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Social & Creative Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of Talia Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

TALIA aimed to fulfil the MED horizontal call requirements while at the same time developing and implementing the CreativeMED learning concept directly with the territorial actors and stakeholders concerned.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 609 040,00 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 300 831,50€

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
66 852,50 €

DURATION

Talia :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : Apulia Region – Department of Economic Development, Innovation, Education, Training and Employment. **(IT)**
- Union of Hellenic Chambers of Commerce & Industry **(EL)**
- National Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation **(FR)**
- Agency for Economic Development PREDA-PD **(BA)**
- Fernando de los Rios Consortium for the Information and Knowledge Society **(ES)**
- European Network of Living Labs AISBL **(BE)**
- «Aldo Moro», University of Bari, Department of Computer Science **(IT)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 399 600,00 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 139 000,00 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
50 660,00 €

DURATION

Social&Creative :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : Apulia Region – Department of Economic Development, Innovation, Education, Training and Employment **(IT)**
- Aldo Moro, University of Bari, Department of Computer Science **(IT)**
- European Network of Living Labs AISBL **(BE)**
- Agency for Economic Development PREDA-PD **(BA)**
- Institute of Entrepreneurship Development **(EL)**
- University of Rijeka – Faculty of Economics and Business **(HR)**
- Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry **(CY)**
- Gellify Iberia S.L. **(ES)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

The Social and Creative community has inter-connected the innovation clusters developed within its thematic modular projects to create a transnational meta-cluster of creativity and social innovation in the Mediterranean. It has developed 12 Policy Briefings and tools to help policy-makers and stakeholders to define the local and regional policies on creativity and social innovation, among them an innovative semantic tool. All this work led to the definition of a shared Innovation vision.

CHEBEC

It will create an integrated support programme for companies and professionals, developing international competences and contacts. The program will include training, consultancy, mobility actions, matching events and an innovation voucher scheme to concretely favour transregional collaborations. Competence building activities will also be organised for policy makers and support organisations, to improve the effectiveness of their actions.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 011 270,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 593 129,50 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **116 450,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : ART-ER S.Cons.p.A. (IT)
- Aide Aux Musiques Innovatrices **(FR)**
- Muncipality of Bologna **(FR)**
- Intermunicipal Community of Central Alentejo **(PT)**
- University of Valencia **(ES)**
- Regione Lazio – Direzione Regionale Cultura e Politiche Giovanili **(IT)**
- Sarajevo Economic Regional Development Agency SERDA **(BA)**
- Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville **(ES)**
- Barcelona Activa SA SPM **(ES)**
- Arty Farty **(FR)**

CO-CREATE

The project's objective was to support cross-fertilization processes between creative industries and traditional clusters, contributing to test co-design and creative methods applied to entrepreneurs and cluster managers, with the support of IPR Instruments for their management.
The project promoted the cooperation with new methodologies and tools addressed to clusters managers, SMEs and policy makers. Main outputs: a cross-fertilization toolkit as instrument to favour innovation of clusters and SMEs, 380 SMEs supported on innovative projects, the setting up of a transnational innovation network between traditional and creative industries, and a Manifesto, to promote cross fertilization and to enlarge the network.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

BUDGET PROJET TOTAL : **2 711 815,33 €**
BUDGET PROJET FEDER : **2 305 043,03 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Crafts and Agriculture of Venice Rovigo Delta Lagunare **(IT)**
- Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Secartys – Spanish association for the Internationalisation of the companies of electronics, computer and telecommunications **(ES)**
- Jozef Stefan Institute **(SI)**
- Madan Parque **(PT)**
- Kilkis Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(EL)**
- Politecnico di Milano **(IT)**
- Development Agency Zagreb (HR)
- Knowledge Innovation Market Foundation **(ES)**
- Development Agency of South Aegean Region **(EL)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**

ChIMERA

It aimed at supporting private and public actors in the field of cultural creative industries to improve their capacity in the field of innovation, networking, clustering, and internationalisation. In the first year of activity, ChIMERA met its stakeholders several times and started designing a strategy to establish and develop innovative CCI clusters. Its first outputs were "regional strategic action plans", and this led to various outcomes, i.e. the Centre for Creativity (CzK), an interdisciplinary platform that connects, promotes, presents and supports the activities and development of Slovenia's cultural and creative sector (CCS), and the Algarve Creative Hub and its web platform design.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia **(IT)**
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry Nice-Côte d'Azur **(FR)**
- University Nice Sophia Antipolis **(FR)**
- Region of Central Greece **(EL)**
- Basilicata Region **(IT)**
- Puglia Creativa **(IT)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- Promalaga – Local company of Initiatives and Activities of Malaga **(ES)**
- Chamber of Commerce of Terrassa **(ES)**
- Technology park Ljubljana **(SI)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 317 222,00€**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 969 638,70€**

COWORKMED

It aimed at proposing a common definition of coworking and recommendations to public authorities to foster innovation at a European and regional level. It has conducted the first quantitative and qualitative studies on coworking spaces in five countries or regional territories of the Mediterranean. It organized three webinars and four workshops to deal with economic, social and territorial issues related to coworking.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/04/2018
Type of project : Studying

BUDGET PROJET TOTAL: **599 572,50 €**
BUDGET PROJET FEDER : **509 976,63 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Agency for sustainable Mediterranean cities and territories **(FR)**
- Institute of Entrepreneurship Development-iED **(EL)**
- IRIS Research Institute and Social Interventions **(IT)**
- Croatian Independent Professionals Association **(HR)**
- BIBAHUB – Barcelona International Business Accelerator **(ES)**
- Barcelona Activa **(ES)**
- Region Sud Provence Alpes Côte D'Azur **(FR)**
- Development Agency Zagreb **(HR)**

CREATIVEWEAR

The project goals' was to revitalise the textile & clothing industry by fostering creativity, personalised design, artisan and smallscale productions. It created five hubs – a social hub in Ljubljana, a crowd hub in Palermo, a Heritage hub in Prato, a technology hub in Valencia and an art one in in Athens – to enhance the interactions between creatives (artists, designers, etc) and entrepreneurs looking for new business.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/05/2019
Type of project : Testing

BUDGET PROJET TOTAL: **2 221 050,00 €**
BUDGET PROJET FEDER : **1 887 892,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Municipality of Prato **(IT)**
- University of Valencia **(ES)**
- Prato Textile Museum Foundation **(IT)**
- AITEX Textile Research Institute **(ES)**
- E-zavod – Institute for Comprehensive Development Solutions **(SI)**
- ARCA Consortium **(IT)**
- Allium Zaposlitveni Center **(SI)**
- EURATEX European Apparel and Textile Confederation **(BE)**
- Hellenic Clothing Industry Association **(EL)**
- Creative Thinking Development **(EL)**

MD.NET

M.D.net project challenges the currently neglected and undeveloped opportunities of Mediterranean Diet (MD). MD.net's main objective is to enhance the exploration of the MD according to the UNESCO Med Diet Convention, blending comprehensive MD concepts with innovative tools. The project uses both traditional and creative measures (such as sharing economy) starting with the cooperation of the quadruple helix stakeholders in order to lift the MD economy to new quality levels.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 727 330,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 914 815,77 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET **: 253 414,76 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Campania Region **(IT)**
- University of Algarve – MeditBio **(PT)**
- Public Institution RERA S.D. for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia County **(HR)**
- Region of Crete – Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning **(EL)**
- University of Mostar **(BA)**
- Mediterranean Diet Foundation **(ES)**
- Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville **(ES)**
- Emilia Romagna Region – Directorate General, Knowledge, Labour and Enterprise Economy **(IT)**
- Institute for Comprehensive Development Solutions – eZAVOD **(SI)**
- Standing Committee for the Euromediterranean Partnership of Local and Regional Authorities **(IT)**
- Association of Albanian Municipalities **(AL)**
- Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food of the Government of Catalonia **(ES)**
- Troodos Development Company, Ltd. **(CY)**

ODEON

ODEON's project aims at supporting the growth of Clusters and SMEs through the exploitation of Open and Big Data. The project focus on supporting Public institutions to increase the quantity and quality of open data; set-up intermediary services (Digital Hubs) able to offer tailored support for the exploitation of open data by SMEs and Profit Sector in general with innovative services and products. An Interreg MED Open DATA Cluster will foster those digital hubs and create linkages to increase their innovation and internationalisation capacities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 013 842,76 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 577 774,10 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **133 992,26 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Veneto region – ICT and Digital Agenda Department **(IT)**
- Chamber of Economy of Montenegro **(ME)**
- Croatian Agency for SMEs, Innovations and Investments **(HR)**
- Technology Park Ljubljana, Ltd. **(SL)**
- Greek Free Open Source Software Society **(EL)**
- SARGA – Government of Aragon **(ES)**
- Agency for Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Territories **(FR)**
- Padova Chamber of Commerce Industry Crafts Agriculture **(IT)**
- Knowledge Innovation Market Foundation **(ES)**
- Region of Crete – Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning **(EL)**

OPEN DOORS

It explored the potential of the Sharing and Collaborative Economy as a driver of growth for the Mediterranean regions. Being a Study project, it elaborated some papers, mainly on the state of the art and on the available opportunities and it aimed to demonstrate how the Sharing Economy can be a driver of economic, territorial and social growth and defines the network's joint strategy and action plan for offering innovative services. It also promoted the creation of a formal Mediterranean network addressing this new global challenge.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/04/2018
Type of project : Studying

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **600 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **510 000,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Lazio Region Association of Cities and Municipalities **(IT)**
- National Research Council – CNR IRPPS **(IT)**
- National Confederation of Crafts and SMEs **(IT)**
- University of Maribor **(SI)**
- University of Zagreb – Faculty of Electrical Engineering and computing **(HR)**
- University of Valencia – Research Unit on Cultural Economics **(ES)**
- Technology Park Ljubjana, Ltd. **(SI)**

PROMINENT MED

Prominent MED focused on the use of Public Procurement of Innovation (PPI) to stimulate the adoption of innovative products and services that can improve the quality of the services for citizens. PPI has been related to innovative energy efficient materials and processes for public building energy refurbishment. The objective was to improve the quality of public services, to activate a market demand encouraging the industry to scale up its production chain in order to bring products on the market within a desired quality/price ratio and a specific time.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 697 048,99 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 292 491,65 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Sviluppumbria – Regional Agency for the Economic Development of Umbria **(IT)**
- Ribera Consortium **(ES)**
- Baixo Alentejo Intermunicipal Community **(PT)**
- IrRADIARE, Science for evolution®, Lda. **(PT)**
- Polytechnic University of Valencia **(ES)**
- Regional Energy Agency North (HR)
- City of Koprivncia **(HR)**
- Sophia Antipolis Foundation **(FR)**
- Municipality of Narni **(IT)**
- Scientific and Technical Centre for Building **(FR)**

SMATH

SMATH's main goal was to improve the quality and quantity of connections between the publicly oriented domain of culture and the business-oriented domain of creativity via innovative forms of clustering called "Smart Atmospheres". It intended to generate "Smart Atmospheres" able to support the start-up and the development of SMEs in the cultural and creative sectors, facilitating the access to "culture factories" in order for investors and public actors to be able to exploit their potential and support growth in the Interreg MED area.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2020
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 170 196,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 775 411,66 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Veneto Region – Direction of Cultural heritage Cultural activities and Sport **(IT)**
- Ca' Foscari University of Venice – Department of Management **(IT)**
- Agency for Territorial Marketing Ltd. **(SI)**
- Zagreb Innovation centre Ltd. **(HR)**
- Barcelona Activa SA SPM **(ES)**
- Institute of Culture of the Municipality of Barcelona **(ES)**
- Technopolis of the Municipality of Athens SA **(EL)**
- Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia **(IT)**
- The Culture and Heritage Industries Cluster **(FR)**
- Toulon Var Technologies **(FR)**

+ RESILIENT

It aims to kickstart a process of policy change at regional level in the involved areas resulting in the integration of successful elements into the new Cohesion policy (EU2020+). It establishes a structural approach to policy and practice improvement of emerging dynamics in social innovation, through an overarching process based on the intertwined use of open data and the creation of a transnational socially-responsive value chain. This includes studying existing initiatives, adapting and testing, with the final objective of capitalizing them in the MED area.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 278 529,80 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 667 650,20 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **119 100,13**

PARTNERS

- LP : Veneto Region – Operational Unit for EU and State Relations **(IT)**
- Aix-Marseille University **(FR)**
- Foundation for Partnership and Civil Society Development **(HR)**
- Region of Istria **(HR)**
- RCDI – Development and Innovation Network **(PT)**
- Region of East Macedonia and Thrace – Regional Development Fund **(EL)**
- Treviso and Belluno Chamber of Commerce **(IT)**
- Technological Institute of Aragon **(ES)**
- Greek Free Open Source Software Society **(EL)**
- Barcelona Activa SA SPM **(ES)**
- Open University of Catalonia **(ES)**
- Foundation for Improvement of Employment Possibilities PRIZMA, an Institution **(SI)**
- National Association of Italian Municipalities **(IT)**
- Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania **(AL)**

IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY CAPACITIES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

EFFICIENT BUILDINGS COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

Climate change is the global challenge of the XXI century. Cutting energy use is a key lever to achieve the strong decarbonization goals the EU pledged to since the Paris agreement. In Mediterranean regions, buildings represent one of the main sources of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions, especially public buildings (schools, administrative bodies). Most of such buildings requires heavy upgrading in terms of insulation and cooling systems currently partly financed by national, regional and EU thematic programmes.

Projects co-funded by the Interreg MED Programme under this thematic are focusing on increasing the capacity of public buildings owners and managers to develop and implement energy efficiency practices. The Efficient Buildings community has been created precisely to cope with these issues. Starting from a bottom-up approach, this community, coordinated by the MEDNICE Horizontal project, intends to test and spread good local practices in neighbouring Mediterranean regions and countries.

The Community brings together more than 95 partners from ten projects – mainly local and national public authorities, energy agencies, enterprises and research organizations – to develop and exchange methodologies, experiences and tools fostering energy efficiency upgrades in public buildings.

TOPICS OF INNOVATION

- Tools and Strategies for efficiency measures in public buildings
- School buildings as specific targets
- Financing energy efficiency measures

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- Public Authorities
- Research Infrastructures
- Enterprises
- NGO/Civil Society

THE COMMUNITY IN FIGURES

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STUDY PROJECT	TESTING ROJECTS	TESTING AND CAPITALISING PROJECTS	CAPITALISING PROJECT

11 PROJECTS + 119 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Efficient Buildings Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of MEDNICE Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

As a Mediterranean hub for Energy Efficiency (EE), the MEDNICE project anchored an Interreg MED community around the energy issues that public organisations face to promote modular projects' results. Besides, it fostered the impact on public policies at regional and national level. Thus, the overall objective of MEDNICE was to empower MED projects' partners through the establishment of a MED community and a joint transnational framework around energy efficiency in public buildings. By setting up training and peer learning mechanisms, MEDNICE contributed to increase the capacity of owners and managers of public buildings to design and implement better energy efficiency practices.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 213 925,00€

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 031 836,25€

DURATION

MEDNICE :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : City of Nice **(FR)**
- Energy Cities **(FR)**
- Euro-Mediterranean University **(SI)**
- Catalonia Institute for energy research **(ES)**
- Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change Foundation **(IT)**
- Region of North Aegean **(EL)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 593 875,50€

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 354 794,18€

DURATION

Efficient Buildings:
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : City of Nice **(FR)**
- ENERGY CITIES **(FR)**
- Catalonia Institute for energy research **(ES)**
- Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate Change Foundation **(IT)**
- University of Patras – Department of Civil Engineering **(EL)**
- Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving – CRES **(EL)**
- ENEA – Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (Roma) **(IT)**
- Portuguese Energy Agency **(PT)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

The Efficient Buildings community developed tools to help public authorities in the implementation of energy efficiency building renovation. Several methodologies and protocols were tested. All technical knowledge is available in four Technical Papers, which led to 2 policy papers on financing and information and a manifesto for a Mediterranean energy transition.

CESBA MED

The project has developed an integrated multi-scale assessment system connecting the urban and building scale to support decision-making processes for sustainable public buildings. 8 contextualized assessment tools (CESBA SNTools) were developed to support decision makers and the managers of public building stocks in the implementation of more efficient energy retrofitting plans, combining the building and the urban scale. Moreover, a transnational Passport is among the results of the project: it measures the progress towards the common global goals (Agenda 2030) through a set of shared criteria, indicators and metrics. The project has also established a network of cities to provide the necessary training and guidance to implement the common assessment system at local level.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : City of Torino **(IT)**
- iiSBE Italia R&D srl **(IT)**
- Municipality of Udine **(IT)**
- EnvirobatBDM **(FR)**
- Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement **(FR)**
- Generalitat of Catalonia **(ES)**
- Municipality Sant Cugat del Vallès **(ES)**
- University of Malta **(MT)**
- National Observatory of Athens **(EL)**
- Association of Common European Sustainable Built Environment Assessment **(AT)**
- Energy Institue Hrvoje Požar **(HR)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 3 105 405,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 639 594,25 €**

EduFootPrint

It aimed at improving the capacity of owners and managers of public buildings for better management, planning and verification of energy, through a Life Cycle Assessment approach. In particular, the project implements energy efficient practices integrated with the local Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs). The project partners have collected the baseline data for the footprint calculator and defined the energy plans for the 62 pilot school buildings. Moreover, Ambiente Italia, one of the partnes, has developed a tool that allows calculating automatically the environmental footprint of schools: EduFootprint Calculator. The tool measures resource consumption and activities carried out in the school and converts this in the environmental impact due to the supply of resources and assimilation of waste generated.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/05/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Province of Treviso **(IT)**
- Regional Energy and Environment Agency from North Alentejo **(PT)**
- Institute for Innovation and Development of University of Ljubljana **(SI)**
- Centre EuroMediterranean for the sutainable development **(IT)**
- EGTC Efxini Poli – SolidarCity Network **(EL)**
- Ambiente Italia srl **(IT)**
- Institute "Stefanini" Treviso **(IT)**
- Official College of Industrial Engineers of Western Andalusia **(ES)**
- European Institute Pashko **(AL)**
- UET Centre / Office for project development and research **(AL)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 1 200 684,75 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **934 840,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **85 742,05 €**

ENERJ

The activities of the project aimed at supporting local governments in achieving energy efficiency targets in their own municipal building stock, through joint actions in a multi-level governance approach. Joint actions are intended as multiple local authorities joining forces for implementing energy retrofit projects at centralised level, optimising resources and boosting effectiveness. The project reviewed and adapted a wide range of existing innovative financing tools and strategies to the needs of the stakeholders and to the specific conditions of the partners' territories resulting in the Guidelines for Joint Actions for Energy Efficiency. A total of 9 joint actions were established, one for each partner country involving around 77 municipalities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 217 041,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 739 602,35 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **144 882,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Development Agency of Eastern Thessaloniki **(EL)**
- Andalusian Federation of Towns and Provinces **(ES)**
- Istrian Regional Energy Agency Ltd. **(HR)**
- Cyprus Energy Agency **(CY)**
- Gozo Development Agency **(MT)**
- Metropolitan City of Capital Rome **(IT)**
- Goriška Local Energy Agency, Nova Gorica **(SI)**
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy **(AL)**
- Regional Energy and Environment Agency from North Alentejo **(PT)**
- Climate Alliance Italy **(IT)**
- Intermunicipal Community of High Alentejo **(PT)**

IMPULSE

The project introduced an integrated management support system enabling reliable and affordable energy renovation projects for public buildings. It achieved a transnational protocol for conducting affordable energy efficiency plans for public buildings. It created free-access platforms for public-buildings' classification into typologies, to process energy efficiency indicators. Finally, it developed virtual libraries of municipal buildings and of representative typologies of partner cities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 222 863,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 711 214,90 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET **: 178 218,65 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- Municipality of Heraklion **(EL)**
- Valencia Institute of Building **(ES)**
- Elche City Council **(ES)**
- EnvirobatBDM **(FR)**
- Regional Agency for Equipment and Development Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur **(FR)**
- Municipality of Ravenna **(IT)**
- Energy Institute Hrvoje Požar **(HR)**
- City of Osijek **(HR)**
- City of Mostar **(BA)**

NEW FINANCE

It helped in accelerating new investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in public buildings, by increasing the confidence of key decision makers from public and financial sector to find and apply working strategies for the mobilization of private funding and better use of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). They have developed educational videos, an e-platform with good practice examples (newfinanceplatform.com) and a networking tool as well as a Benchmarking report.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2018
Type of project : Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency **(HR)**
- Catalan Energy Institute **(ES)**
- Abruzzo Regional Energy Agency **(IT)**
- MIEMA – Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency **(MT)**
- Energy Agency of Savinjaska, Šaleška and
- Koroška Region **(SI)**
- Development Agency of Una-Sana
- Canton **(BA)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **931 600,37 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **702 822,38 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **89 037,93 €**

PrioritEE

Reinforcing the capacities of public administrations in selecting and implementing cost-effective energy planning measures was the aim of this project. Partners are working intensively on the development and testing of a toolbox to manage and monitor energy consumption, to assess the cost-effectiveness of a predefined set of EE and RES measures (and alternatives), and to prioritize investments.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 234 295,85 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 899 151,48 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : National Research Council, Institute of Methodologies for Environmental Analysis **(IT)**
- New University of Lisbon **(PT)**
- CERTH – Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- SEL, Energy Company in Basilicata **(IT)**
- North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency **(HR)**
- University of Zaragoza **(ES)**
- Regional Development Agency of Western Macedonia **(EL)**
- Lezíria do Tejo Intermunicipal Community **(PT)**
- City of Karlovac **(HR)**
- Provincial Government of Teruel **(ES)**

SHERPA

The project's overall objective was to reinforce the capacities of public so as to improve Energy Efficiency in their Public Buildings' stock. SHERPA developed renovation projects for around 165 buildings at regional and local scale.
The information system designed facilitates the collection and benchmarking of building's data to identify buildings that could easily increase their energy efficiency with simple and economic measures. Over 80 civil servants were trained to identify the most effective and depreciable measures to be implemented. Several public administrations were supported in calculating the best financing option to fund their projects. All these results and tools are available on SHERPA Capitalisation Platform (http://sherpanet.eu/).

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 248 295,22 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 761 050,95 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Generalitat of Catalonia - Department of Territory and Sustainability **(ES)**
- Generalitat of Catalonia - Department of Governance, Public Administrations and Housing **(ES)**
- International Centre for Numerical Methods in Engineering **(ES)**
- Valencian Institute of Building **(ES)**
- CRPM - Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe **(FR)**
- National Association of Local Authorities, Associations and Companies for Waste Management, Energy Management and District Heating **(FR)**
- Emilia Romagna Region **(IT)**
- Lazio Region **(IT)**
- Abruzzo Region **(IT)**
- Ministry for Gozo **(MT)**
- Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency **(HR)**
- CRES – Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- Region of Crete **(EL)**

SISMA

The project aimed at reducing the payback period for the deep renovation of public buildings in the Mediterranean area, with a focus on gyms, schools, municipal buildings and retirement homes. It exploited and transferred to local public authorities innovative financing solutions that use public/private schemes for financing such as Energy service companies (ESCOs) and that leverage energy savings potentials. An easy-to-use Excel® tool was developed to assess economic return on investments in energy efficiency and to calculate the minimum amount of public subsidy needed to make an investment bankable, encouraging public-private partnerships.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2018
Type of project : Studying

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **600 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **467 840,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **42 160,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Informest **(IT)**
- Nova Gorica Local Energy Agency GOLEA **(SI)**
- Ribera Consortium **(ES)**
- Sophia Antipolis Foundation **(FR)**
- Florence Energy Agency **(IT)**
- CRES – Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- Energy Management Agency of Friuli Venezia Giulia **(IT)**
- Agency for Economic Development PREPA-PD **(BA)**
- Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission **(FR)**

STEPPING

The project aimed to increase the adoption of "Energy Performance Contract" (EPC) investment schemes specifically designed for public buildings refurbishment in the Interreg MED area. The project delivered a report on EPC best practices and an EPC pilot implementation handbook. Partners selected 8 municipalities in order to develop eight EPC investment plans and four pilot actions to test the procurement procedures.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 1 943 112,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 651 645,63 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Piemonte Region **(IT)**
- Environment Park **(IT)**
- Energy and Sustainable Development Agency **(IT)**
- Business Support Centre Ltd, Regional Development Agency **(SI)**
- Huelva County Council **(ES)**
- Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency **(MT)**
- Aegean Energy & Environment Agency **(EL)**
- Regional energy and environment agency in Auvergne - Rhône-Alpes **(FR)**
- Regional Energy and Environment
- Agency from North Alentejo **(PT)**

TEESCHOOLS

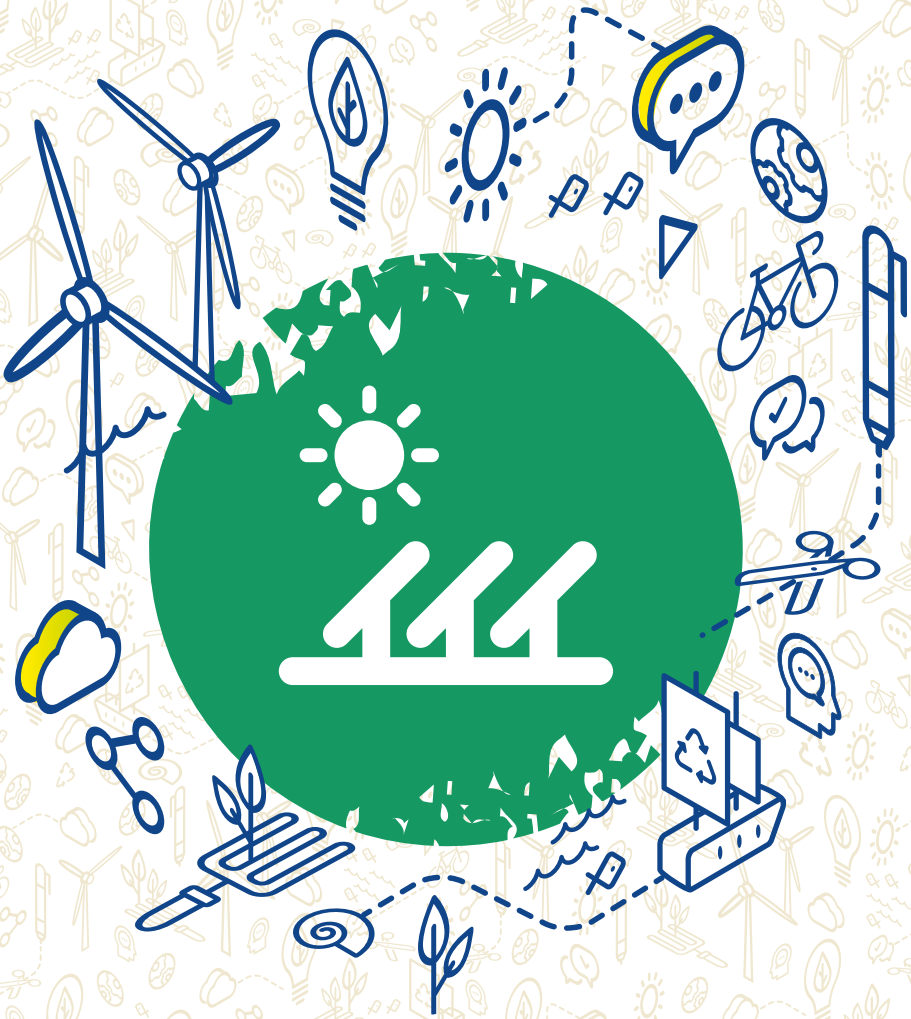
It aimed at providing new solutions to Local Authorities both in technical and financial terms to implement Nearly Zero Energy Building (NZEB) renovation activities in Mediterranean Schools. The project has selected 7 pilot areas, where 35 buildings took part in pilot activities while other 35 benefited from the transferring of results. Their innovative approach consists in setting up an integrated set of user-friendly but scientifically sound tools: a pre-audit tool for simplify the energy audits, a carbon footprint calculator based on buildings' life cycle information, an innovative database of BAT for the renovation of school buildings, tailored financing models and highly qualified trainings.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2017 – 30/04/2020
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 690 733,72 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 113 511,16 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **173 612,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development - ENEA **(IT)**
- Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces **(ES)**
- EGTC Efxini Poli - SolidarCity NETWORK **(EL)**
- City of Split **(HR)**
- Department for Development and International Projects of Government of Zenica-Doboj Canton **(BA)**
- Cyprus Energy Agency **(CY)**
- Ribera Consortium **(ES)**
- HEP ESCO .ltd **(HR)**
- Municipality of Castel San Pietro Terme **(IT)**
- Chamber of Craft and Trade PACA Region **(FR)**
- Living Prospects Development &
- Environmental Services Ltd **(EL)**



INCREASING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES IN THE ENERGY MIX

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Mediterranean islands and rural areas are facing several energy challenges, such as dependency, security of supply, interconnection with mainland and growing demand. Therefore, the Interreg Med Renewable Energy Community is about promoting the Renewable Energy Sources (RES) sharing ecosystem through innovative planning, management and governance tools.

Its main goal is to promote a multilevel coordination of MED territories to bring an alternative roadmap for a clean-energy national regulatory framework for effective implementation at regional and local levels. They encourage bottom-up strategies to achieve a low carbon economy. The community is configured by six Modular Projects focused on the promotion of renewable energies in remote rural and islands areas, due to their vulnerability to climate change in terms of biodiversity loss, energy supply and risk of social exclusion.

TOPICS OF INNOVATION

- Technology & smart grids
- Local Renewable Energy Cluster
- Policies & Governance models

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- Public Authorities
- Research Infrastructures
- Enterprises
- NGO/Civil Society

THE COMMUNITY IN FIGURES

1 STUDY PROJECT

4 TESTING ROJECTS

1 CAPITALISING PROJECT

6 PROJECTS + 62 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Renewable energies Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of GREENCAP Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

The GREENCAP challenge was the cohesion of the results arising from modular projects. This objective has been achieved by creating links among different consortia, sharing the same fields of competence, in order to facilitate the transfer of the results. The approach of the project foresaw a common and easy use of communication supporting the realization and participation in thematic events, and the enlargement of the existing thematic networks dedicated to renewable energy in islands and rural areas. These activities also involved actors other than the modular projects partners to create conditions that allow the exploitation and use of the different projects results at a larger scale.

The overall objective of the Renewable Energy project is to valorize and capitalize the technical and scientific integrated results of projects in the field of Renewable Energy Sources within the Mediterranean area, particularly in the islands and rural districts. The objective is to network useful information for the community and promote synergies between MED partner and stakeholders.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 450 534,32 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 184 348,36 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
48 605,81€

DURATION

GREENCAP :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : Scientific Research Centre Bistra Pjtuj **(SI)**
- Environment Park Spa **(IT)**
- Axelera **(FR)**
- Urban Ecology Agency of Barcelona **(ES)**
- Zenica Economic Development Agency **(BA)**
- Patras Science Park S.A. **(EL)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 410 814,65 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 199 192,45 €

DURATION

Renewable Energy :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : SRC Bistra Ptuj – Scientific Research Centre Bistra Ptuj **(SI)**
- Urban Ecology Agency of Barcelona **(ES)**
- ENVIRONMENT PARK SPA **(IT)**
- North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency **(HR)**
- Latin Arc **(ES)**
- Aegean Energy and Environment Agency **(EL)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

Territorial planning is at the core of the Renewable energy community, as a governance tool for energy adaptation in islands and rural areas. This Community created a new approach to implement renewable energies in islands and local communities: the Ecosystemic Territorial Units (ETU). It aims to involve populations, authorities and civil society in a positive dialogue to welcome energy infrastructures. Different components are part of these units: energy community (social component); energy planning (territorial component); energy governance (legal component) and energy facilities (technology component). Key policy recommendations and a manifesto synthetise the outcomes of this community.

COMPOSE

The project contributed to an increased sustainable Renewable Energy Sources (RES) planning capacity at the decision-making and planning-expert levels. It built on existing experience and knowhow from previous projects and initiatives by promoting the development of local business in combination with the development of local added value chains. It provided a RES development planning synthesis model and therefore the increase of renewable energy mix in selected areas.
The Sustainable Energy Planning Toolbox (www.reselplan-toolbox.eu) is one of the outcomes: it navigates to the COMPOSE step-by-step, through a methodological approach for designing, planning, implementing and evaluating sustainable energy projects. It can be useful to the policy makers, development planners and local authorities' technical staff involved in the development and implementation of local/regional energy plans, to the transition towards low carbon communities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : Slovene Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry **(SI)**
- Kyoto Club **(IT)**
- Lakatamia Municipality **(CY)**
- Technical University of Crete **(EL)**
- Energy and Environment Agency of Arrábida **(PT)**
- Energy Agency North **(HR)**
- Agricultural University of Tirana **(AL)**
- Granollers City Council **(ES)**
- Srebrenik Municipality **(BA)**
- Institute for Strategic Studies and Prognoses **(ME)**
- Group for the Environment, Renewable Energy and Solidarity **(FR)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 551 244,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 905 580,17 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **262 977,25 €**

ForBioEnergy

The project provided tools and models to use the full potential of biomass while at the same time preserving the biodiversity of natural areas as, for example, the Design of open source DSS for the assessment of biomass energy potential, and the tool dedicated to Forest Management Plan of the Biomass district in the protected areas.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/06/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 048 847,48 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 741 520,36 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Sicily Region **(IT)**
- Municipality of Petralia Sottana **(IT)**
- Enviland Ltd **(ES)**
- Slovenian Forestry Institute **(SI)**
- Regional Development Agency Green Kast Ltd **(SI)**
- The Forestry Municipalities -Association of Comunitat Valenciana **(ES)**
- Valencia Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Shipping **(ES)**
- Zadar County **(HR)**
- Public Institution Nature Park Velebit **(HR)**

StoRES

It foresaw the development of an optimal policy for the effective integration of photovoltaics (PV) and energy storage systems (ESS) via testing smart solutions in six Interreg MED islands and rural areas. It aimed to increase PV penetration in the energy mix of islands and rural areas by integrating PV and ESS under an optimal market policy by removing the constraints of grid reliability and RES intermittency.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 991 077,25 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 692 415,67 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Cyprus **(CY)**
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **(EL)**
- Regional Energy and Environment
- Agency of Algarve **(PT)**
- Government of Aragon **(ES)**
- Municipality of Slovenska Bistrica **(SI)**
- Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement (**FR)**
- Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism **(CY)**
- Electricity Authority of Cyprus **(CY)**
- Municipality of Ussaramanna **(IT)**

LOCAL4GREEN

It supported Local Authorities to design and implement innovative fiscal policies, intended to promote the use of renewable energy sources in both the public and private sector. LOCAL4GREEN has produced a handbook with the participative methodology to formulate the fiscal policies to promote renewable energy sources and, following this handbook, each partner has developed the design of fiscal policies to implement in their pilot municipalities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 013 423,15 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 637 308,65 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **74 101,05 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces **(ES)**
- MUSOL Foundation **(ES)**
- MIEMA – Malta Intelligent Energy Management **(MT)**
- North-West Croatia Regional Energy Agency **(HR)**
- Development Agency of Eastern Thessaloniki's Local Authorities **(EL)**
- Lazio Region Association of Cities and Municipalities **(IT)**
- Building and Civil Engineering Institute **(SI)**
- Cyprus Energy Agency **(CY)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- Association of Albanian Municipalities **(AL)**

PEGASUS

It was a cooperation project where public and private bodies involved in the energy sector tried to design the business model of the microgrids in the future power system. This goal was achieved through a simulation in seven sites of the microgrid behaviour and interaction of its members: consumers, prosumers and prosumagers. The energy data were collected and analysed. All pilots in rural and island areas then prepared Transferring actions (workshops, meetings, and seminars) of their pilot testing results: to inform, educate and train what microgrids are and how the business models can work under different conditions.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Municipality of Potenza **(IT)**
- CRES - Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency **(MT)**
- Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Energie Environnement **(FR)**
- Energy Agency of Podravje **(SI)**
- Demepa srl **(IT)**
- University of Cyprus **(CY)**
- Municipality Preko **(HR)**
- European Federation of Agencies and
- Regions for Energy and the Environment **(BE)**
- Abengoa Innovación S.A. **(ES)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 1 868 512,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 499 888,20 €**

PRISMI

It aimed to support local authorities in Interreg MED islands in planning their transition towards low carbon and climate change resilient energy systems in a cost-effective way. To do so, PRISMI developed an integrated toolkit to assess and map renewable energy sources for the targeted elaboration of energy scenarios and a techno-economic feasibility analysis. A network has been established to power up this ambitious transition.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/04/2018
Type of project : Studying

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 991 077,25 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 692 415,67 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Sapienza University of Rome **(IT)**
- Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving **(EL)**
- University of Zagreb **(HR)**
- Cyprus Energy Agency **(CY)**
- Piraeus University of Applied Sciences **(GR)**
- Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency **(MT)**
- Municipality of Favignana **(IT)**

INCREASING LOW CARBON URBAN TRANSPORT SYSTEMS

URBAN TRANSPORTS COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

The increase in population during touristic seasons is changing Mediterranean cities. They are often unprepared and need to adapt to provide sustainable transit systems between city centres, ports and the neighbourhoods. However, cities also have to deal with the necessary preservation of their natural and cultural heritage, particularly in their historical centres.

Projects co-financed under the Urban Transports thematic especially address issues related to the use and access to low carbon and multimodal transport systems for the different categories of population and territories.

The Urban Transports community is coordinated by GO SUMP project, which acts as a bridge between projects and builds the community, through synergies and networking.

This thematic community works towards the achievement of tailor-made sustainable urban mobility plans and solutions in the MED area.

LOCATION	SUBTHEMES	KEY TARGET GROUPS
• Urban Areas	• Low carbon transport modes • Services mobility in tourist destinations • Participatory transport planning • Attraction ICT tools for mobility	• Public Authorities • Research Infrastructures • Enterprises • NGO/Civil Society

THE COMMUNITY IN FIGURES

1	4	1	1
STUDY PROJECT	TESTING PROJECTS	TESTING AND CAPITALISING PROJECT	INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROJECT

8 PROJECTS + 120 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Urban transports Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of GO SUMP Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

It aims to improve the visibility and the communication reach of the projects of the urban transports community, to create synergies among them and to capitalise and mainstream their results. Using a bottom-up and a top-down approach among the Community projects and relevant policy-makers and interest groups, GO SUMP acts as a bridge enhancing dialogue, promoting the transfer of knowledge and amplifying the impact of the projects of the community.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 409 628,15 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 198 183,93 €

DURATION

GO SUMP :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : Malaga City Council – Observatory of Urban Environment **(ES)**
- EUROCITIES ASBL **(BE)**
- CODATU – Working for sustainable mobility in developing cities **(FR)**
- UNIMED-Mediterranean Universities Union **(IT)**
- Regional Environmental Center, Country office Ljubljana **(SI)**
- MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- Regional Development Agency Green Karst Ltd. **(EL)**
- Bic Euronova, S.A. **(ES)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 467 811,25 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 197 856,14 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
49 783,44 €

DURATION

Urban Transports :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- AREA Science Park **(IT)**
- CODATU – Working for sustainable mobility in developing cities **(FR)**
- CIVINET CY-EL Secretariat Civil Non-Profit Company **(EL)**
- UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union **(IT)**
- Polis – Promotion of Operational Links with Integrated Services AISBL **(BE)**
- Durres Municipality **(AL)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

The URBAN TRANSPORTS is promoting a greener urban mobility planning in cities to reduce carbon emissions related to transport and improve the environment and the population's quality of life. A dialogue between key stakeholders has been established. Thematic publications related to tourism and mobility have been issued this year.

CAMP-sUmp

The project tested new and innovative ways to manage traffic flows to and from university campuses and their integration into the urban areas in the Mediterranean. The project aimed to improve sustainable urban planning instruments through an innovative mobility strategy for flows related to university campuses, while reducing externalities and negative impacts on the environment. The main achievements of the project were the conceiving of an Action Plan for University sustainable mobility plan, the creation of the RoadMap for decision makers and the design of an ICT (Information and communications technology) model for management and communication based on selected requirements for interaction.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/04/2018
Type of project : Studying

PARTNERS

- LP : Magna Graecia Foundation Catanzaro University **(IT)**
- National Technical University of Athens **(EL)**
- University of Malta **(MT)**
- University of Valencia **(ES)**
- University of Split **(HR)**
- University of Cyprus **(CY)**
- Alma Mater Studiorum, University of Bologna **(IT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **545 150,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **463 377,50 €**

EnerNETMob

The project aims at enhancing the capacity to plan and implement "Interregional Electromobility Networks" connecting cities and regions in the Mediterranean area at transnational level and applying common policies and standards. Sustainable Electro-Mobility Plans (SEMPs) will be drafted for the involved territories following joint strategies and policies on low carbon transport. Pilot activities will enable to establish the basis for the Interregional Network and will concern 3 major challenges for electromobility: Intermodal sea-road transport, Sharing mobility, City logistics. Using same communication protocols, the pilot networks will test the flexibility of interurban and interregional medium-range (30-60 km) displacements. Project results will be transferred to the wider MED area, in particular the common model to replicate SEMPs and develop/upgrade/spread local "Small-Scale Infrastructure Network".

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **5 742 802,10 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **4 664 929,31 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **216 452,51 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Region of Peloponnese **(EL)**
- Authority for Transport in Malta **(MT)**
- RAM Logistica Infrastrutture e Trasporti S.p.a. **(IT)**
- Ministry of Transport, Communications and Works **(CY)**
- Albanian Institute of Transport **(AL)**
- Region of Thessaly **(EL)**
- County of Primorje and Gorski Kotar **(HR)**
- Regional Development Agency of Northern Primorska Ltd. Nova Gorica **(SI)**
- University of Palermo **(IT)**
- Energy and Environment Agency of Arrábida **(PT)**
- Free Municipal Consortium of Ragusa **(IT)**
- Dynamic Vision P.C **(EL)**
- Port of Bar Holding company **(ME)**
- International Centre for Numerical Methods in Engineering **(ES)**
- Capenergies **(FR)**
- Austrian Mobility Research FGM **(AT)**

LOCATIONS

The project aimed at striking a balance boosting the economic advantages of cruise ship tourism while simultaneously mitigating the negative impacts on the natural environment and urban mobility. The project supported local public administrations to draft Low-Carbon Transport and mobility Plans (LCTPs), providing cities with a long-term vision for urban mobility. LCTPs were developed and implemented in seven pilot cruise destinations using an integrated transport and land-use planning process. LCTP were devised to be easily integrated in the city SUMP or SECAP. These actions have been replicated in further 11 Mediterranean cities, that developed their own LCTP under the mentorship of LOCATIONS partners. In all affected territories, LOCATIONS fostered innovative concepts, practices, governance, technologies, services, effective resources management and a territorially-based approach. The project was able to successfully reduce impacts on environmental, natural and cultural assets, and improving accessibility and quality of life for tourists and local populations.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : AREA Science Park **(IT)**
- MALAGAPORT **(ES)**
- Lisboa E-Nova **(PT)**
- Municipality of Ravenna **(IT)**
- Research Centre for Energy Resources and Consumption **(ES)**
- Regional Energy Agency Kvarner **(HR)**
- Port of Rijeka Authority **(HR)**
- Durres Port Authority **(AL)**
- City of Zadar **(HR)**
- Albanian Institute of Transport **(AL)**
- Port System Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea **(IT)**
- Lisbon City Council **(PT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 012 605,75 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 334 793,39 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **225 921,50 €**

MOBILITAS

The project worked to reduce the negative impact of tourism flows on the environment in coastal tourism destinations. Sustainable tourism mobility scenarios have been elaborated for the pilot territories, in order to help policy makers and stakeholders taking decisions regarding transport planning. The scenarios predict future tourism growth and growth of tourism flows, modal share and GHG emissions generated by related transport. Policy documents on sustainable tourism mobility -sustainable tourism plans or recommendations - have been elaborated to support local authorities in their mobility planning. Some of these plans and recommendations have been integrated into Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans. Pilot activities on IT tools and electrical and sharing mobility solutions have been implemented. The Sustainable Mobility Handbook presenting the results of all project of the thematic community has been published.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Regional Development Centre of Koper **(SI)**
- City of Dubrovnik **(HR)**
- Zadra Nova, Zadar County Development Agency **(HR)**
- Municipality of Misano Adriatico **(IT)**
- Paragone Europe **(MT)**
- IUAV University of Venice **(IT)**
- P.Platres Community Council **(CY)**
- Energies 2050 **(FR)**
- Municipality of Piraeus **(EL)**
- Rimini Strategic Plan Agency **(IT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 056 236,02 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 747 800,64 €**

MOTIVATE

The project aimed to make mobility planning in the Interreg MED region more environmentally friendly, participatory and responsive to changes. Through a web platform and a mobile application, the travellers (residents & tourists) were actively involved in all the planning steps, by providing data for their daily trips, evaluating the current transport services, and assessing the usefulness of proposed or planned mobility interventions. The testing phase led to the development of a common model using social networks and crowdsourcing techniques for the development and enhancement of Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs).

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Municipality of Almada **(PT)**
- CERTH - Centre for Research and Technology Hellas **(EL)**
- MemEx Srl **(IT)**
- Rhodes Municipality **(EL)**
- Aegean Energy and Environment Agency **(EL)**
- Tiemme Spa **(IT)**
- Larnaka Municipality **(CY)**
- Municipality of Ioannina **(EL)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 1 806 893,75 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET **: 1 535 859,70 €**

REMEDIO

It addresses the challenge of the high-density areas surrounding the city centres with commercial and directional roads often suffering from traffic jam to the point of becoming wounds in the connectivity of the wide spread city and elements of additional economic crisis and even social exclusion. By an innovative approach, based on a strong participative approach and tested in 4 pilot cities, REMEDIO proposes to transform the congested roads into «horizontal condominiums», forms of participatory governance that actively engage institutions, stakeholders and citizens and with which the Municipality directly interact to improve multi-modal and low carbon mobility, freight logistics and environmental quality. Further the governance model of the condominium and the pilot activities, the project developed an Integrated Modelling Tool (IMT) that provides to users (i.e. technician responsible for traffic management of the city) the possibility of analysing the main effects of traffics over congested roads in the current situation, as well as analysing the effects of apply potential soft-actions to mitigate the road-congestion problems.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Regional Agency for Environment Protection in Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Municipality of Treviso **(IT)**
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **(EL)**
- Instituto Superior Técnico **(PT)**
- University of Seville **(ES)**
- Metropolitan Development Agency of Thessaloniki S.A. **(EL)**
- City of Split **(HR)**
- Municipality of Loures **(PT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 215 512,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 883 185,63 €**

SUMPORT

The project tackled the issue of congestion and air pollution in port cities, aggravated by port-originated traffic, by providing sustainable alternatives to individual car transport. Pilot actions were launched in the participating port cities, to elaborate, update or harmonize their own Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans (SUMPs): as a result, they tested carpooling, bike network extensions and new bikes lines, SUMPs updates, bike and e-bikes sharing, and also a simulation of a maritime public transport system. These actions benefited citizens and visitors and allowed the evaluation of the potential of long-term sustainable mobility planning. Training courses to improve skills and competences of local actors on SUMPs were also implemented.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/12/2019
Type of project : Testing

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET : **2 328 289,20 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 698 588,31 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **280 457,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Central European Initiative **(IT)**
- Durres Municipality **(AL)**
- Region of Epirus **(EL)**
- Institut for Transport and Logistics Foundation **(IT)**
- City of Limassol **(CY)**
- Valanciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region **(ES)**
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **(EL)**
- Municipality of Koper **(SI)**
- Foundation of the Valentian Community to promote strategic urban development and innovation **(ES)**
- City of Kotor **(ME)**

ENHANCING SUSTAINABLE COASTAL AND MARITIME TOURISM

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

In the Mediterranean, the tourism sector is a strategic asset, as it offers great opportunities for economic growth and employment. However, it can also entail long-term negative transformations on local economies, societies and ecosystems. Indeed, despite its economic and social importance, tourism development is exerting pressure on natural and built environment. This pressure may threaten the quality of life of local populations, degrade the tourism assets and consequently, negatively affect future tourism developments. Therefore, effective strategies and targeted integrated action should be developed and implemented across the Mediterranean region.

For this reason, projects under this thematic ensure that the impact of these activities on natural and cultural heritage are considered in the development of coastal and maritime tourism.

In this perspective, the Interreg MED Sustainable Tourism community actions could be summarised into three actions: getting tourist off the beaten tracks, slowing down tourism and adapting cities and infrastructure to welcome millions of tourists.

The Sustainable Tourism community runs 4 working groups (monitoring tourism sustainability, reducing tourism impact, contributing to sustainable and responsible economic growth, governance mechanisms) engaged in the release of 4 policy factsheets and policy recommendations. Technical knowledge has been synthesised in thematic papers and factsheets and scientific publications.

SUBTHEMES

- Sustainable tourism policies
- Alternative tourism strategies
- Integrated management of tourism development
- Sustainable water, waste and energy management

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- Public Authorities
- Research Structures
- Enterprises
- NGO/Civil Society

2	6	3	8	1	2
STUDY PROJECTS	STUDY AND TESTING PROJECTS	TESTING PROJECTS	TESTING AND CAPITALISING PROJECTS	CAPITALISING PROJECT	INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROJECTS

23 PROJECTS + 244 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Sustainable tourism Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of BleuTourMED_C3 Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

Built on a transnational partnership with strong experience on integrated coastal management and sustainable tourism policies, BleuTourMED_C3 aimed at supporting and ensuring synergies between the modular projects. Its objective was to build a cluster of projects able to enhance jointly solutions for the protection and promotion of natural and cultural resources in the Mediterranean area through a coherent strategy of Community Building, Communication and Capitalisation. The project developed monitoring and community building activities aiming at collecting the main results of the Modular Projects (MPs) as at stimulating the sharing and co-ownership of data and results among them.

Sustainable tourism is the natural prosecution of that: it is in charge of community building, joint communication and joint capitalisation, by unifying element of a thematic community of modular projects. The aim is to enhance attractiveness and tourism offer in the Mediterranean region, addressing tourism pressures in the Mediterranean region and strengthening planning and management practices towards sustainable tourism.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 655 910,35 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 407 523,80 €

DURATION

BleuTourMed_C3 :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : Latin Arc **(ES)**
- Diputació de Barcelona **(ES)**
- Plan Blue for Mediterranean environment and development **(FR)**
- UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union **(IT)**
- University Panteion of Sciences Sociales et politiques – Department of Economic and Regional Development **(EL)**
- Adriatic Ionian Euroregion **(HR)**
- MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- Regional Development Agency Green Karst Ltd. **(EL)**
- Bic Euronova, S.A. **(ES)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 870 145,00 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 589 623,25 €

DURATION

Sustainable Tourism :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : Diputació de Barcelona **(ES)**
- Latin Arc **(ES)**
- UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union **(IT)**
- University of Thessaly – Research Committee **(GR)**
- Network of European Regions for a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism **(BE)**
- Adriatic Ionian Euroregion **(HR)**
- Plan Blue for Mediterranean environment and development **(FR)**
- Regional Development Agency Green Karst Ltd. **(SI)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED ?

The Sustainable Tourism Horizontal project run 4 working groups (monitoring tourism sustainability, reducing tourism impact, contributing to sustainable and responsible economic growth, governance mechanisms) engaged in the release of 4 policy factsheets and policy recommendations. Technical knowledge has been synthetised in thematic papers and factsheets and scientific publications.

ALTER ECO

The project's objective was to improve the balance between tourist attraction as a source of economic growth and the preservation of the classic values of the Mediterranean city as an example of sustainability. It created alternative tourist strategies in 6 pilot sites, co-designed and implemented by public and private stakeholders. The project's results supported policy makers to make more informed and integrated decisions on tourism governance. An official tool was developed, that allows to calculate the carrying capacity limit and that suggests, based on the result, possible measures to be applied already tested during the project duration. An Interregional Learning Portfolio was also created (alterecotips.com), that operates as an open on-line platform; it includes alternative best practice measures which offer transnational education and transfer of good practices from the lessons learnt during the whole process of the project.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Comunidad Valenciana Region **(ES)**
- Málaga City Council **(ES)**
- Municipality of Genoa **(IT)**
- Ca' Foscari University of Venice **(IT)**
- City of Dubrovnik **(HR)**
- Larnaca-Famagusta Districts Development Agency **(CY)**
- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki **(EL)**
- South Aegean Region **(EL)**
- Observatory on Tourism in the European Islands **(IT)**

TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET : **2 293 630,00 €**
ERDF PROJECT BUDGET : **1 949 585,50 €**

BLUEISLANDS

It aimed to develop effective ways to identify, address and mitigate the impact of the seasonal variation of waste generated on Mediterranean islands. During the first year, it measured the correlation of tourism and waste generation, through analysis of micro-plastics and marine litter on 18 selected beaches, and an investigation of the quality of coastal seawater through short-term macro algae deployments. The project subsequently developed action plans for each of the 9 partner islands to promote sustainable tourism and circular economy loops, to support the implementation of seasonal waste variation management plans, coordinating institutional partners and involving the food service industry and other waste/sewage/water treatment operators. The project also released a Waste Management Handbook gathering good practices implemented in Mediterranean islands.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Department of Environment Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment **(CY)**
- Association of Cities and Regions for sustainable Resource Management **(BE)**
- Rhodes Municipality **(EL)**
- Network of the Insular CCI of the EU **(EL)**
- Municipality of Mykonos **(EL)**
- Region of Crete **(EL)**
- Primorsko-goranska županija **(HR)**
- Taormina Etna Consortium **(IT)**
- Consorzio Nazionale Inteuniversitario per le Scienze del Mare **(IT)**
- Regione Sardegna **(IT)**
- Wasteserv Malta Ltd **(MT)**
- Ea éco-entreprises **(FR)**
- Council of Mallorca **(ES)**
- Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona **(ES)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 564 402,77 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 179 742,36 €**

BLUEMED

The project studied the natural, cultural, and legislative conditions of selected locations in the Mediterranean region. It also aimed at protecting marine ecosystem and underwater cultural resources, while making them publicly accessible by promoting the concept of Underwater Museums and organised underwater archaeological sites. Finally, the project wanted to promote a sustainable and responsible model of tourism development for selected regions of the Mediterranean.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 2 797 549,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 377 916,65 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Region of Thessaly **(EL)**
- Ephorate of Underwater Antiquities **(EL)**
- Atlantis Consulting S.A. **(EL)**
- University of Patras **(EL)**
- University of Cyprus **(CY)**
- University of Calabria **(IT)**
- Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Activities and Tourism of Italy **(IT)**
- University of Zagreb **(HR)**
- Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency DUNEA **(HR)**
- Foundation University Enterprise of the Region of Murcia **(ES)**

CASTWATER

It purposed at supporting sustainable tourism policies and practices on water efficiency in coastal areas, because under the pressure of tourism, water demand strains supply capacity in the Mediterranean coastal areas negatively affecting the maintenance of natural and cultural heritage. Indeed, seasonal tourist demand places enormous pressures on local water supplies in the project destinations where water sources are more likely to be scarce. An online tool for SMEs was developed to monitor, compare and self-assess water efficiency status and efforts, and for public authorities to identify issues, and assess the overall situation of their territories.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 388 116,60 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 029 899,12 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Municipality of Rethymno **(EL)**
- Emilia Romagna region **(IT)**
- Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Water Board of Lemesos **(CY)**
- University of Patras **(EL)**
- EuromediteraneanWater Institute Foundation **(ES)**
- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism **(HR)**
- Foundation of the Valentian Community to promote Strategic urban development and Innovation **(ES)**
- Department of Council of Hérault **(FR)**
- Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation **(MT)**
- Energy and Water Agency **(MT)**
- Valencia Tourism Foundation **(ES)**
- Veneto Innovazione S.p.A **(IT)**

CO-EVOLVE

It aimed at analysing and promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems in touristic coastal areas. It coupled an analysis of threats and enabling factors for sustainable tourism with local studies and pilot actions in seven representative Pilot Areas, to demonstrate the effectiveness of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management/Maritime Spatial Planning-based planning process.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 000 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 550 000,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Region of East Macedonia & Thrace **(EL)**
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe **(FR)**
- University of Thessaly **(EL)**
- Emilia-Romagna Region **(IT)**
- Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre **(HR)**
- Valenciaport Foundation **(ES)**
- Po Delta Park Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency **(HR)**
- Department of Herault **(FR)**
- Public Institution for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia County **(HR)**
- University of Venice **(IT)**
- National Research Council **(IT)**

CONSUME-LESS

It aimed to contribute to sustainable water, energy and waste management with particular focus on the reduction in the consumption of water and energy as well as waste reduction through prevention of waste generation in the tourism sector. The project foresaw the creation of a "Consume-Less" label as an indication that environmental concerns could be translated into tourism market advantages. The idea was to promote and heighten tourist awareness on certified hotels, bars and restaurants through the innovative marketing campaign of the Consume-Less label.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : Energy and Water Agency **(MT)**
- Malaga County Council-Urban Waste Consortium **(ES)**
- EGTC Efxini Poli SolidarCity Network **(EL)**
- Euro Mediterranean Center for the sustainable development **(IT)**
- Ambiente Italia srl **(IT)**
- Provincial Government of Malaga **(ES)**
- Municipality of Naxos and Small Cyclades islands **(EL)**
- Saranda Municipality **(AL)**
- Sicilian Region **(IT)**
- Ministry of Gozo **(MT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 635 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 981 250,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **159 800,00 €**

DestiMED

It provided Mediterranean protected areas and their private sector partners with the tools they needed to develop, manage, and promote high quality ecotourism packages, both at local scale and together in a regional network. These products generated positive outcomes for conservation and communities, by strengthening the local economy while minimising impacts on natural and cultural resources.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 500 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 006 000,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **119 000,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP :Lazio Region – Regional Parks Agency of Lazio **(IT)**
- Federparchi - Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves **(IT)**
- International Union for Conservation of Nature **(ES)**
- MedPAN - Mediterranean Protected Areas Network **(FR)**
- National Agency of Protected Areas in Albania **(AL)**
- WWF Adria **(HR)**
- WWF Mediterranean **(IT)**

DestiMED PLUS

It builds on the success of the MEET and DestiMED initiatives, which helped the Mediterranean regions to boost environmental management for ecotourism in their protected areas: it is the next step in the integrated planning of coastal tourism. It aims to improve local and regional intersectoral policies and to make available practical tools. The project will set up a Mediterranean Consortium on Ecotourism composed of regional conservation and tourism stakeholder.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 076 225,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 492 731,25 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **122 060,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Region Lazio **(IT)**
- Government of Catalonia – Department of Territory and Sustainability **(ES)**
- Institute for Tourism **(HR)**
- Fundació Universitària Balmes **(ES)**
- Agence de développement du Sud de l'Égée Région – Energiaki S.A. **(EL)**
- WWF Méditerranée **(IT)**
- Corsican Tourism Agency **(FR)**
- Sardinia Autonomous Region – Ministry of the Environment **(IT)**
- IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature **(ES)**
- Region of Crete **(EL)**
- National Agency for Protected Areas in Albania (NAPA) **(AL)**
- CPMR – Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions **(FR)**

EMbleMatiC

It aimed to create and test a new and radically different tourism offer based on the common characteristics of 9 coastal Mediterranean mountains to produce an alternative to the traditional sun-and-sea model. Partners implemented local participative workshops and case studies in each selected mountain to define the emblematic elements and the common methodological framework. The project developed an eco-itinerary in each of the 9 territories, an umbrella brand and common communication tools.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Syndicat Mixte CANIGÓ Grand Site **(FR)**
- Himara Municipality **(AL)**
- Development Agency of Berguedà **(ES)**
- GAL Gran Sasso Velino Soc. Cons. Ar.l.,. **(IT)**
- PIERIKI ANAPTIXIAKI S.A.-O.L.A. **(EL)**
- Gal Terre dell'Etna e dell'Alcantara S.C.C.A.R.L **(IT)**
- Consell de Mallorca **(ES)**
- AKOMM-PSILORITIS S.A. – Development Agency of Local Government **(EL)**
- Estudis d'hoteleria i turisme CETT S.A. **(ES)**
- Aix Marseille Provence Metropolis **(FR)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET **: 2 975 571,49 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 402 168,44 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **127 067,35 €**

HERIT-DATA

The project aims at reducing the impact of tourism-related human activities on cultural heritage, with a special focus on old towns & sites of particular cultural heritage or archaeological interest for visitors, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites, very present in the Interreg MED territories. HERIT-DATA plans to develop a sustainable and responsible tourism management towards cultural heritage by taking advantage of technology and innovation in management tools (Smart Cities), as well as other policy and social measures.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **4 195 515,20 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **3 357 937,92 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **208 250,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Toscana Region - Department of Infrastructure & Technology **(IT)**
- Foundation for Research and Innovation **(IT)**
- Santa Maria Real Foundation of Historical Heritage **(ES)**
- City of Dubrovnik development agency **(HR)**
- Agency for Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Territories **(FR)**
- Faculty of Science and Technology - New University of Lisbon **(PT)**
- Valenciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region **(ES)**
- Occitanie / Pyrenees-Mediterranean Region **(FR)**
- Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe **(FR)**
- Turisme Comunitat Valenciana **(FR)**
- Region of Western Greece **(EL)**
- Centre for Spatial Research **(BA)**

INHERIT

It purposes to conserve and valorise natural heritage in the Interreg MED coastal and maritime tourist destinations. It will promote sustainable tourism, alleviating seasonality and tackling the surpassing of the hosting capacity, by designing and implementing a "bottom-up" protection approach relying on self-regulation and monitoring by local society and tourism stakeholders.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **5 612 660,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **4 643 601,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **127 160,00 €**

PARTNERS

- Region of Peloponnese **(EL)**
- Ministry of Tourism - Republic of Croatia **(HR)**
- Emilia Romagna Region **(IT)**
- Region of Murcia - General Directorate of Natural Environment **(ES)**
- Puglia Region - Department of Tourim, Economy of Culture, Territory **(IT)**
- Department of Herault **(FR)**
- Public agency for promotion of entrepreneurship and developing projects of Municipality of Izola **(SI)**
- Larnaca and Famagusta Districts Development Agency **(CY)**
- Malta Regional Development and Dialogue Foundation **(MT)**
- International Association for Mediterranean Forests **(FR)**
- Seneca Foundation - Science and Technology Agency for the Region of Murcia **(ES)**
- University of Patras **(EL)**
- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism **(HR)**
- Network of Protected Areas of Dinarides **(ME)**
- Association for Preservation of the Heritage of Mertola **(PT)**

LABELSCAPE

A certification given to the Mediterranean destinations to guarantee visitors a responsible use of natural resources, and to recognise their will to follow the principles of sustainable development. This is the project's aim: not to create new labels, but rather to capitalize on existing certifications. This will be achieved through: thematic workshops and exchange forums, an online platform for capacity building, the implementation of a social inclusion policy at territorial level and a new draft framework regulation at program level.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 362 525,70 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 008 146,85 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts **(SI)**
- Ecole d'Ingénieurs de Purpan **(FR)**
- Technological Institute of Aragon **(ES)**
- Agence de développement du Sud de l'Égée Région - Energiaki S.A. **(EL)**
- Community of communes of Aspres **(FR)**
- SVILUPPO BASILICATA SPA **(IT)**
- Metropolitan City of Rome Capital **(IT)**
- RCDI – Development and Innovation Network **(PT)**
- Public Institution RERA S.D. for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia County **(HR)**
- Association for Culture and Education PiNA **(SI)**

MEDCYCLETOUR

The project was based on the EuroVelo 8 – Mediterranean route, a cycle route that crosses 12 countries from Spain to Cyprus, 7 of which participated in the project covering more than 3,370 km with pilot actions based on the Mediterranean Sea and culture. While the Mediterranean region is an already well-known destination for tourism in general, it is unfortunately far behind other markets concerning cycle tourism. The aim of the project was to use this route as a tool to influence regional and national policies in favour of sustainable and responsible tourism providing transnational solutions in coastal areas across the Mediterranean. Taking a transnational approach allowed for common challenges (lack of infrastructure, missing cycling friendly services, weak branding and promotion) to be tackled together and best practices to be shared, avoiding duplication and increasing socio-economic and environmental impacts. Among other, a Transnational Action Plan has been developed to fully support the potential of cycle tourism across the whole Mediterranean region.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/08/2020
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : Andalusian Government **(ES)**
- Catalonia Region - General Directorate for Tourism **(ES)**
- Alpes Maritimes Department **(FR)**
- Friuli Venezia Giulia Region **(IT)**
- Regional Development Center of Koper **(SI)**
- Croatian National Tourism Board **(HR)**
- Cluster for Eco-social Innovation and Development **(HR)**
- Cyprus Tourism Organisation **(CY)**
- Western Greece Region **(EL)**
- European Cyclists' Federation **(BE)**
- Consortium Oltrepo Mantovano **(IT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 403 920,85 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 043 332,73 €**

MEDFEST

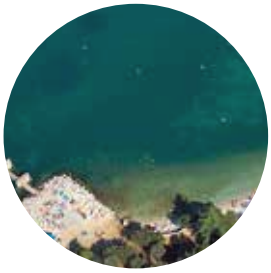
The Mediterranean area is commonly represented by the sea, sand and sun, but this is quite restrictive. The project's partnership collected practical knowledge on sustainable culinary experiences and learning from existing social innovations. It aimed at supporting local communities in organising sustainable culinary experiences which brought them satisfaction and economic benefit. Its motto: share-cooperate-learn.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts **(SI)**
- Rural Development Association **(IT)**
- Purpan Engineering School **(FR)**
- University of Barcelona **(ES)**
- In Loco Association **(PT)**
- Agency for Rural Development of Istria Ltd. Pazin **(HR)**
- Technical Institute of Heraklion Chamber of Commerce and Industry **(EL)**
- Troodos Network Thematic Centres **(CY)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 218 473,66 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 885 702,61 €**



MITOMED +

The main objective of the project was to enhance the sustainability and responsibility of Maritime and Coastal tourism. To achieve this, the project increased knowledge and social dialogue regarding the development of the Maritime and Coastal (M&C) tourism in each partner region for better decision-making. In addition, it improved M&C tourism planning at destination level and its coordination for a transnational governance and the setup of an Interreg MED M&C tourism model.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/02/2017 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 650 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 252 500,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Regione Toscana **(IT)**
- Association of Tuscan Municipalities **(IT)**
- National Research Council - Institute of Biometeorology **(IT)**
- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism **(HR)**
- Larnaca-Famagusta District Development Agency **(CY)**
- Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe **(FR)**
- Public Enterprise for the Management of -Tourism and Sport of Andalusia **(ES)**
- Girona University **(ES)**
- Network of European Regions for a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism **(BE)**

ShapeTourism

It aimed to improve the tourism knowledge framework, providing both analytical and operational tools that help identify innovative policies guaranteeing the sustainability of tourism development processes. This approach allowed destinations to find the right balance between, sometimes divergent, public and private interests. Its achievements have been a Smart Integrated Tourism Data System, a Participative Decision Support System and a ShapeTourism Protocol for Destination Marketing organisations.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/04/2018
Type of project : Studying

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **598 536,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **508 756,04 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Ca' Foscari University of Venice **(IT)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- Italian Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Region Veneto Federation **(IT)**
- University of Split **(HR)**
- Cyprus Center for European and International Affairs **(CY)**
- Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts **(SI)**
- University of Malaga **(ES)**

SIROCCO

The project intended to tackle the main problems that prevent the Mediterranean from exploiting the full potential of Cruise Tourism by providing an integrated view of the current state of Mediterranean cruise tourism and its impacts; a foresight of Mediterranean cruise tourism for the following decades; transferable recommendations on developing sustainable and responsible Cruise Value Chains in the Interreg MED area; and coordinated strategies and policies at regional and transnational level regarding the development of a sustainable and responsible cruise maritime/coastal tourism.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/06/2018
Type of project : Studying

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **600 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **510 000,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Public Institution RERA S.D. for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia County **(HR)**
- Centre for Research and Technology Hellas **(EL)**
- South Aegean Region **(EL)**
- Larnaca-Famagusta District Development Agency **(CY)**
- Regione Lazio **(IT)**
- Port Authority of Civitavecchia **(IT)**
- Fundación Valenciaport **(ES)**

SuSTowns

Intensive exploitation of the small Mediterranean towns, over-abundance of infrastructures and services when their attractiveness decreases: this is the challenge that the projetc takes up. New methodologies and technological tools to stabilise the touristic flux are the expected results. Outputs are destined to preserve the cities' heritage, that would otherwise get compromised by the negative effects of mass tourism. The challenge is to create a joint management between small towns, to prevent a collapse of the public service due to over-anthropisation. In return, preservation of local traditions and cultural heritage must be assured.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 872 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 313 700,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **127 500,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : ANCI LAZIO Association of Regional Municipalities **(IT)**
- MUSOL foundation **(ES)**
- BSC, Business Support Centre, Kranj **(SI)**
- Agence de Développement des Autorités Locales de Thessaloniki de L'est - Centre pour Le Développement des Ressources Humaines et Le Soutien de L'économie Locale **(EL)**
- Association of Albanian Municipalities **(AL)**
- I Borghi più belli d'Italia **(IT)**
- Federacion Aragonesa de Municipios Comarcas y Provincias **(ES)**
- Agence de développement de l'île **(HR)**
- University of Algarve **(PT)**
- Make it Better, Association for Innovation and Social Economy **(PT)**

TOURISMED

The project aimed at testing and transferring a fishing tourism business model in the Mediterranean coastal territories. It sought to promote a sustainable approach to tourism, while fostering the preservation of the marine ecosystem and traditional fishing culture. Facing challenges such as the worrying depletion of marine resources, the decline of the artisanal fishing sector and the negative impacts of tourism, the project's results deal with an improved use of resources by artisanal fishers, a diversification of income in the sector and a better valorisation of coastal traditional heritage and local seafood. A mobile app (Fishing Tourism) and a web platform (fishingtourism.net) were created, to always be updated on itineraries and get in touch with fishermen involved in the project.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Municipality of Trabia **(IT)**
- International Promotion Sicily-World – PRISM **(IT)**
- Promimpresa srl **(IT)**
- Delfi Partners & Co **(CY)**
- University of Piraeus- Research Center **(EL)**
- Cyprus University Of Technology **(CY)**
- Durres Municipality **(AL)**
- Italian Chamber of Commerce for France in Marseille **(FR)**
- Petra Patrimonia Corsica **(FR)**
- Haliéus **(IT)**
- Valenciaport Foundation **(ES)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 157 900,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 601 722,50 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **98 897,50 €**

WINTER MED

The project aims to facilitate the transition from the current overexploitation of insular tourist destinations during the summer months to an alternative and sustainable use of these territories throughout the year. After analysing, assembling and adapting the available methodologies and tools, the project will capitalise on delivering a transnational strategy. This approach induces a holistic intervention aligned with, and contributing to, the integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) and marine spatial planning (MSP) within the region.

Starting and Ending Date :
01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 157 900,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 601 722,50 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **98 897,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : ANCI Toscana Association of Tuscan Municipalities **(IT)**
- EGTC EFXINI POLI **(EL)**
- Agency for the Developpment of the South l'Egean Region – Energiaki S.A. **(EL)**
- Institute of Agriculture and Tourism **(HR)**
- Larnaca-Famagusta District Development Agency (ANETEL) **(CY)**
- Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency DUNEA **(HR)**
- Confesercenti Toscana **(IT)**
- Corsican Tourism Agency **(FR)**
- CPMR – Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions **(FR)**
- Mallorca Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Shipping **(ES)**

COASTING

It was a capitalisation project based on the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) principles application, aiming at enhancing the effectiveness of a multilevel governance tool like Coast Contract (Contract de Baie), transferring a shared methodology mostly centred on the stakeholders' involvement, and focusing tools and actions more deeply on the tourism sector sustainability and qualification. In accordance with the ICZM protocol, the project aimed to apply its principles to enhance qualification and use of natural resources, to create social accountability through a participation process so to develop a coherent framework for coastal recovery and management, increasing coordination for actions related to sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED area. The capitalisation process aimed to build the coherent methodology and framework for institutional uptake of procedures and policies related to coastal governance in the partner's regions and in the EU.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Capitalising

PARTNERS

- LP : Andalusian Federation of Towns and Provinces **(ES)**
- Lazio Region – Regional Directorate for Territory, Urban Planning and Mobility **(IT)**
- Gozo Development Agency **(MT)**
- Sapienza University of Rome **(IT)**
- Aix Marseille Provence Metropolis **(FR)**
- Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency DUNEA **(HR)**
- Region of Epirus – Regional Unit of Thesprotia **(EL)**
- Sicilian Region – Department of Cultural Heritage and of Sicilian Identity **(IT)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **975 522,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **829 194,13 €**

INCIRCLE

It capitalises the available knowledge and tools to test a new methodology, which applies the principles of circular economy to tourism. It focalises on the needs of islands and regions with low population density. Mobility, renewable energy and energy efficiency, water and waste management, improvement of the prosperity and quality of life in the communities: those are the policies developed by the project. Lasting and easily adaptable results are expected: they will lead to concrete and testable tools and to the capacity to attract other funding.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 378 770,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 626 687,03 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET **: 245 267,50 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : AREA Science Park **(IT)**
- MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- CIVINET CY – EL Secretariat non-profit organisation **(EL)**
- Larnaca – Famagusta District Development Agency (ANETEL) **(CY)**
- Albanian Institute of Transport **(AL)**
- The Energy & Water Agency **(MT)**
- Region of Crete – Department for the Environment and Land Planning **(EL)**
- Himara Municipality **(AL)**
- Palma Municipality **(ES)**
- Regional Government of the Balearic Islands – Directorate General for the Environmental Education, Quality of the Environment and Waste **(ES)**
- Municipality of Larnaka **(CY)**
- Ministry for Gozo **(MT)**
- ISV SSSA – Institute Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna **(IT)**
- Municipality of Rethymno **(EL)**

STRENGTHENING BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION COMMUNITY

WHAT IS IT ABOUT ?

EU policies have reaffirmed the importance of protected areas for the conservation of biological diversity. In this context, the "Biodiversity Protection" thematic aims at strengthening the management and networking capacities of protected areas, to adapt and improve protection measures. The preservation of the biodiversity of protected natural coastal and maritime ecosystems is a key element of the future Mediterranean.

The projects found under this thematic are also working to reach a better integration of protected areas in regional development strategies (exchange of information, strategies, and regulations). They should aim at, for example, improving conservation status and water management, fighting against invasive species and monitoring fishing and tourism activities. The Biodiversity Protection community is led by PANACeA project, whose main objective is the creation of synergies and new partnerships among Mediterranean stakeholders. PANACeA also seeks to boost networking and management efforts in Mediterranean Protected areas (MPAs) as a mechanism to enhance nature conservation and protection in the region.

This action will be truly formalised through the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Platform (BPP), which contains recommendations and data gathered by the whole community. As a result, the whole community drafted and signed a Declaration for an Ecosystem based approach to biodiversity protection and management, that any interested party can adopt.

SUBTHEMES

- Marine Litter
- Marine Protected Areas
- Natural Conservation
- Pollution Assessment
- Coastal/Dune Resilience

KEY TARGET GROUPS

- Public Authorities
- Research Structures
- Protected area management bodies and fishermen
- NGO/Civil Society

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STUDY PROJECTS	STUDY AND TESTING PROJECTS	TESTING PROJECTS	TESTING AND CAPITALISING PROJECT	CAPITALISING PROJECT	INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROJECT

16 PROJECTS + 151 PARTNERS

HORIZONTAL PROJECTS

WHO LEADS THE COMMUNITY ?

Horizontal project partnership

Biodiversity Protection Interreg MED horizontal project (2019-2022) is the continuation of PANACeA Interreg MED horizontal project (2016-2019).

PANACeA focused on maintaining biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas. It defined a mechanism to increase the visibility and impacts of thematic projects' results towards common identified targets through the specific activities. The activities ensured an active community of Mediterranean actors meant to overcome sectoral borders by integrating knowledge, allowing a better informed multilevel decision-making on and management of biodiversity. PANACeA supported the establishment of a two-way communication channel with the scientific community to ensure an effective policy-science interface in the Mediterranean related to biodiversity protection and sustainable development.

The Biodiversity Protection project wants to move forward networking and management efforts inside and outside protected areas (PAs), and so enhance nature conservation and management in the region. Bringing together key public and private players, this Mediterranean community of nature conservation actors is mainstreaming management efforts for environmental sustainability and increasing the impact of biodiversity protection projects towards common identified strategic targets.

PHASE 1

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 722 153,33 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 386 758,00 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
77 072,33 €

DURATION

PANACEA :
from 01/11/2016 to 31/10/2019

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Malaga - European Topic Center **(ES)**
- Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe **(ES)**
- Plan Blue for Mediterranean environment and development **(FR)**
- UNIMED-Mediterranean Universities Union **(IT)**
- Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, Country Office Montenegro **(ME)**
- MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- Municipality of Herceg Novi **(ME)**

PHASE 2

BUDGET

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET :
1 796 545,00 €

PROJECT ERDF BUDGET :
1 399 563,25 €

PROJECT IPA BUDGET :
127 500,00 €

DURATION

Biodiversity protection :
from 01/11/2019 to 30/06/2022

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Malaga - European Topic Center **(ES)**
- Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe **(FR)**
- Plan Blue for Mediterranean environment and development **(FR)**
- MEDCITIES **(ES)**
- LATTE CREATIVE S.R.L. **(IT)**
- MARINE INSTITUTE **(HR)**

WHAT RESULTS HAVE THEY OBTAINED?

The BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION "community" is influencing regional policy efforts for environmental sustainability. The whole community drafted and signed a Declaration for an Ecosystem based approach to biodiversity protection and management, that any interested party can adopt.

ACT4LITTER

The project identified effective and feasible prevention measures to tackle marine litter in the Mediterranean Protected Areas (MPAs) through the development of an appropriate decision-making tool (dmtmarinelitter.com), able to assess the effectiveness of such measures. This tool helps MPA managers to manage their specific marine litter issue. The project's team has identified a list of more than a 100 potential prevention measures to tackle marine litter and has developed a template for the feasibility assessment of these measures. The project has enrolled several MPAs to develop specific action plans by testing its decision-making tool.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2017 – 31/10/2018
Type of project : Studying

PARTNERS

- LP : Catalan Waste Agency **(ES)**
- MEDPAN – Mediterranean Protected Areas Network **(FR)**
- Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies **(IT)**
- Mediterranean information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development **(EL)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **538 549,58 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **457 767,14 €**

AMAre

Many species and habitats in Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are exposed to stressors. The project wanted to improve the efficiency of MPAs by studying the distribution and effects of human pressures using shared and coordinated methodologies developed with local stakeholders. The project built a common vision to be shared among the MPAs through a spatial Geoportal (AMAre WebGIS) including environmental data, guidelines for early warning of regime shifts and guidelines for a standard management plan and for assessing alternative management options.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences **(IT)**
- Euro-Mediterranean Centre on Climate **(IT)**
- National Research Council **(IT)**
- Blanes Centre for Advanced Studies **(ES)**
- French Research Institution for Exploitation of the Sea **(FR)**
- Management Consortium of Torre Guaceto **(IT)**
- Management Body of the National Marine Park of Alonissos Nothern Sporades **(GR)**
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research **(EL)**
- University of Malta **(MT)**
- Regional Government of the Balearic Islands **(ES)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 363 093,33 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 008 629,33 €**

ConFish

It aimed to create a network including local stakeholders, fishermen and social scientists, to deliver a framework that will refine the efficiency of fisheries management. The project worked with cutting-edge genomics techniques and local stakeholder involvement through the whole framework creation to promote the capacity building and knowledge transfer between fishermen and scientists. This bottom-up approach to fisheries management enabled the identification of fishery areas that are critical to preserve, both from a scientific and from a social perspective, extensively contributing to the sustainability of Mediterranean fisheries.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2018
Type of project : Studying

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Zagreb **(HR)**
- Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development – Sunce **(HR)**
- Instituto Superior Técnico **(PT)**
- Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research **(IT)**
- Institute of Marine Sciences **(ES)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **561 596,51 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **477 357,03 €**

EcoSUSTAIN

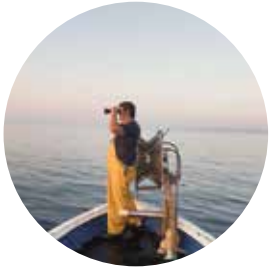
It looked for maintaining biodiversity and natural ecosystems in protected areas through improved management, innovative tools and water quality monitoring. The project's team has developed a Status report of national parks and an Operations strategy and action plan, which includes management, monitoring, information on how to train staff, test, monitor water quality, and which buoys to procure.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 30/04/2019
Type of project : Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 753 226,36 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 262 821,65 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **227 420,90 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : University of Rijeka **(HR)**
- RGO Communications Ltd **(HR)**
- ALOT S.r.l. **(IT)**
- REGIONAL PARK OF MINCIO **(IT)**
- Development Agency of the Una – Sana Canton **(BA)**
- Democritus University of Thrace **(EL)**
- Global Nature Foundation **(ES)**
- Aratos Technologies S.A. **(EL)**
- Public Company Una National Park Ltd. Bihać **(BA)**
- Public Institution, National park Krka, **(HR)**



FishMPABlue2

The project tested a "Small Scale Fisheries governance toolkit" in 11 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and assessing its ecological effectiveness, benefits and the social acceptance of management measures. The "MPA Pilot Implementation Plans" involved capacity building for local fishermen, and governance measures. The benefits were measured through an environmental and socio-economic monitoring campaign.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 499 999,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 975 000,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Italian Federation of Parks and Nature Reserves **(IT)**
- Mediterranean Protected Areas Network **(FR)**
- National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences **(IT)**
- WWF Adria **(HR)**
- University Nice Sophia Antipolis **(FR)**
- WWF Mediterranean **(IT)**
- International Union for Conservation of Nature **(ES)**
- Association of the actors from the Var for a small coast fishing and sustainable maritime activities **(FR)**

MEDSEALITTER

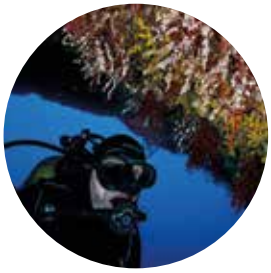
The aim of the project was to define and adopt the right measures to develop cost-effective protocols, to monitor and manage the litter impact on the biodiversity of the Mediterranean Sea. This action involved Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), scientific organisations and environmental NGOs. The project has defined the fundamental scientific elements on which the protocols about the monitoring of floating marine macro litter and their ingestion were developed, and then signed and ratified.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Studying and Testing

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 402 741,83 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 042 330,55 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Cinque Terre National Park and Marine Protected Area **(IT)**
- Legambiente Onlus **(IT)**
- Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research **(IT)**
- University of Barcelona **(ES)**
- Mediterranean Association to Save the Sea Turtles **(EL)**
- University of Valencia **(ES)**
- Comune di Villasimius - Capo Carbonara Marine Protected Area **(IT)**
- Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes **(FR)**
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research **(EL)**
- EcoOcean Institute **(FR)**



MPA-ADAPT

Its goal was to develop collaborative and site-specific adaptation plans for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to enhance their resilience to climate change impacts. It prepared materials and capacity building for MPA managers on standardised monitoring protocols, vulnerability assessments and adaptation action plans on climate change. Five MPAs displaying contrasted ecological and socio-economic settings developed specific adaptation plans for climate change. The Med MPA Climate Change Adaptation platform is one of its results: it's an online resource for MPAs managers, researchers and national/regional administrations. It gathers available tools and materials for climate change adaptation in Mediterranean MPAs, as well as constant updates from the region.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Institute of Marine Sciences **(ES)**
- Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research **(IT)**
- International Union for Conservation of Nature **(ES)**
- Public Institution Brijuni National Park **(HR)**
- Marine Protected Pelagie Islands **(IT)**
- Consortium of Management of Portofino MPA **(IT)**
- Corsican Agency for Environment **(FR)**
- National Parc of Port-Cros **(FR)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 904 257,06 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 618 580,25 €**

MPA Engage

It aims at engaging Mediterranean key actors in Ecosystem Approach to manage Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to face climate change. Quintuple Helix stakeholders (MPAs, socio-economic actors, local and regional authorities, scientists and citizens) in 8 countries will cooperate to adapte 7 MPAs' management to the impacts of climate change. For the first time, the commitment of recreational divers and artisanal fisheries actors will be essential. The operational know-how will be capitalised and transferred to principal actors by trainings, twinning agreements and data sharing. It will be supported by MEDPAN, RAC-SPA-UNEP/MAP, FAO, CGPM, CPMR-ICM, WWF, UfM and PANACEA.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 049 782,74 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 502 651,88 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **89 663,46 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Spanish National Research Council (CSIC) **(ES)**
- Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn **(IT)**
- Consortium of Management of Portofino MPA **(IT)**
- Calanques National Park **(FR)**
- Marche Polytechnic University **(IT)**
- Brijuni National Park **(HR)**
- Management Agency of Zakynthos National Marine Park **(EL)**
- Low Impact Fishers of Europe **(BE)**
- Government of Catalonia **(ES)**
- MPA of Tavolara Punta Coda Cavallo **(IT)**
- Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development **(EL)**
- University of Vigo **(ES)**
- Liguria Region **(IT)**
- APAWA – Association for Protection of Aquatic Wildlife of Albania **(AL)**
- DAN Europe Foundation **(MT)**

MPA NETWORKS

It aims at building solid networks supporting MPAs efficiency, by boosting management efficiency, management of local artisanal fishing, conservation of wetland species and sustainable funding. It will support the test and the adaptation of tools, and it will recommend previous projects to facilitate knowledge transfers. MPAs management networks will be developed and supported at national, supranational and Mediterranean level. A regular thematic programme aiming at capacity-building will be established.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 664 000,00 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 111 400,00 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **153 000,00 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Network of Marine Protected Areas managers **(FR)**
- Port-Cros National Park **(FR)**
- Consortium of Management of Portofino MPA **(IT)**
- MPA of Torre del Cerrano **(IT)**
- Consortium of Management of Torre Guaceto **(IT)**
- Brijuni National Park **(HR)**
- Management Agency of Zakynthos National Marine Park **(EL)**
- Public Institute Landscape Park Strunjan **(SI)**
- Institute for Nature Conservation in Albania **(AL)**
- Marilles Foundation **(ES)**

PHAROS4MPAs

The project delivered an integrated framework for recommendations on the collaboration between Mediterranean MPAs and the maritime sectors, adapted to and designed for the project's targets. The change originating from the project was to enhance management effectiveness and networking for Mediterranean MPAs, to contribute to the conservation of marine biodiversity and natural ecosystems. The project also created a Decision Support Tool for Blue Economy in Marine Protected Areas (DST-MPA). The tool (pharos4mpas.tools4msp.eu) has been developed by CNR ISMAR within the Interreg MED PHAROS4MPAs project. The tool is specifically intended for three kind of users: MPA managers and planners, public authorities and economic operators, to help them to easily find the recommendations and other information (e.g. best practices or case studies) that are more useful for their specific needs.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2020
Type of project : Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **1 179 496,57 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **934 544,45 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **68 027,63 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : World Wide Fund for Nature France **(FR)**
- Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre **(HR)**
- Regional Development Funds for North Aegean Region **(EL)**
- Regional Agency of the Administration of Protected Areas in Albania **(AL)**
- Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation **(SI)**
- National Research Council - Institute of Marine Sciences **(IT)**
- WWF Mediterranean **(IT)**
- Girona University **(ES)**

PlasticBuster MPAs

The objective of the project is to contribute to maintaining biodiversity and preserving natural ecosystems in pelagic and coastal Maritime Protected Areas (MPAs). It defines and implements a harmonised approach against marine litter. The project entails actions addressing the whole management cycle of marine litter, from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation. Besides, it includes actions to strengthen networking between and among MPAs. The first results are a quantitative and qualitative diagnosis of the impacts of marine litter in Mediterranean MPAs and on marine biodiversity, including endangered species; an enhanced protection of biodiversity and natural ecosystems in pelagic and coastal MPAs through targeted prevention and mitigation actions; and an accelerated knowledge transfer to Mediterranean MPAs and scaling-up of best practices to tackle marine litter through enhanced institutional uptake of project results.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/02/2018 – 31/01/2022
Type of project : Integrated Project

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **5 055 033,91 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **4 125 503,12 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **171 275,77 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research **(IT)**
- University of Siena **(IT)**
- Corsican Agency For Environment **(FR)**
- Regional Government of the Balearic Islands **(ES)**
- Management Agency of Zakynthos National Marine Park **(EL)**
- Tuscan Archipelago National Park **(IT)**
- Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development **(EL)**
- Spanish Oceanographic Institute - Balearic Centre of Oceanography **(ES)**
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research - Institute of Oceanography **(EL)**
- French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea **(FR)**
- Catalan Waste Agency **(ES)**
- Hellenic Ministry of Environment and Energy **(EL)**
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POSBEMED

Posidonia oceanica is a Mediterranean endemic sea plant, which is vital to aquatic ecosystems and coastline protection. However, municipalities in tourist areas see it negatively. The project aimed to define a transnational joint management strategy for Posidonia beach/dunes systems. It also aimed to offer common sustainable tools for local administrators and Protected Areas managers and develop a strategic model of integrated governance, which linked local blue growth to the conservation of this natural asset. The efforts have resulted in a comprehensive Strategy and Action Plan for the Mediterranean region. The document, entitled "Governance and management of Posidonia beach-dune systems", summarises the main findings of the project, together with the guidelines for good-practice governance in protected areas and coastal tourist hubs. A set of principles, specific goals and actions are presented, with the aim to gear regional and national policies, funding bodies and research institutions towards creating suitable conditions for implementing sustainable beach and coastal management practices across Mediterranean areas.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/07/2018
Type of project : Studying

PARTNERS

- LP : Entente Interdépartementale de Démoustication Méditerranée **(FR)**
- International Union for Conservation of Nature **(ES)**
- Foundation, International Marine Centre **(IT)**
- ECO-logica srl **(IT)**
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research **(EL)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **596 750,76 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **507 238,15 €**

POSBEMED2

It is based on the conclusions of POSBEMED, which have defined a common strategy for the sustainable management of Posidonia beach/dune systems. Catalyzing performances is the objective, by upgrading tourism stakeholders' and local authorities' management and policy skills. The second phase approaches the issues of identifying knowledge gaps, to improve adaptation, policy, planning and promoting decision making about Posidonia in protected areas.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 767 717,04 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 352 559,49 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Sardinia Autonomous Region – Ministry of the Environment **(IT)**
- NATURA-JADERA – Public institution for management of protected areas in the County of Zadar **(HR)**
- Institute for the Study of Anthropogenic Impact and Sustainability in the Marine Environment of the National Research Council **(IT)**
- IUCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature **(ES)**
- Region of Central Macedonia **(EL)**
- HELLENIC SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURE **(EL)**
- Enalia Physis Environmental Research Centre **(CY)**
- Region Sud Provence Alpes Côte D'Azur **(FR)**

TUNE UP

It promotes a multi-level governance to enhance biodiversity protection in maritime areas. It aims at testing and capitalising a tool for governance, based on River and Wetlands Contracts experienced by the Interreg Med WETNET. Increased and proactive participation of Marine protected areas (MPAs) stakeholders and strengthened trans-national cooperation are the primary objectives.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2019 – 30/06/2022
Type of project : Testing and Capitalising

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **3 035 575,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **2 412 970,67 €**
PROJECT IPA BUDGET : **167 268,53 €**

PARTNERS

- LP : Development agency of eastern Thessaloniki's local authorities – Center for the development of human resources and the support of local economy **(EL)**
- Andalusian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces **(ES)**
- Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative **(FR)**
- Foundation pour la cote et la Mer Méditerranée **(IT)**
- Ministry of Tourism and Environment **(AL)**
- Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts **(SI)**
- Spanish Ornithological Society **(ES)**
- Fondation Tour du Valat **(FR)**
- University of Montenegro – Institute of Marine Biology **(ME)**
- Amvrakikos Gulf – Lefkada Management Agency **(EL)**
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- AQUAPROGRAM srl **(IT)**

WETNET

By defining common priorities for the conservation of Interreg MED wetlands, the project forged a common territorial strategy for their integrated management. Built on previous EU experiences (River Contracts), it tested and transferred 'Wetlands Contracts', acting through broad participatory processes where private and public entities were committed to mainstreaming wetlands preservation into their ordinary activities, limiting conflicts between preservation issues and economic activities.

Starting and Ending Date : 01/11/2016 – 31/10/2019
Type of project : Testing

PARTNERS

- LP : Veneto Region **(IT)**
- Province of Vercelli **(IT)**
- Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts **(SI)**
- Andalusian Federation of Towns and Provinces **(ES)**
- Spanish Ornithological Society **(ES)**
- Italian Center for River Restoration **(IT)**
- Government of Aragon **(ES)**
- Development and Innovation Network **(PT)**
- Gozo Development Agency **(MT)**
- Tour du Valat Foundation **(FR)**

PROJECT TOTAL BUDGET : **2 211 955,50 €**
PROJECT ERDF BUDGET : **1 880 162,18 €**

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