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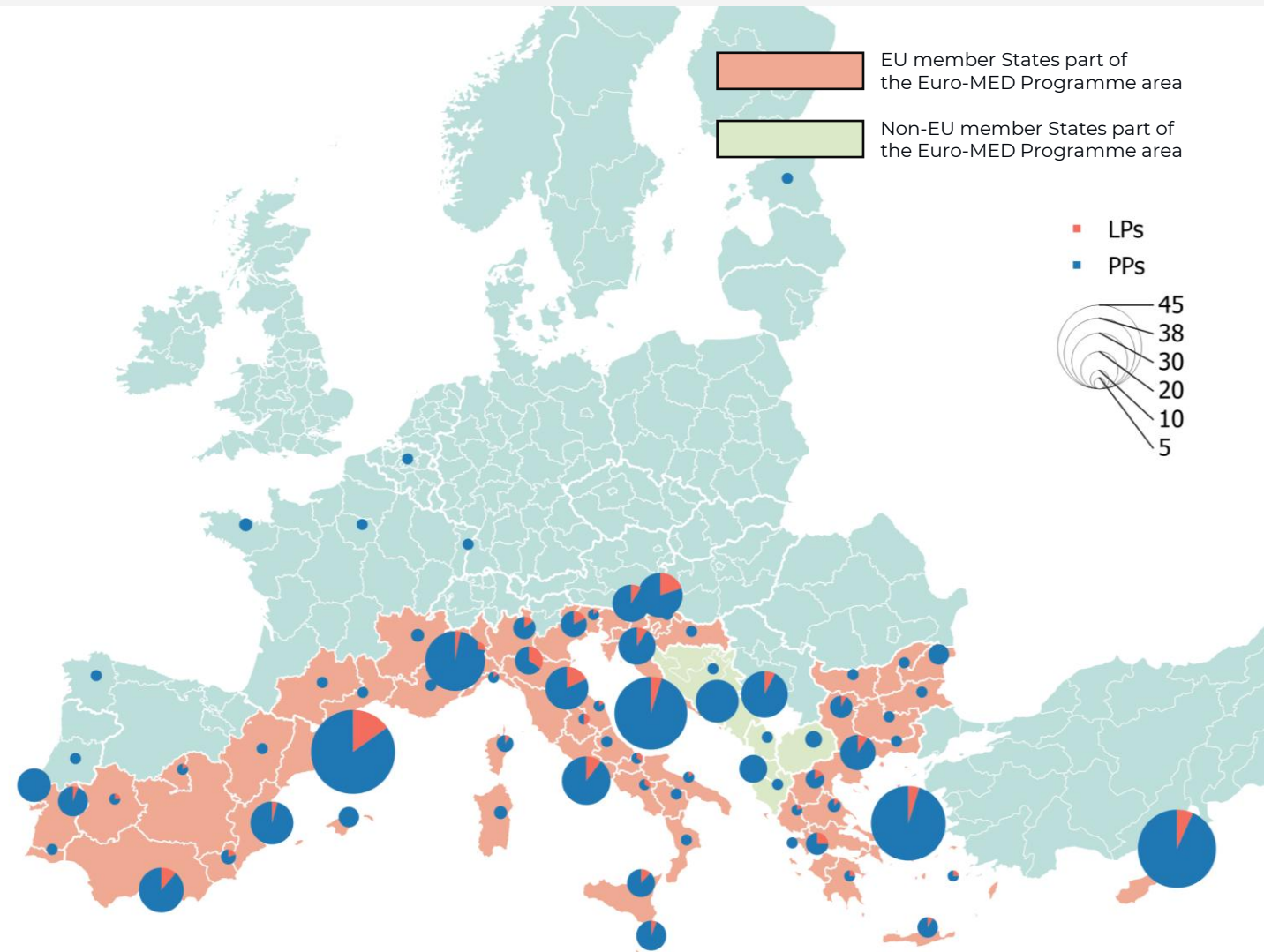
18th meeting of the UfM Regional
Platform on Sustainable Blue Economy

15-16 October, 2025

The Programme cooperation area include **69 regions** of **14 countries** from the **Northern shore of the Mediterranean**: 10 EU Member States and 4 countries from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA).

294M€ for the **2021-2027 period**.

<https://interreg-euro-med.eu/en/>



Programme Architecture

THE Interreg Euro-MED PROGRAMME

Supports and funds



Innovative
sustainable
economy



Natural
heritage



Green
living areas

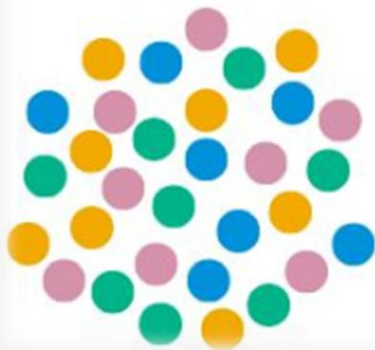


Sustainable
tourism

THEMATIC PROJECTS

Produce results
on the field

+/- 150 projects in 2021-2027
divided into 4 missions



GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

Amplify results
of each mission

8 projects (2/each mission)



**1 thematic community
project** animates each
mission.



**1 institutional dialogue
project** turns each
mission's results into
policy-making.

Coordinate with

**MEDITERRANEAN
AND EUROPEAN
STAKEHOLDERS**



Programmes: Interreg
& more



Strategies and Initiatives



European Commission

88 ongoing Thematic projects

Innovative Sustainable economy



CALL02
2B-Blue
AZA4ICE
BLUE ECOSYSTEM
CARBON FARMING
MED
CircleMED
Clepsydra
eWAsTER
GREENSMARTMED
OliveOilMedNet
ProcuraMED
REPPER
REVIVE
SPOWIND
VERDEinMED

CALL04
AquaBioNets
BIOSTARS
CirBioWaste
SOLE MED
Reconnect

CALL05
EcoMedIslands
IDRON
SHARE-MedWATER
Watervill

Natural heritage



CALL02
ARTEMIS
CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY
COASTRUST
FRED
Germ of Life
GreenList4MMPAs
LocAll4Flood
MedSeaRise
MPA4Change
StrategyMedFor
TREASURE
WE GO COOP
Wetland4Change

CALL04
INCORE-MED
MIRAMAR
RENFORCE

CALL05
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Green Living Areas



CALL02
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

CALL04
Green B-LEAF
HEATSAFE
RE-ACT Schools
RealUrbanGreen
UrbanGreenLeap

CALL05
MED H2

Sustainable Tourism



CALL02
COOL NOONS
HERIT ADAPT
LIBECCIO
MAST
MedDiet Go
MED-GIAHS
MED-Routes
NaTour4CChange
SMITour
TOURISMO

CALL05
Loop Zone
WATERISE

CALL04
AQUAMAN
DarkSkyTour
ECO-SEAROUTES
GreenSET
INSPIRE
MED4REGEN
PortCREW
RECIRCLE MED
Regenera4MED
TO CARE MED

MED Talks

3rd Edition - 16.12.2025, online

Co-organised by:

Interreg Euro-MED Programme & Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
With the participation of Interreg NEXT MED

Objectives

- Foster dialogue and exchange between both shores of the Mediterranean
- Share solutions and successful practices among key Mediterranean stakeholders
- Capitalise on results from Interreg Euro-MED labelled projects

Agenda Highlights

- Present key achievements and 2026 Agendas
- Explore opportunities for Euro-Mediterranean partners
- Breakout Rooms for thematic discussions
- Deep-dive exchanges to foster synergies and collaboration



[Register](#)

[Draft agenda](#)

❑ **BlueMissionMed Lighthouse final event at ECOMONDO 2025**

Impacting together. Promoting cross fertilisation between Interreg and the Mission Ocean and Waters (Horizon Europe)

[SAVE THE DATE - Impacting together. Promoting cross fertilisation between Interreg and the Mission Ocean and Waters - Interreg Euro-MED : Innovative Sustainable Economy](#)

5 November, from 10.00 to 11.30, Rimini (Italy) Expo center

❑ **EWRC Close to you Webinar**

Stay by Choice, Not by Chance: Unlocking smart and green solutions for thriving Mediterranean Communities and Territories (all Interreg Euro-MED missions)

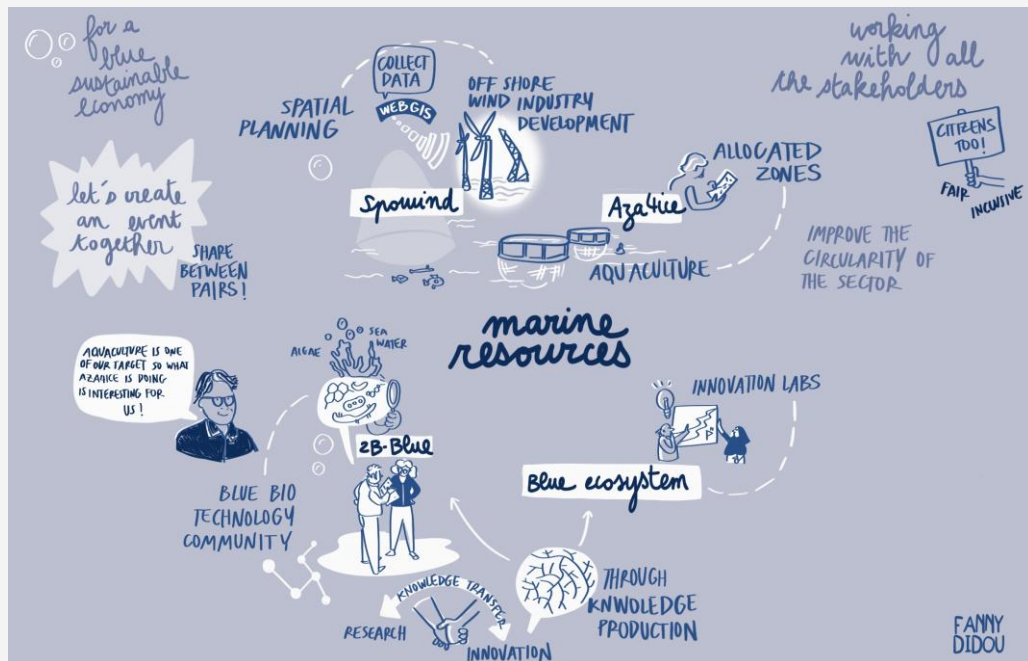
<https://regions-and-cities.europa.eu/programme/2025/side-events/54965>

27 November, online, from 10.00 to 11.30



MEET OUR PROJECTS

6 Thematic Projects under the ISE Mission tackle Sustainable Blue Economy



We are currently **231 connected partners from 18 countries** with a well representation of the 4-ple helix to strengthening Innovative Sustainable Economy in the Mediterranean. The ISE CoP comprises **85** public authorities, **56** academia and research organizations, **44** private sector stakeholders, and **42** partners representing civil society and NGOs.

COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE INTERACTIVE MAP

EXPLORE THE CATALOGUE

PROJECT*	SOLUTIONS
SPOWIND Call 02 Study 2024-2025	WebGIS tool addressing offshore wind energy potential and marine spatial planning. Maritime datahub for sustainable energy production.
2B-BLUE Call 02 Test 2024-2026	Blue Biotechnology Hubs facilitating collaboration, know-how transfer and innovation in different value chains called Demonstration Sites (i.e., Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture systems for by-products valorisation, remediation of sediments and improve water quality (also with macroalgae cultivation in ports); SMEs support in different markets such as biomedical and cosmetic sectors .
AZA4ICE Call 02 Test 2024-2026	Implementation of Allocated Zones for Circular Aquaculture (C-AZA) and creation of Living Responsible Research and Innovation Ecosystems (LiRRIEs) ensuring co-created strategies for sustainable aquaculture development and Action Plans within regional S3.
BLUE ECOSYSTEM Call 02 Test 2024-2026	Regional accelerator laboratories called TRAIN Labs to support the adoption and scaling up of transformative solutions (i.e., technological, social, financial, and governance) to the identified challenges (e.g., implementation of bioeconomy, ecosystem restoration, renewable energy, biobased materials, carbon neutral transport and logistics, public health through biotechnology, and eco-tourism)
AQUABIONETS Call 04 Transfer 2025-2027	Promoting biodegradable and bio-based aquaculture nets technologies . ENV: decompose faster reducing pollution, ghost fishing and harm to marine life. ECO: training SMEs and market competitiveness. SOC: tailored to local needs. GOV: living lab approach.
RECONNECT Call 04 Test 2025-2027	Promoting industrial symbiosis in the blue economy craft sector . Boost the recovery and reuse of waste from fisheries and aquaculture to recover residues into high-value bio-based ingredients. Wider understanding of social practices and make circularity achievable beyond the industrial dimension.

*None from Call 05 Strategic Territorial 2025-2027

A joint
White Paper
is coming

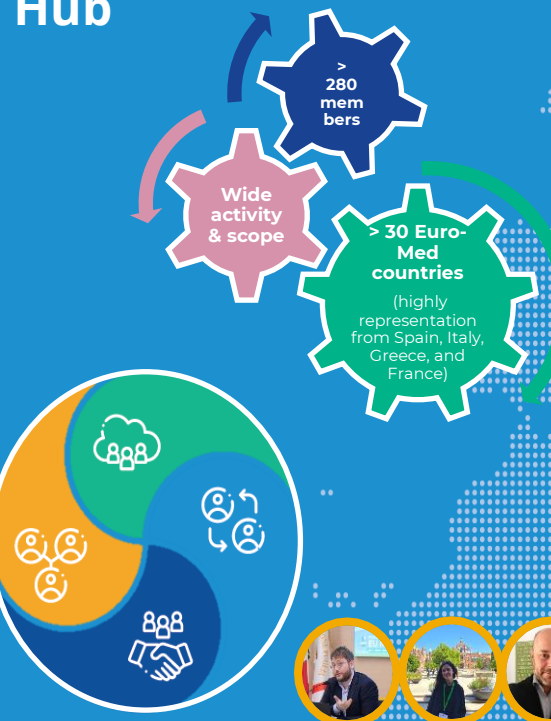


REPLICATE SOLUTIONS

Innovative Sustainable Economy Community Hub



Blue Economy niches



Executive Group



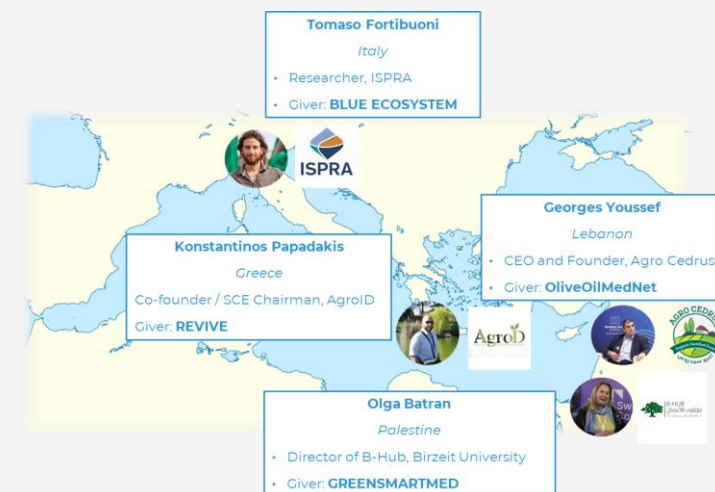
Mentoring and Twinning Programme

This programme connects committed **stakeholders from across the Mediterranean-referred to as *takers***-with experts and project teams from the **ISE Mission's Thematic Projects-the *givers***. Through online and in-person exchanges, takers receive practical, tailored support to adapt and implement proven innovative solutions in their local contexts. Overall, this process is positioned to strengthen capacities, **encourage North-South collaboration**, and to promote **peer-to-peer knowledge exchange-turning ideas into real, impactful action**.

Express your interest!



Become a member!





HOW TO COLLABORATE

Title	Datetime	Place	Description
3rd ISEC Innovation Camp*	23-24 October	Olhão, Algarve (PT) 2 whole days	Capacity-building on Transformative Innovation Policy. Selected TPs participation required. 3 ISEC Hub members invited. https://innovative-sustainable-economy.interreg-euro-med.eu/events/third-isec-innovation-camp/
4 th ISE CoP gathering & capacity building for TPs	29 October	Online From 10 to 13h	On-line annual gathering with representatives from all TPs. Upon invitation only.
2nd MED Innovation Summit*	6 November	Barcelona From 14 to 17h	A session within Smart City Expo World Congress. https://innovative-sustainable-economy.interreg-euro-med.eu/events/reweaving-circular-governance-in-the-mediterranean/
Capacity building for takers	Tbc December	Online tbc	Business Modelling and Investment Readiness for Circular Economy Projects – Good Practices.

****Subjected to MED Innovation Contest (i.e., Open Call for participation covering your travelling)***

****Terms of References will follow if you are an ISEC Hub member***





Thematic Projects



ARTEMIS

[Website](#) [Poster](#)



Wetland4Change

[Website](#) [Poster](#)



TREASURE

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MIRAMAR

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Thematic projects' results

Thematic Project	TP description	TP-specific solutions	Solution description
Wetland4Change	Wetland conservation and restoration solutions for climate change adaptation and mitigation by improving carbon sequestration and flood regulation.	- Two wetland-based solutions for carbon sequestration and flood regulation are planned to be tested and validated in the 5 pilot sites. - Dynamic user-oriented transfer plan, powered by science-based knowledge; this plan will be closely related to the long-term possibility of cross-border cooperation. - EuroMED Wetland knowledge base/ geoportal (new knowledge on wetland location, extent, condition, and ecosystem services). - Experimental transnational hub for wetland climate solutions.	Developing and implementing wetland conservation and restoration actions as solutions to improve carbon sequestration and flood regulation capacities of the targeted territories.
TREASURE	Improve environmental quality in and around Mediterranean port areas, by mitigating and reducing sediment and water pollution.	-cross-sector and crosscutting GOVERNANCE frameworks -MONITORING framework -commercialisation support and roll-out of NOVEL TECHNIQUES to remediate polluted sediments and water	Integrated and innovative monitoring approach for preservation the land-sea ecosystem and techniques for the remediation of degraded and polluted port areas.
ARTEMIS	Accelerating the restoration of Posidonia oceanica seagrass meadows in the Euro-MED region.	- Implementing innovative restoration protocols -Restoration toolbox: open knowledge platform with updated tools, methodologies, best practices for seagrass restoration and ecosystem service enhancement. -Actionable transnational framework for seagrass ecosystem service valuation and storytelling: guidelines and key messages - Cookbook for Seagrass Payment for Ecosystem Service Scheme - Designing the roadmap for corporate integration of seagrass ecosystem services.	Innovative restoration protocols and integrating ecosystem service values into financial and policy frameworks.



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Clustering activities

‘Adoption to climate change in coastal areas’ cluster



Clusters tackle the need for more specific dynamics. In the clustering activities we add specific effort to aid and amplify the transfer processes by clustering interested stakeholders with the aim of answering the concrete needs of the community.

The ‘Adoption to climate change in coastal areas’ cluster aims to:

- Focus on the pilot areas managed by participating TPs as an anchorage for designing the goal of the cluster.
- Co-create a narrative identifying common and specific challenges, pinning down most important bottlenecks for the TP results to be impactful in each pilot area.
- Establish a concrete goal and objective relevant to strengthen the transference strategy of all participating projects.



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Launch of policy recommendations



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Mission for Natural Heritage (M4N)

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Supporting the implementation of Target 2 of the Global Biodiversity Framework and the Nature Restoration Regulation in the Mediterranean

Version 31/01/25

Key messages

- 1 **Emphasise the precautionary principle to halt further degradation.** Conservation must take precedence to prevent further loss of biodiversity and degradation of ecosystems. This principle aligns with the EU NRR's non-deterioration clause.
- 2 **Prioritize passive restoration in marine environments.** Reducing pressures such as overfishing and pollution and addressing the root causes of degradation will allow most ecosystems to recover naturally. Active restoration should only be pursued when other approaches prove insufficient, as it is often less cost-effective, overestimated in its effectiveness and scalability and limited by knowledge gaps. Prioritizing passive restoration is both a pragmatic and ecologically sound approach.
- 3 **Promote Nature-based Solutions (NbS).** NbS should be at the heart of restoration strategies: they are cost-effective, respect ecological processes and minimize human intervention.
- 4 **Increase public awareness to build support.** This is particularly important for communities whose livelihoods might be impacted, ensuring they see restoration as an opportunity rather than a threat.
- 5 **Unlock the potential of innovative funding mechanisms.** Payments for ecosystem services, carbon credits, conservation contracts and debt restructuring, among others, can help mobilize adequate funding for restoration projects.
- 6 **Align restoration plans with climate mitigation and adaptation goals.** Restoring wetlands, seagrass meadows and other coastal and marine habitats provides critical ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration, flood regulation and disaster risk reduction, contributing to both biodiversity and climate resilience.
- 7 **Foster collaborative governance to overcome institutional and stakeholder fragmentation.** Multi-level governance that engages local, regional and national actors is essential to build trust and align stakeholders. Strengthening sub-national and local capacity is urgently needed, as many authorities and stakeholders lack the resources and expertise required to implement restoration projects effectively.



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POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON MARINE RESTORATION

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- 5 **Unlock the potential of *innovative funding mechanisms***
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Find more about
our Policy
Recommendations here:



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Thematic Projects

There are Thematic projects under the Green Living Areas mission working **partially** on sustainable blue economy, namely:

RENEWPORT



Status : CURRENT

Type : Test project (Thematic Project)

Crna Gora, Elláda, España, France, Hrvatska, Italia, Shqipëria, Slovenija

[Website](#)

CO2 PACMAN



Status : CURRENT

Type : Test project (Thematic Project)

Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Elláda, España, Hrvatska, Italia, Kýpros

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EnerCmed



Status : CURRENT

Type : Test project (Thematic Project)

Elláda, España, Hrvatska, Italia, Kýpros

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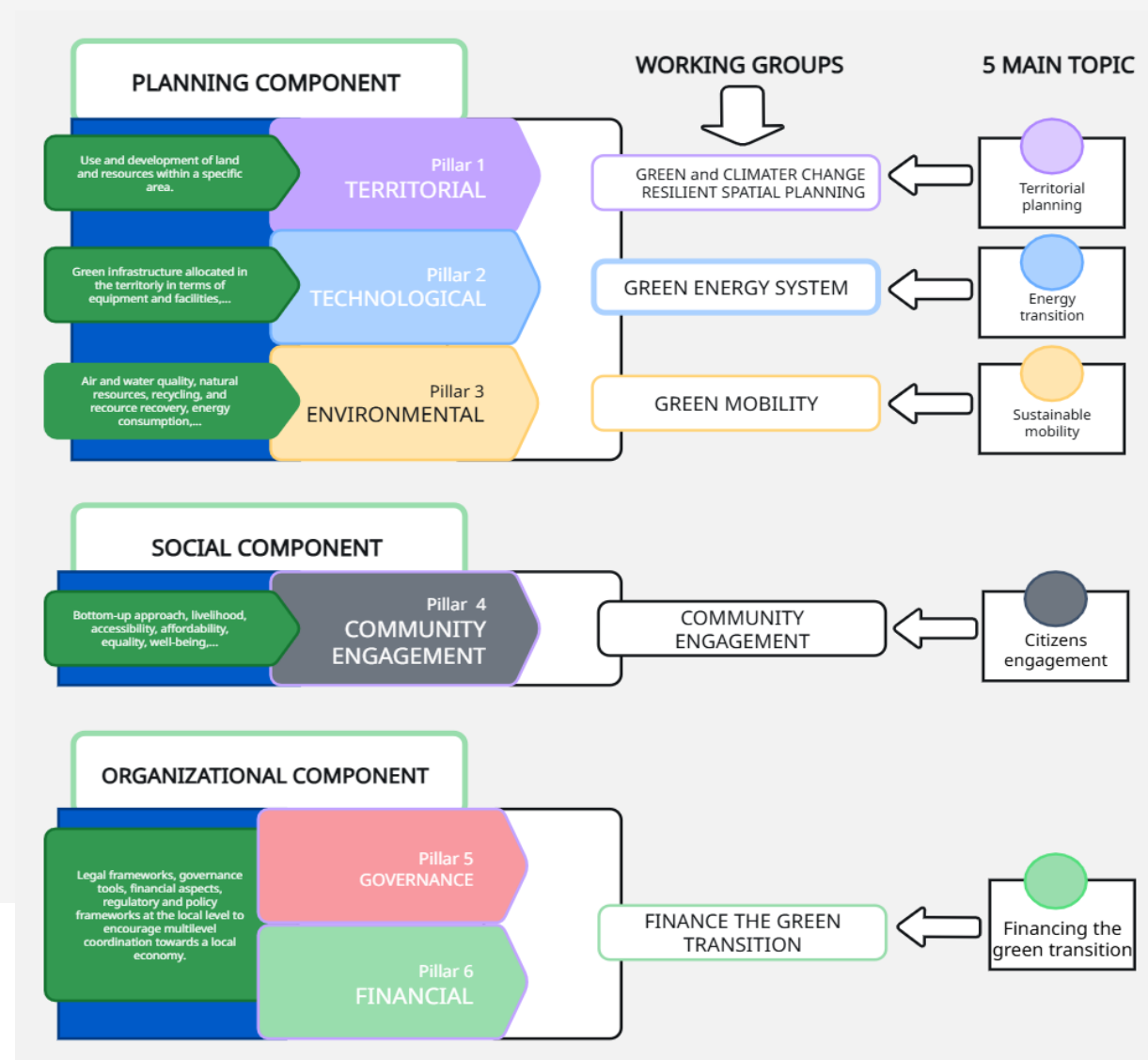
Thematic Project	Project description	TP specific solution
RENEWPORT	RENEWPORT aims to tackle this issue by supporting the clean energy transition of MED ports, turning them from emitters of pollutants and greenhouse gasses to clean energy hubs by exploiting the untapped potential of renewable energy sources (RES). RENEWPORT aims to facilitate the clean energy transition of MED ports by exploiting the untapped potential of renewable energy sources, reducing CO2 emissions, improving air quality in urban areas and increasing energy security. Through RENEWPORT, policymakers will be endowed with new solutions supporting them to fight climate change reaching energy goals and carbon neutrality and citizens will benefit from cleaner air, MED territories becoming greener living areas	• RENEWPORT RES toolkit for MED ports • Tool for ports as clean energy hubs
CO2 PACMAN	CO2 PACMAN is fostering Mediterranean islands transition to climate neutrality. The project targets three islands currently dependent on fossil fuels, with limited infrastructure, services, and economic diversity. The project offers multi-purpose solutions for CO2 reduction, addressing a wide range of sectors including energy, buildings, mobility, water and waste management, and tourism. The project's inclusive and engaging approach mobilises public authorities, citizens, and stakeholders in co-creating transition scenarios.	• CO2 Pacman datasets and tool • Citizen survey, Youth Think report, Financing the transition: • Pilot islands transition roadmaps
EnerCmed	Testing energy-community & climateresilient integrated paradigm for carbon neutrality and energy poverty shielding in MED city-port hinterlands. By focusing on Renewable Energy Communities (REC), EnerCmed aims to provide a sustainable and inclusive solution that not only supplies affordable and clean energy but also involves the community in the energy transition process.	• Portfolio of small-scale nature-based solutions • Guidelines and methodology on how to evaluate coupled REC and NBS in port hinterland & cities • Orientation paper tackling structural nodes to LAR delineates goals to scale REC, plan activity, and allocate resources for policy reform



ETU MODEL as a main transferability tool of solutions from TP.

The **ETU model** is defined as a **governance model** to support the urban, rural and islands territorials using **green transition strategies** as a starting point

- The ETU model aims **to support local entities** to organize the complex's interaction around different plans (SECAP, SUMP, URBAN/RURAL plans....) and policies in a more integrated way.
- It is complementary to existing **green development schemes**, with the objective of providing **simplified and effective use of tools, practice developed from thematic projects** and co-participation of civil society initiatives.





Thematic Projects



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

ECO-SEAROUTES

Status : CURRENT

Type : Test project (Thematic Project)

Crna Gora, Elláda, España, France, Italia, Kýpros, Slovenija

[Website](#)



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

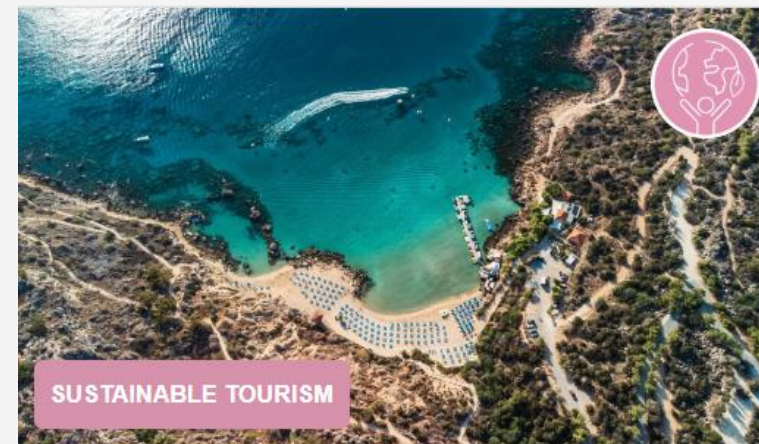
PortCREW

Status : CURRENT

Type : Test project (Thematic Project)

Elláda, España, France, Italia, Slovenija

[Website](#)



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

RECIRCLE MED

Status : CURRENT

Type : Transfer project (Thematic Project)

Bulgaria, Crna Gora, Elláda, España, Italia, Malta, Severna Makedonija

[Website](#)





Mission Sustainable Tourism

Ready-to-use Resources

- **Meet the [projects of the Sustainable Tourism Mission](#):** A Community of 22 projects working for the Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean
- **[Join the MED](#):** The knowledge HUB for the Sustainable Tourism in the Mediterranean. Join the Med and MedBESP have been integrated ([link1](#), [link2](#))
- **[The Network of Sustainable Tourism Observatories \(NSTO Hub\)](#):** Actors in the MED sharing data and tools.
- **[White Paper](#) on Sustainable Tourism Governance in the Euro-MED area.** Tourism & climate adaptation
- **[Blueprint](#) for Tourism Climate Action Plans.** A key tool for guiding destinations through climate action.





Mission Sustainable Tourism

Opportunities for collaboration

- **3rd Joint Annual Forum *Circular economy for tourism: Advancing in collaboration across the enlarged Mediterranean Region*** Capacity building & Policy integration. Varna, Bulgaria. 18 November.
- **Sun&Blue Congress.** Almería, Spain. 19 & 20 November. Projects of the Community will present their results.
- **III MED Sustainable Tourism Convention,** 18&19 June 2026 in Barcelona.
- **MED Clusters meetings:** Working groups with the thematic projects to boost the transferrability of the results (open to external stakeholders to test solutions).



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Making the **Mediterranean** **Green Transition** happen