

Maritime Cooperation in the Western Mediterranean



The WestMED Initiative

8 years on....

Boosting the sustainable blue economy

Since its launch eight years ago, the Western Mediterranean Sustainable Blue Economy Initiative (WestMED) has been fostering connections between Southern Europe and Northern Africa to strengthen regional cooperation.

Bringing together 10 countries, based on the 5+5 UfM dialogue, the Initiative supports blue project development by providing technical guidance on funding opportunities and connecting potential partners across the sea basin.

These countries - Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Spain, Portugal, and Tunisia- are committed to good governance and advancing sustainable blue growth, job creation, and innovation.

[The WestMED Initiative](#) is guided by a steering committee comprising all member countries and the European Commission. It features annual North-South rotating co-presidencies. Mauritania and Portugal held the role in 2024, Portugal and Tunisia in 2025, and Tunisia and Spain in 2026.

For its day-to-day operations, the WestMED is supported by an Assistance Mechanism funded by the European Commission, with a National Hub in each member country staffed by blue economy experts.

Over the past 8 years, the Assistance Mechanism supported 216 innovative project ideas that were submitted to funding calls. Of these, 68 secured funding, generating over €115 million in investments to strengthen the sustainable blue economy - with partnerships formed that extend well beyond the region.

The Initiative also facilitates stakeholder dialogue through Technical Groups on [Green Shipping & Ports](#), [Sustainable Aquaculture](#) (AquaWest), and [Maritime Cluster Development](#). A [Sustainable Tourism](#) group was added in 2024, and a Blue Skills group is set to launch in 2026.

Next to this, the Initiative provides active support to the [MSP-MED Community of Practice](#) that was launched in 2023 to improve cross-border dialogue amongst Maritime Spatial Planning practitioners.

WestMED actively cooperates with the [Union for the Mediterranean](#) (UfM) and other regional initiatives, such as [Interreg Euro-MED](#), [Interreg NEXT MED](#), the [Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership](#), the [S3 Smart specialisation Strategy](#), [Blue Mission Med](#) and the [Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions](#) (CPMR), to enhance synergies across the Western Mediterranean.

Through this cooperation WestMED aligns blue economy projects with broader regional policies, facilitates cross-border collaboration, and shares expertise and best practices, strengthening sustainable growth, innovation, and stakeholder engagement across the sea basin.

As other sea basins face similar challenges and opportunities, WestMED's Assistance Mechanism joined forces in 2022 with the Assistance Mechanisms from the other two European Sea Basin Strategies: the [Atlantic Maritime Strategy](#) and the [Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea](#) - leading to joint events, knowledge exchange, and policy recommendations for more impact and efficiency.

In 2023, the Greater North Sea Basin Initiative joined the family of European Sea Basin Strategies, and ways are explored to further expand synergies.

Looking ahead, the Initiative will continue strengthening cooperation to advance a sustainable blue economy benefiting people and nature, now and for future generations.

10 National Hubs



Objectives

3 Goals



A safer and more secure maritime space



A smart and resilient blue economy



Improved maritime governance

6 Priorities



Maritime safety and the fight against marine pollution



Maritime Cluster development



Skills Development and Circulation



Sustainable Consumption and Production



Biodiversity and Marine Habitat conservation and restoration



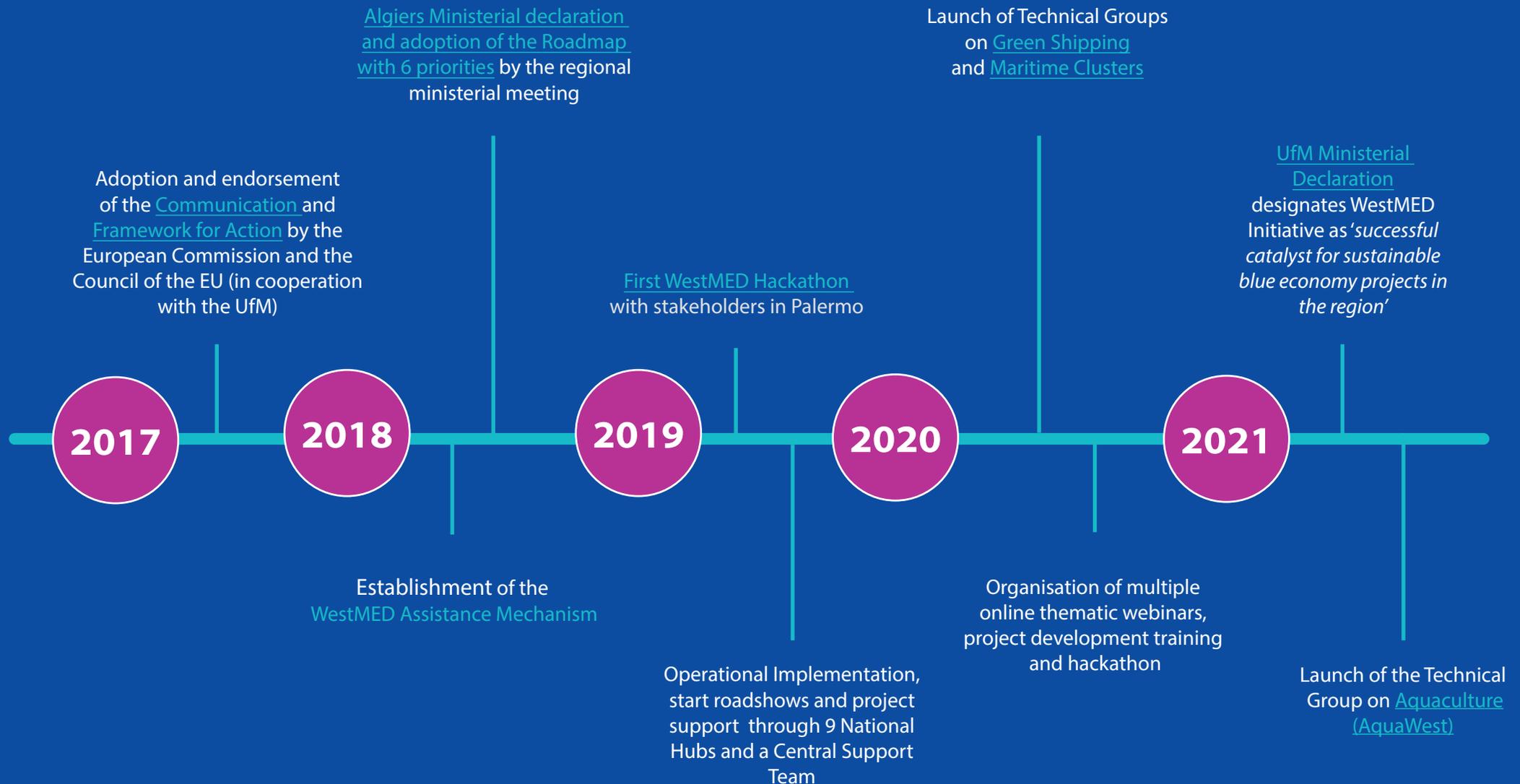
Development of Coastal Communities, Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture



Priorities Streamlined with the 2023 WestMED Ministerial Declaration, adding

- Decarbonisation of the Blue Economy, and importantly boosting the Marine Renewable Energy Sectors
- Stepping up efforts to tackle air and marine pollution
- Increasing ambition for preserving marine and coastal biodiversity in the Mediterranean
- Promote training and technology transfer
- Developing coastal resilience solutions and early warning systems
- Maritime security and surveillance as a pre-condition for a prosperous and sustainable blue economy in the Mediterranean

Timeline



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WestMED Stakeholder Conference in Rome, incl. 1st edition of the WestMED project awards

WestMED 'In my country' Hackathon in Malta

2022

Establishment of one Assistance Mechanism for three EU Sea basins (Atlantic, Black Sea and WestMED)

Launch of the Mediterranean MSP Community of Practice

Ministerial Declaration (Malta) back-to-back with WestMED Stakeholder Conference, incl. 2nd edition of the WestMED project awards

2023

Start of the WestMED National Hub Libya

WestMED Hackathon in Algarve

2024

Launch of Sustainable Tourism Technical Group at the Sun&Blue Congress

WestMED Conference in Tunis, incl. 3rd edition of the WestMED project awards

2025

Green light for the Technical Group on Blue Skills

2024-2025 highlights

Stakeholder engagement/ major events

In addition to the two flagship WestMED stakeholder events - the Hackathon in Algarve (2024) and the Conference in Tunis (2025), each attracting around 150 participants - the WestMED Initiative has become a regular presence at major international maritime exhibitions, including [Euromaritime \(Marseille\)](#), [Sea Future \(La Spezia\)](#), the [Sun&Blue Congress \(Almería\)](#), and [Salon Halieutis \(Agadir\)](#).

At each of these exhibitions, a workshop was provided for visitors, together with local experts, to promote the sustainable blue economy and the services offered by the Assistance Mechanism.

The Assistance Mechanism has also been represented at the [UNOC 3](#), the [European Maritime Day](#) and the [macro-regional and Sea basin Strategies Days](#) for enhanced cross-regional cooperation, policy alignment, visibility, and strategic partnerships across sea basins.

Widening cross-sea basin outreach

Projects supported by the WestMED Assistance Mechanism extend well beyond the 10 participating Western Mediterranean countries. With partners from 28 other EU and non-EU countries, all EU sea basins are represented.

One of the major achievements in this respect is an initiative that was born in WestMED's Technical Group on Green Shipping: [the Shipbuilding Alternative Fuels Propulsion Systems Alliance](#) with 26 partners from across the Mediterranean, Atlantic and Black Sea, aiming to advance innovative, sustainable ship propulsion and alternative fuels through smart specialization and interregional collaboration.

WestMED Project awards

Every 2 years the WestMED Project Awards are organised to honour and showcase innovative projects. 2025 marked its 3rd edition, with five awarded projects, carefully selected from 71 submissions. The winners were [Bluepsol](#), [BCTHubs](#), [YEP MED](#), [MPA4Change](#) and [CallmeBlue](#). Apart from a trophy, each of them received extra visibility through the WestMED channels with a [WestMED Success Story](#) and a dedicated coaching session focused on scaling up their work.

Major EU Policy developments

The 2025 launch of the [EU Ocean Pact](#) alongside the [Pact for the Mediterranean](#) marks a major step toward a more coherent EU approach to ocean governance and sustainable development.

These frameworks reinforce the EU's commitment to a healthy ocean, a resilient-blue economy, and stronger regional cooperation. In this context, the role of the WestMED Initiative is further strengthened as a platform for translating political-commitments into concrete action in the Western Mediterranean.

Media coverage

The WestMED Assistance Mechanism has been prominently featured in numerous radio and television shows to talk about their work, mostly connected to major events that they helped organise - click below to watch some of these appearances that resulted in a significant outreach to the general public.



WestMED Projects Supported

216

Projects supported by the WestMED Assistance Mechanism

68

WestMED supported project proposals approved for funding

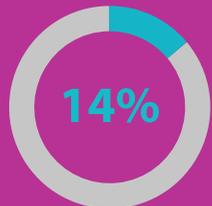
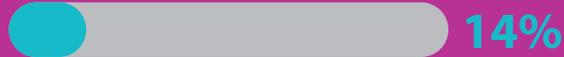


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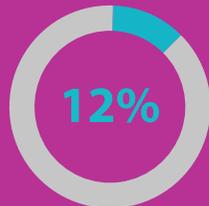
worth of investments in the Sustainable Blue economy

Approved and funded projects/ Breakdown by WestMED Goals & Priorities

A safer and more secure maritime space

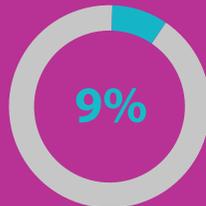


Maritime Safety and fight against marine-pollution

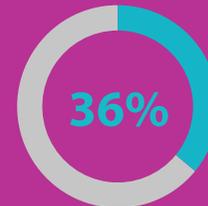


Maritime Cluster Development

A smart and resilient blue economy

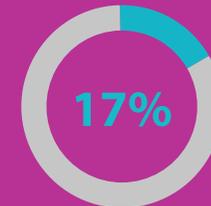
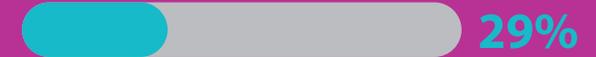


Skills Development and Circulation

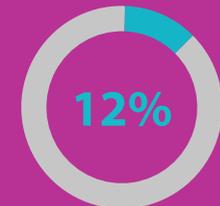


Sustainable Consumption and Production (incl. green shipping and tourism)

Improved maritime governance



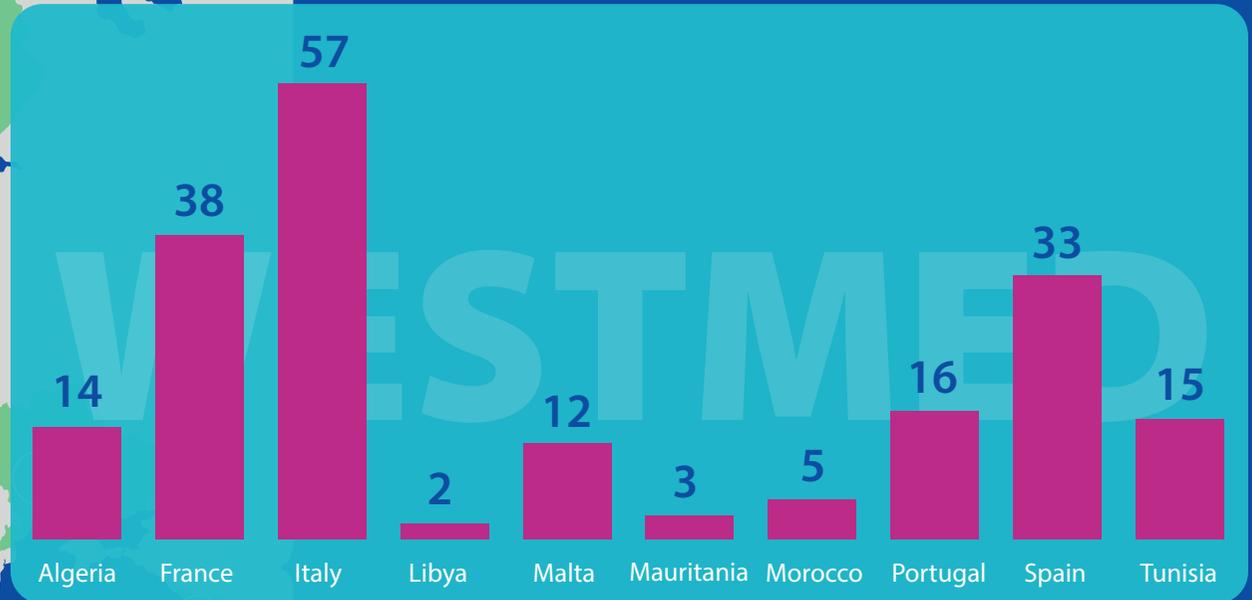
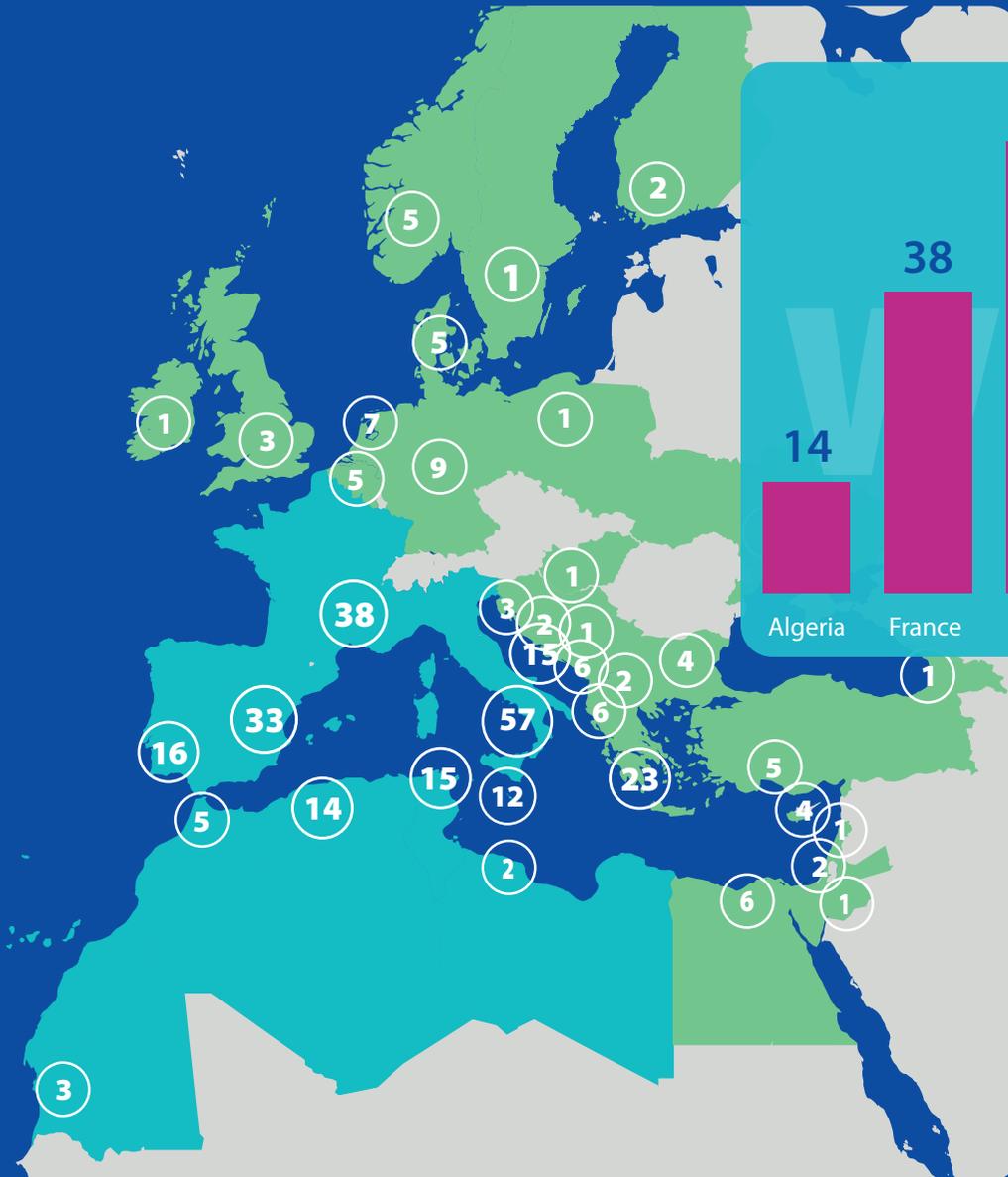
Biodiversity, Marine Habitat conservation and restoration (incl MSP)



Development of Coastal Communities and Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture

WestMED supported and funded projects

involvement per country



28

28 non-WestMED countries participate(d) in the project consortia that were successfully supported by the WestMED Assistance Mechanism to access funding.

Greece (participating in 23 projects) and Croatia (15 projects) benefited most.

Followed by Germany (9 projects), and The Netherlands (7 projects).

Some other results



Approx **50** / yr WestMED branded events – incl. Stakeholder conferences, Hackathons and Ministerial meetings - plus workshops with WestMED experts as hosts, guest speakers or panelists



4 countries directly supported with their national maritime and blue economy strategy (Algeria, Italy, Tunisia, Libya)



2 National maritime clusters created with the support of WestMED - in Mauritania and Libya - with others being developed in Southern partner countries



4.900+ posts related to news, (funding) calls, inspirational projects, and events on the website and social media



17.3K views on YouTube **1.900+** followers on X **29.400** website visits/ yr (2025)

WestMED supported and funded projects

Project	Description	Topic	Countries	Funding Source	Total (€) Budget
REBOOT MED	Recovering, Experiencing and Boosting eco-tourism in the WestMED area	Tourism	FR IT TU ES MA MR MT	EMFAF	1.249.225
Community-4Innovation (MEDISEC)	This project aims to strengthen innovative sustainable economy (ISE) in the Mediterranean region by developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities for the uptake of technologies in order to support the transition to a circular economy and consolidate a competitive innovation ecosystem with the 4-helix stakeholders.	Innovation	FR ES IT BA BE BG	INTERREG EUROMED	4.999.827
National project*	Construction of floating cages for aquaculture	Aquaculture	DZ	Programmes Nationaux de Recherche (PNR)	36.084
National project*	Construction of a ROV (Remotely Operated Underwater Vehicle)	Innovation	DZ	Programmes Nationaux de Recherche (PNR)	36.084
Study on mussels	Investigation of potential sources of contamination affecting the safety of mussels from Cultmare Shellfish Farm	Citizen health	DZ	Programmes Nationaux de Recherche (PNR)	36.084
DZAquaFarm	Multi-stakeholder platform for sustainable aquaculture in Algeria	Aquaculture	DZ	Programmes Nationaux de Recherche (PNR)	36.084
TOUMALI	TouMaLi stands for preventing Tourism Marine Litter. It aims to develop and establish sustainable solutions for waste management in the tourism sector in North Africa to protect marine ecosystems, leading to economic, but also fundamental health, environmental and social improvements.	Marine litter	MA TU EG DE	Germany Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety	4.232.000
Green & Blue Route Plan	The Green & Blue Route Plan project responds to this program by offering support to companies in the maritime sector by helping them reduce their environmental impact. In particular, the project is aimed at micro, small and medium-sized enterprises in the boat rental and/or charter sector, located in the territories of Liguria, Sardinia, Tuscany and the French Riviera.	Green shipping	IT FR	INTERREG ITA-FRA Maritime	587.000
MARMED	MARitime Cluster Manager Education Development. To promote competitive profiles for Marine and Maritime Clusters across Europe and, specifically in the Mediterranean Area, through the development and implementation of Cluster Management Educational Programs and training	Clusters	IT MT GR PT TN	Erasmus+	400.000

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LEVIATAD	The LEVIATAD Project aims at creating the 1st Eurocluster of Excellence on Naval Defense	Defence	IT FR HR BE	COSME	1.392.000
Sistina	Providing the business tourism system with a complete set of tools and to carry out innovative and highly integrated promotional actions that will make the most of the attractive resources of the cross-border area. The project aims at the integrated diversification and the innovative promotion of the tourist offer.	Tourism	FR IT	INTERREG ITALY- FRANCE	937.744
FSC*	Joint research activity.	Blue Biotechnology	FR IT	PON RICERCHE	45.000
LIFE4MEDECA	Reduction of emissions within the ECA MED area.	Green Shipping	IT ES DK IL DE FR NL	LIFE 2021	1.637.000
CO2NTROL	Collaborative platform for shipping container operations to take control of CO2 emissions by route optimisation.	Green shipping	FR	EMFF	3.730.000
MedBAN	The main MedBAN objective is to work as a one-stop-shop that will mobilize blue economy SMEs to adopt processes and technologies to reinforce their «twin transition transformation» into a more resilient, greener and digitalized economy in the Blue Economy (open strand), with the aim of reinforcing EU's strategic autonomy and resilience in several blue sectors (seafood, energy, transport, tourism, technology in general). MedBAN will also establish a network (beyond the Eurocluster) between Mediterranean clusters and other stakeholders that could contribute to a more sustainable Mediterranean (and EU) blue economy.	Clusters	FR ES IT PT, EL DZ TN	COSME	1.399.384
ELBE ALLIANCE	Cluster cooperation in Marine Renewable Energies	Clusters	FR ES	COSME	1.438.861
ARIBiotech	The objective of the project is to use waste found in the marine environment to produce new products using blue biotechnology (Alliance de Recherche et d'Innovation en Biotechnologie bleue pour la valorisation des déchets marins).	Blue biotechnology	IT TU	ENI-CT Italie-Tu- nisie	1.424.058
B-BLUE	Building the blue biotechnology community in the Mediterranean. Coordinated Capacity Building in Blue bioeconomy Subfields- Fish health-Food Safety and quality	Blue biotechnology	IT GR ES FR SL HR ME TU	Interreg MED	1.500.000
FIUUERA	Training for coastguard by EFCA. This was followed up by e-Fishmed; an EFCA managed project (included in the EMFAF Work Programme 2021), to set up a virtual academy on inspection and control for fisheries in the WestMed.	Coast guard training	MA MR DZ TN LY ES FR PT MT IT	EMFF	150.000
DigiCirc	European cluster-led accelerator for digitisation of the circular economy across key emerging sectors.	Circular economy	FR FI MT IT UK IT PT EL UK NL RS	Horizon 2020	3.755.000
GROOM II	The project will define the overall organization of an infrastructure (EU Center of excellence in robotics) dedicated to ocean research and innovation, and maritime services supporting Blue Growth.	Innovation	FR ES PT	H2020	3.075.000
BlueCon- nect2	Development of a cascade funding scheme for SMEs developing innovative solutions for ports.	Ports	FR ES	INTERREG ITALY- FRANCE	522.000

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GALATEA	Development of new cross-sectoral and cross-border industrial value-chains, supporting in particular innovative SMEs and facilitated by clusters, to foster the development of Blue Growth key industries in Europe to be competitive at the global level.	SMEs & Clusters	FR ES	H2020	3.671.000
NewTech-Aqua	Expanding and diversifying European and Mediterranean aquaculture production of fin-fish, molluscs and micro-algae by developing and validating technologically-advanced, resilient and sustainable applications. A substantial involvement of the industry is essential for the project.	Aquaculture	IT ES GR NO HR UK FR BE CY	H2020	6.724.000
Psamides	Optimize ports operation and marina management by implementing innovative tools.	Ports	FR ES GR ME HR	INTERREG MED	2.859.330
BLUEfasma	BLUEfasma integrates and implements Circular Economy principles in two key blue growth sectors: fishing/aquaculture & coastal/maritime tourism to benefit MED insular, island and coastal areas in a novel, innovative manner.	Circular economy	MT GR CY HR MTN	INTERREG MED	2.812.000
Blue RoSES	Developing innovative services that seek to adapt marinas and leisure boat design to changing customer demand. By integrating robotics and IoT, these new services will result in creating job opportunities and new business models. Customers will be enabled to visit underwater sites by piloting a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) from a leisure boat, ground control room or web app.	Tourism	IT ES GR PT	EMFF	1.043.000
DestiMED Plus	DestiMED Plus aims to promote integrated planning on coastal tourism, where regional policymakers apply holistic policies that link tourism with conservation by putting in practice a concrete ICZM approach for ecotourism products in Med Protected Areas.	Tourism	IT ES FR HR GR AL TN MA US	INTERREG MED	3.076.000
WIN-BIG	WIN-BIG develops female- and basin-tailored capacity-building to increase the participation and representation of women across EU geographies and BE sectors and work towards a gender balanced Blue Economy.	Fisheries	IT IE NL BE NO GE ES	EMFAF	1.467.788
2B-BLUE	2B-BLUE aims to capitalize on B-Blue positive results to: 1) Exemplify evidence-based best practices identified to help communities turn BbT research into practice, 2)Build national demonstration sites (DS) to experiment emerging technologies or practices in local field conditions and bridge the gap among BbT research and industry for new technologies adaptation while help improve marine environment, 3) Establish strategic alliances of 5-helix stakeholders for the uptake of advanced blue biotechnologies by Med industries and 4)improve regional policies for enhancing sustainability, research and innovation capacities in Euro-Med area.	Blue biotechnology	FR ES IT GR SL	INTERREG EURO MED	2.411.643
AZA4ICE	The aim of the project is to promote the transition to a circular and efficient economy in the aquaculture sector.	Aquaculture	GR IT ES FR HR PT BG ME	INTERREG EURO MED	2.962.186
BLUE ECO-SYSTEM	BLUE ECOSYSTEM will test innovative methodologies focused on supporting territory-making processes through knowledge production in the blue sustainable economy, building on existing experiences achieved thanks to previous MED projects (MISTRAL, Blue Blo MED and B-BLUE).	Research and Innovation	IT FR GR PT HR ES AL CY	INTERREG EURO MED	2.978.115

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<u>TREASURE</u>	TREASURE's overall objective is to improve environmental quality in and around Mediterranean port areas, by mitigating and reducing sediment and water pollution.	Marime transport (port connectivity & accessibility)	IT ME ES AL FR MT GR	INTERREG EURO MED	2.501.581
Research programme on blue crabs*	The main objective of this research programme is to set up a coordinated science-based framework for the sustainable management of blue crab fisheries, taking into account both economic and environmental objectives.	Fisheries	DZ HR CY EG FR GR IT ME MA SL ES TN TR AL	GFCM	390.000
<u>ECO-CRUISE-ING FU TOUR</u>	The ECO-CRUISE_FUTURE project aims to boost managerial, innovative, blue, green and digital skills of tourism WestMed SMEs in charge of the promotion of EU and West European coastal and maritime destinations through specialised capacity building programme, knowledge and tech transfer, preparing the transfer of good practices and multiplying the results. The goal is to exploit the green potential of WestMed tourism SMEs and cross-border cooperation to unlock new business opportunities around the new eco-cruise tourism sector. To this specific objective, the project will design Eco smart cruise packages targeting Millennials and Gen Z.	Tourism	IT ES MT GR	EMFAF	990.222
<u>e-FishMed</u>	The e-FishMed project will set up a virtual regional academy to support the fight against IUU fishing and the control of conservation and management measures in the Mediterranean Sea, especially those adopted by the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).	Illegal Fishing	IT ES MT PT DZ TN LY MA FR MR	EMFAF	1.000.000
<u>CALL-MEBLUE*</u>	Creating a structured cooperation model between maritime clusters on Northern and Southern shore of the Mediterranean, followed by a capacity building phase and an increasing strengthening of policy support and interregional cooperation. Dissemination and follow up would be important actions to guarantee sustainability of the project results in the long-term	Clusters	IT PT ES FR GR DZ TN	EMFAF	976.235
<u>POWER4MED</u>	local emPOWERment of fuel transition FOR a green MEDiterranean. Transition toward carbon neutrality in maritime transport requires short & medium-term solutions, the former based on transition fuels (LNG), the latter on not yet fully available alternative fuels (green hydrogen, methanol, electricity & wind). Dealing with such complexity is difficult for the operators of smaller ships and POWER4MED has the ambition to support them by developing the POWER4MED Supporting Structure, a "Supporting Team" of multidisciplinary experts and a set of toolkits facilitating the path toward carbon neutrality of the 3 sectors targeted by the project: fishing boats, commercial vessels and marinas.	Green Shipping	IT MT DZ ES EG TR LY	EMFAF	798.043
<u>GreenMED</u>	Observatory on technology for green shipping, Monitoring and Technology Foresight on Green Shipping in the Mediterranean.	Green Shipping	IT ES MT GR	EMFAF	926.085
<u>Green Marine Med</u>	GREEN MARINE MED will bring together, engage and mobilise the comprehensive Mediterranean Green Shipping stakeholder community, representing the full value chain including actors from the full vessel community, ports and marinas, fuel and energy, as well as finance, investment, innovation and other stakeholders. The comprehensive Network will create the foundation to enable the most broadly supported and useful Monitoring and Technology Foresight on Mediterranean Green Shipping. Through the project's unique inclusion of accelerators and other business support programmes in the Network, GREEN MARINE will strengthen the position of Green Shipping entrepreneurs and start-ups in the region.	Green Shipping	ES EG FR IT NL TN IL TR	EMFAF	1.165.587

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Bamboo-Comp*	Application of innovative materials in sailing boats/ Development of sustainable bamboo fibre composites for water sports applications.	Green shipping	IT DE NL	Eurostars 3	1.433,492
Bio-Based*	Developing and testing innovative IMTA plants in the Adriatic sea.	Aquaculture	IT HR	INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA	1.260.000
FISHIMPACT*	Promoting ESG principles and healthy nutritional habits to increase competitiveness, market diversification and effective communication for consumers in Adriatic-Ionian aquaculture and fishery sectors.	Fisheries and aquaculture	IT HR AL GR ME BA	Interreg Adrion	1.748.000
<u>BLUE PORTS</u>	The BLUE-PORTS project will support the development of blue skills of ports' human capital and cover the gap between current services and targets of the European Green Deal, including the Sustainable Blue Economy Strategy until 2030 and 2050.	Ports and skills	GR IT ES GE	EMFAF	1.171.662
<u>Smart Twin Transition</u>	Smart Twin Transition will create innovative tools (based on AI and other digital technologies) to support companies in the tourism chain in their digital and green transition.	Tourism	IT FR	INTERREG MARITIME IT- FR	1.140.922
<u>PROMETHEUS</u>	This project aims to conserve endangered shark and ray species in the Mediterranean Sea.	Sustainable fisheries	IT FR	LIFE	4.300.000
<u>FABIS</u>	Innovation in recreative and professional diving.	Blue Skills	IT FR	INTERREG MARITTIMO	1.644.279
<u>MEDIGREEN</u>	Advance the Mediterranean's green transition by using Maritime Spatial Planning to guide sustainable energy, fisheries, aquaculture and conservation across EU and non-EU waters.	MSP	ES IT FR DZ HR GR MT TN	EMFAF	1.998.142
<u>CERCLEMED*</u>	Circularity in marine biology.	Marine biotechnology	IT TN	INTERREG NEXT ITALIE-TUNISIE	1.190.000
<u>SHARE4MED</u>	Strengthen Mediterranean municipalities' capacity to govern coasts sustainably through shared tools, data-driven cooperation, and actions restoring marine ecosystems and advancing ecological transition.	biodiversity, marine habitat conservation	IT DZ TN	INTERREG NEXT MED	1.139.600
<u>LIFE24-PRE-IT-LIFE4DEGAS</u>	Mitigation of Non-Methane Volatile Organic Compound (NMVOC) from Ships' emissions.	Maritime Transport and Ports	IT DK	LIFE	972.300
<u>S3 Partnership SHIP-BUILDING PROPULSION SYSTEMS ALLIANCE</u>	Evolution of shipbuilding supply chain into value chains for alternative fuels propulsion systems	Maritime Transport and Ports	IT ES GR PT GE BG TN TR UA	NA	NA

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MAssBBE - S3 Community of Practice on Maritime Sustainable Blue Bioeconomy	MAssBBE unites partners across sectors to develop sustainable food, energy and waste-reduction solutions on land and sea, driving blue bioeconomy growth and green transition.	Marine biotechnology	IT ES GR SI HR CY AL MK PT XK	NA	NA
CRAB*	CRAB removes and recycles abandoned traps in Boughrara Lagoon, restoring biodiversity, supporting local livelihoods, and engaging communities in sustainable marine stewardship.	Fisheries, Marine pollution, Social Innovation	TN	National	33.262
ORIENTATE-TN	ORIENTATE-TN is an innovative initiative dedicated to tackling one of Tunisia's most pressing environmental challenges - coastal erosion.	Environment & climate change	TN DE	MeerWissen	NA
I3FLOAT	The I3FLOAT project aims to strengthen the European floating offshore wind (FOW) value chain through cross-regional innovation and investment.	Marine Renewable Energy	ES FR IT BG NO PL	I3	8.000.000
FLOATFARM	FLOATFARM boosts floating offshore wind readiness through new technologies while reducing environmental impacts and strengthening public acceptance to support large-scale, sustainable industrial deployment.	Marine Renewable Energy	FR ES PT DE NL BE DK IT SE	HORIZON 2020	6.000.000
BLUE-X	Blue-X (Blue Energy Offshore Installation Accelerator) accelerates offshore renewable energy deployment by using Copernicus data to optimise planning, construction and operations, reducing costs, timelines and environmental impacts across blue-energy projects.	Marine Renewable Energy	PT IT FR NL	HORIZON-EUSPA-2022-SPACE	3.476.162
GREENMED-PORTS	GREENMEDPORTS works to reduce the carbon footprint of maritime transport and to support the transition towards cleaner, more efficient and more resilient ports across the Mediterranean.	Maritime transport	IT ES MT DZ TN JO EG	INTERREG NEXT MED	2.500.000
SEATHRIVE*	Support for the development of projects on alternative fuels for maritime transport	Maritime transport	FR NO	HORIZON EUROPE	1.999.606
ECCENTRIC	Enhancing circularity in the Adriatic area supporting innovation and growth of the blue-economy emerging sectors: marine energies, maritime surveillance and security, and infrastructure		IT HR	INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA	1.723.127
BRIDGE*	Bridge Is a project to support internationalization of the SMEs of the local ecosystem with a focus on the Blue economy through research, innovation, dialogue, globalisation and excellence.	Maritime Clusters Alliance	IT	FESR 2021-2027 OS 1.3 (REGIONE LIGURIA)	40.000
INNOMEM - BioMiMe	Biorefinery of Microalgae by Membrane technology for the production of bioactive ingredients	Microalgae	IT	HORIZON 2020	200.000

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SAPORE DI MARE - ECCELLENZE ITTICHE TRA COSTA E LAGUNE DEL GOLFO DI CIRCE	“Sapore di mare” is an event designed for citizens, families and visitors, offering an experience that combines culture, taste and tradition of local fishing. The heart of the project will be the “Village of Taste” with free tastings curated by local restaurateurs and fishermen. The goal is to increase consumer awareness of the value of local fish in terms of quality, safety and environmental sustainability.	Sustainable fisheries	IT	PO FEAMPA 2021-2027	198.000
Il futuro è blue – Marketing innovativo per una pesca*	Promotion of local fishery through gastronomic activities, qualified brands, etc	Sustainable fisheries	IT	PO FEAMPA	199.549
Nature Based Solution for Land Degradation (NbS4LD)*	Addressing Coastal erosion and related problems	Coastal erosion	IT TR MK ES	ERASMUS+ K220 VET	135.000
CLEAN-H2SHIPPING*	Demonstration of CAPEX- and OPEX-efficient hydrogen fuel cell-powered inland shipping using swappable H2Tank-Tainers and building an H2 ecosystem in and around ports.	Maritime transport and infrastructures	IT DE FR	HORIZON	162.875
BLUE HUB	Cross-border innovation hub for technology transfer and the creation of a community of practice for a sustainable maritime economy	Maritime Clusters	IT FR	INTERREG ITA-FR	398.120
Total					115.205.422

* No online project information available at the publication date of this brochure

Benefiting countries



Albania	AL	Denmark	DK	Hungary	HU	Malta	MT	Poland	PL	Turkey	TR
Algeria	DZ	Egypt	EG	Ireland	IE	Mauritania	MR	Portugal	PT	Ukraine	UA
Belgium	BE	Finland	FI	Israel	IL	Montenegro	ME	Serbia	RS	United Kingdom	UK
Bosnia Herzegovina	BA	France	FR	Italy	IT	Morocco	MA	Slovenia	SL		
Bulgaria	BG	Georgia	GE	Jordan	JO	Netherlands	NL	Spain	ES		
Croatia	HR	Germany	DE	Kosovo	XK	North Macedonia	MK	Sweden	SE		
Cyprus	CY	Greece	GR	Libya	LY	Norway	NO	Tunisia	TN		