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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

- RedeeM
- Wat[H]ER

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



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





POLICY PAPER CONTRIBUTIONS

Weaving a **Just Transition to Circular Economy** through territorial cooperation:
Policy Recommendations from the Innovative Sustainable Economy Mission



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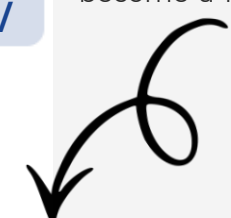
ACT provides a space to take part in the co-development of ISEC’s policy messages. Participate in consultation rounds and contribute your expertise and influence to develop collective action.

How does it work?

Members can contribute on an ad-hoc basis—for instance, by sharing data, validating policy papers, peer-reviewing documents or helping disseminate key messages. To do so, a form will be published below when an open consultation is needed.

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Innovative sustainable economy Mission

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GOALS

| MARINE RESOURCES | AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS | INDUSTRIAL TRANSITION |
|---|---|--|
| 2B-BLUE Co-designing and finetuning of solutions for acceleration of B&T transfer in blue economy sectors | ARISTOII Guide for olive oil producers | EMBRACE Circular Business Model Toolkit |
| 2B-BLUE Model for the development of Public-Private Joint Research Units | ARISTOIIPLUS Educational Kit for Trainers in healthy olive oil production | FINMED Capacity Building Tool to improve innovation financing in green sectors |
| 4HELIX+ Innovation vouchers | CAMARG e-commerce solutions & transferring joint methodology | FINMED Support Service Tool to support access to finance for innovation in green sectors |
| BLUE CROWDFUNDING Training tool | CARBON FARMING MED Report on Carbon Farming as a business model | PROMINENT MED Public Procurement of Innovation Guidance |
| BLUE DEAL Living Labs Methodology | CLEPSYDRA Good Practices Handbook on Groundwater Networks and Models in Pilot Sites | ProcuraMED Strategic Procurement Unfile Platform |
| BLUE ECOSYSTEM Methodology for Transformative Co-Creation Innovation Labs (TRAIN Labs) | EMBRACE Circular Business Model Toolkit | REVIVE Engagement and participatory process action plan |
| BLUEFASMA Living Labs methodology | PEFMED Agri-food Product Environmental Footprint tool | REVIVE REVIVE Framework for Pilot Testing |

2B-BLUE | Co-designing and finetuning of solutions for acceleration of B&T transfer in blue economy sectors

Transferring Potentiality: very low low medium high

Public Authorities Private Sector

Indirect SDGs

This report outlines the 2B-BLUE project's integrated framework and toolkit to accelerate the transfer of Blue Biotechnology solutions, including pilot actions, KPI-based assessments, co-design methodologies, and strategic policy and financial roadmaps across the Mediterranean blue economy. It includes two key deliverables: D1.1.1 - Dynamic database with map of B&T best practices and stakeholders, which is a platform used to reference stakeholders and Best Practices in the sector, and aiming to foster collaboration, scalability, and application of B&T solutions. D1.3.2 - Co-designing and B&T testing and knowledge transferring framework which explains the concept and approach of accelerating technology transfer in the Blue Biotechnology sector.

Transfer potentiality:

The assessment indicates a **very low readiness level for capitalization** of the proposed framework. The approach introduces relevant elements, such as Demonstration Sites, Collaboration Research Agreements, Joint Research Units, and Transformative Labs, which support innovation transfer in the Blue Economy sector.

ENGLISH

Step 1 of 5 - About you

20%

Expression of Interest for Participation in the Mentoring and Twinning Programme

About you

Name * Last name *

Gender * Age *

Your email address *

City *

Country

LinkedIn Profile (if applicable)

<https://innovative-sustainable-economy.interreg-euro-med.eu/events/a-new-pact-for-a-sustainable-mediterranean-future/>

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A New Pact for a Sustainable Mediterranean Future

19-21 May 2026 Athens, Greece

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Green living areas AQUAMAN





Natural Heritage Mission's Thematic Projects



ARTEMIS
Website Poster

to restore **seagrass** and integrate benefits into policies for ecological and economic gains



Wetland4Change
Website Poster

to implement **nature-based solutions for wetland** conservation and restoration



TREASURE
Website Poster

to test **environmental quality measures** in and around Euro-MED **ports**



MIRAMAR
Website Poster

to monitor cumulative **impacts of pollutions and climate change** to protect seagrass meadows, wetlands and endangered animals





Natural Heritage Mission's Clusters

CLUSTERING ACTIVITIES

Objective: Through the clusters, the Thematic Projects' solutions will be tailored to fit transfer opportunities, including expert advice and critical analysis.

How? By building specific multi-actor platforms, we will facilitate synergic co-operations and knowledge sharing to tackle concrete challenges.



Active Clusters:

- **Tools for Environmental Governance**
- **Tools for Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **Nature-based Solutions for Flood regulation**
- **Forest management**

Upcoming cluster:

- **Water cluster**

For any information you can send an email to:
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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.



POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS ON MARINE RESTORATION

- 1 Emphasise the precautionary principle to halt further degradation**
- 2 Prioritise passive restoration in marine environments**
- 3 Promote Nature-based Solutions (NbS)**
- 4 Increase public awareness to build support**
- 5 Unlock the potential of innovative funding mechanisms**
- 6 Align restoration plans with climate mitigation and adaptation goals**
- 7 Foster collaborative governance to overcome institutional and stakeholder fragmentation**



Find more about our Policy Recommendations here:





Thematic Projects

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

RENEWPORT



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

- RENEWPORT RES toolkit for MED ports
- Tool for **ports as clean energy hubs**

[Website](#)

CO2 PACMAN



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

- CO2 Pacman datasets and tool
- Citizen survey, Youth Think report, Financing the transition
- Pilot **islands transition roadmaps**

[Website](#)

EnerCmed



Elláda, España, Hrvatska, Italia, Kýpros

- 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

[Website](#)





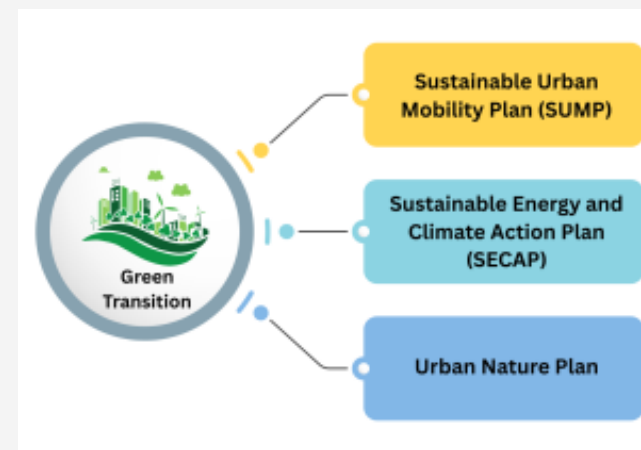
ETU online platform

- **Objectives:** To **highlight** the most effective solutions of the Green Living Areas Mission, **enrich** them with complementary tools and documents, and **support their widespread dissemination and transfer** to other Mediterranean territories.
- **ETU Platform access** (will be open in May).
<https://c4la.apogee.gr/>

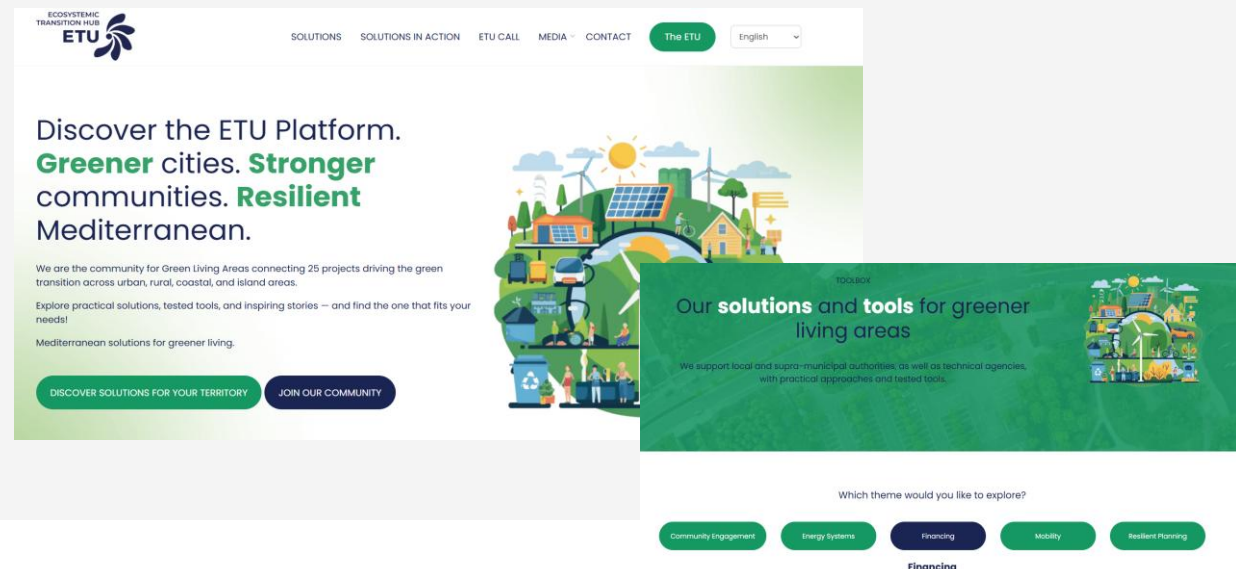
ETU call nr.2

From Solution to Action: The ETU Calls

Local and regional authorities (takers) will be invited to select ETU solution for transfer. Selected authorities will **receive support from solution providers** (givers) to support local planning and implementation in the green transition.



Opening of the call october 2026. on the ETU platform





Green Living Areas Mission



EUCLID
Policy Hub

A sustainable collaborative space set up to implement exchanges on policy instruments referring to Green Living Areas

- Privileged exchanges among peers and with key Euro-Mediterranean stakeholders;
- Access to information allowing you to capitalize on policy-oriented best practices;
- Participation at European-level events;
- Lobbying and Advocacy;
- Other actions: more tailored to your specific needs.

➤ Access to the platform: [link here](#)

Next events

- **3rd Annual gathering of the GLA thematic Community:** 22 & 23 April 2026, Athens, Greece.
- **Multi-programme Projects' Dialogue on energy**, on 13 May 2026 in Tunis, Tunisia.
- **3rd Institutional Policy Dialogue on energy and water communities**, in the frame of the Circle the Med event on 20 May 2026 in Athens, Greece.
- **4th Institutional Policy Dialogue on urban energy transition**, in the frame of the EU Sustainable Energy Week on 11 June 2026, in Brussels.
- **Mediterranean Coast and Macro-Regional Strategies Week 2026** (EUSAIR): participation with roundtable, in September 2026 in Izola, Slovenia.
- **Webinar series** (September/October 2026) before launching the **ETU call no. 2** to present the top solutions from the thematic projects to new target groups (focus local/regional communities from the Med area).
- **5th Institutional Policy Dialogue on mobility**, in the frame of the «Intelligent Green Mobility and Resilient Society» International Conference, on 12-13 November 2026 in Patras, Greece.





Mission Sustainable Tourism

Ready-to-use resources

- [Join The MED - Knowledge Hub](#)
- [Blueprint for Tourism Climate Action Plans](#)
- [ICZM & MSP Practices Handbook for Tourism in the Mediterranean](#)
- [White Paper On Islands As Hubs for Climate Resilience & Sustainable Tourism](#)
- [Second Policy Recommendations of the Cross-network Alliance in Sustainable Tourism](#)
- [Mooc on Transfer & Mainstreaming at the Interreg Euro-med Academy *2 modules on-line!*](#)





Interreg Euro-MED Academy

Results

Type
Target Audience
KEEP Keywords
Program Keywo
Covered Areas

14 Results found



Report

Report on food chain logistic challenges, electric and biofuel mobility solutions in public policies

GARDEN

Discover



Report

Governance structure of mobility hubs – How to integrate mobility hubs into the MED living areas?

GREENMO

Discover

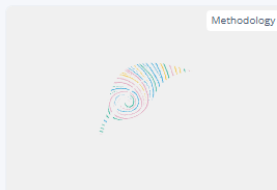


Capacity building material

The concept of mobility hubs – Characteristics and Typology of Mobility Hubs in MED areas

GREENMO

Discover



Methodology

Action research methodology and operational protocols

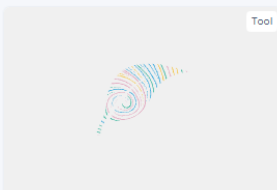
NUDGES

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Database catalogue

NUDGES database of good



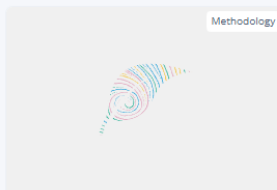
Tool

Catalogue of urban nature based



Communication material

Nature-based Solutions



Methodology

Tactical urbanism methodology –

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SUSTAINABLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES



INNOVATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL TRANSITIONS



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NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS AND ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION

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MED Talks

3rd Edition - 16.12.2025, online

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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

Key takeaways

- 269 participants, 22% of them coming from Eastern and Southern Mediterranean countries
- Strategic framing provided by UfM and UNEP/MAP
- Exchange on replicable tools and practices from thematic projects
- Information on key activities and events of interest for participants, with emphasis on those interesting for Eastern and Southern countries



MED TALKS

fostering dialogue between
Northern and Southern shores

16th December 2025
10.00 - 12.30 (CET) - online

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Programme Mid-Term Event

25-26 November 2026, Marseille

General concept

- **500** expected participants
- Plenary sessions
- « Marketplace of successes » through four mission stands organising side-events.
- Invitations to be sent to high level representatives: EC Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms, EC Commissioner for the Mediterranean, President of the European Committee of Regions, Representative from the Union for the Mediterranean, President of the European Parliament

Main objectives

- Showcase the **most remarkable results** achieved so far.
- Highlight multi-level **cooperation and synergies**.
- Contribute to a wider reflection on **Mediterranean policies and governance**.
- Inspire sustainable transformations **beyond 2027**.

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Making
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