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# Update on funding opportunities

**UfM 15<sup>th</sup> UfM Regional Platform on Sustainable Blue Economy**  
**27<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Brussels**

**Sophie Scarvelis, Interreg Euro-MED Joint Secretariat**

# Update on Programme implementation: 64 running projects

## 1st and 3rd call : Governance projects

8 projects selected – started January 2023

Community4Innovation



Dialogue4Innovation

Community4Nature



Dialogue4Nature

Community4LivingAreas



Dialogue4LivingAreas

Community4Tourism



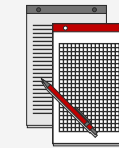
Dialogue4Tourism

## 2nd call : Thematic projects

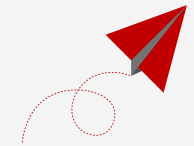
56 projects selected – started January 2024



8 study



40 Test



8 Transfer



14



13



19



10

# Approved projects under Call 02 Thematic Projects



- ★ 2B-BLUE
- ★ AZA4ICE
- ★ BLUE ECOSYSTEM
- CARBON FARMING MED
- CircleMED
- Clepsydra
- eWAsTER
- GREENSMARTMED
- OliveOilMedNet
- ProcuraMED
- REPPER
- REVIVE
- ★ SPOWIND
- VERDEinMED



- ★ ARTEMIS
- CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY
- ★ COASTRUST
- FRED
- Germ of Life
- ★ GreenList4MMPAs
- LocAll4Flood
- ★ MedSeaRise
- ★ MPA4Change
- StrategyMedFor
- ★ TREASURE
- WE GO COOP
- Wetland4Change



- ArtMED
- BauNOW
- BAUHAUS4MED
- CO2 PACMAN
- E-MED
- EnerCmed
- GARDEN
- GREENMO
- INFIRE
- LOGREENER
- MED COLOURS
- NUDGES
- ProLIGHTmed
- RECinMED
- ReMED
- ★ RENEWPORT
- RuralMED Mobility
- Streets for Citizens
- URWAN



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| COOL NOONS       |
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| LIBECCIO         |
| MAST             |
| MedDiet Go       |
| MED-GIAHS        |
| MED-Routes       |
| ★ NaTour4CChange |
| SMITour          |
| TOURISMO         |

# Update on Programme implementation: Call04 Thematic projects

**Call for proposals closed on 12/06/2024**

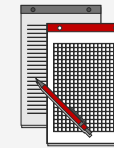
Around 20 Projects shall start in spring 2025

**SPECIAL FOCUS** on capitalisation of results from :

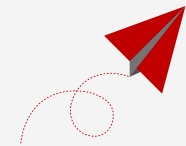
- **PRIMA/Horizon Europe**
- **LIFE**
- **EMFAF**

And the link to **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)**

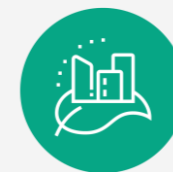
**44 M€**



**Test**



**Transfer**



# Call 04 thematic focus



## Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy

Focus on the development of an innovative and sustainable **bio-economy** in the Green and Blue economy sectors: use of renewable biological resources from land and sea to produce food, materials, and energy



## Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage

Focus on **flood** prevention, **costal resilience, cultural landscapes, biodiversity loss, urban-nonurban connectivity, citizens participation, area-based conservation** and restoration, Conservation of **species and habitats** and connectivity, **Green and blue ecosystems** in the urban and peri-urban, **wetland, water resources**



## Promoting green living areas

Focus on **urban regeneration**: heat island effects, water cycle management, integrated renovation of buildings and housing stock. It's less about mitigation than **adaptation**. Need to integrate the quality-of-life dimension, a **holistic approach** and citizens participation.



## Enhancing sustainable tourism

Focus on **tourism resilience**, regenerative tourism model  
**Waste**, circular transition, and **re-use techniques** in tourism destination  
Smart **ecotourism**, **awareness** raising, **green infra** and **nature-based solutions, advanced technologies** on tourism service

# Update on Programme implementation: Call05 Thematic Strategic Territorial projects

**Call open for pre-applications  
from 18/06/2024 to 26/09/2025**

Around 8-10 Projects shall start in spring 2025

Project Duration: 45 months

Project budget: up to 4M€

80% EU contribution – 20% national co-financing

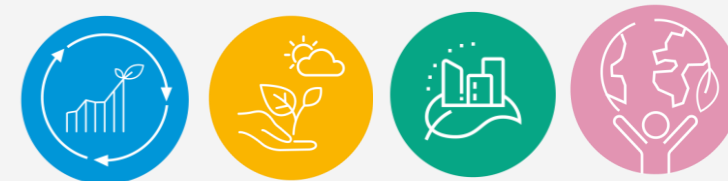
**Co-funded** partners: **from an EU member-state or one of the 4 countries** of the Programme cooperation area benefiting from the Instrument of pre-adhesion (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and North Macedonia)

**Associated** partners: **from any country**, within or outside of the EU

35 M€



**Study + Test+ Transfer**



# Call05 Thematic Strategic Territorial projects



Waste prevention  
& reduction



Water scarcity  
(due to climate change)

Which **topics** for which  
Strategic **Territories** ?



Rural areas



Mountain areas



Islands



# Mission Innovative Sustainable Economy

## Scope

Innovative solutions or strategies to support the implementation of **sustainable practices fostering a resilient economy and society**, based on a systemic approach.

## Specific Objectives

1.1 Developing and enhancing **research and innovation** capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies,

2.6 Promoting the transition to a **circular** and resource-efficient **economy**

## Focus



Reducing waste production and improving management and valorisation of waste



Improving efficient management of resources, sobriety and efficiency of uses







# Mission Natural Heritage

## Scope

Contribute to the **environmental objectives** planned by the EU as the EU Green Deal, the EU Communication on Sustainable Blue Economy, the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and relevant Conventions as the Barcelona Convention and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

## Specific Objectives

- 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches
- 2.7 Enhancing protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure including in urban areas and reducing all forms of pollution

## Focus



Prevention and reduction of all waste related pressures on the natural heritage



Water scarcity impact on natural resources or ecosystems  
Design and adaptation of approaches for resilience





# Mission Green Living Areas

## Scope

The mission seeks a **holistic and transdisciplinary approach** promoting stakeholders, citizens and communities' engagement, to act as transformative power creating socio-ecological local alliances.

## Specific Objective

- 2.4 Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches

## Focus



The mission addresses the water scarcity issue through the scope of quality and quantity: promoting sobriety, availability and protection



The mission addresses the waste reduction and prevention issue through the scope of quantity and hazardousness: promoting local and eco-design, repair, reuse, and waste reduction policies





# Mission Sustainable tourism

## Scope

To enhance **sustainable practices in the tourism sector**, ensuring the protection and valorisation of natural and cultural resources and overcoming the impact of climate change and mass tourism.

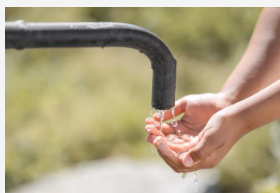
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- 2.6 Promoting the transition to a **circular** and resource-efficient **economy**
- 2.7 Enhancing **protection and conservation** of **nature, biodiversity** and **green infrastructure** including in urban areas and reducing all forms of **pollution**

## Focus



Management and prevention of waste in tourist facilities and destinations



Prevention and resolution of water scarcity generated by tourists and tourist businesses



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# Update on ongoing activities of the Governance projects in the field of Sustainable Blue Economy



# Mission Natural Heritage

18-20 June 2024 1st Summer School

**Our Mediterranean ecosystems' health is in danger. Time to restore it!**

## Learning objectives:

- Focus on main concepts on nature restoration.
- Understand the new EU Nature Restoration policy and explore its objectives, main pillars, and implications for EU members.
- Gain knowledge on ecosystems' health diagnosis, indicators for vulnerability and impact assessment and restoration actions prioritization.
- Learn about restoration monitoring methodologies.
- Build capacity on the socioeconomic aspects of restoration.
- Explore technical solutions/examples/case studies/projects for natural environment restoration and be able to propose your own.



<https://natural-heritage.interreg-euro-med.eu/summer-school/>





# Mission Innovative Sustainable Economy

## ISEC Hub

Community of organisations and individuals bringing together the 4-ple helix of Mediterranean stakeholders who share the goals of the Mission



**CONNECT** the critical mass of stakeholders

- ❑ Public Networking Directory
- ❑ Online Interactive Space



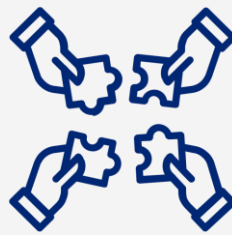
**LEARN** needed skills and expertise

- ❑ Capacity strengthening webinars
- ❑ Tailored-made mentoring



**SHARE** facilitating the dialogue of territorial challenges

- ❑ Knowledge sharing sessions
- ❑ Rolling calendar of opportunities



**COLLABORATE** by building something together

- ❑ Territorial challenges forum
- ❑ Joint positions/voice

**Online Consultation Workshop**  
26<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
*Become an Ambassador!*

**Online LAUNCH**  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024  
*Stay tuned!*





# Mission Sustainable Tourism

## Cross Network Alliance for sustainable tourism

- Launched in Montenegro in October 2023
- Roadmap presented in May 2024 in Marseille (FR)
- Involved so far: UfM, DG GROW, DG MARE, the Urban Agenda, among others

## Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories

- 22 observatories already engaged.
- New call for STO to include further territories



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