This document gathers information about all the EU cooperation projects in which the CPMR and/or its Geographical Commissions were involved/are involved/plan to be involved/have an interest in as of October 2019. For clarity reasons, this document is divided into four sections: ongoing projects; projects under evaluation; other upcoming opportunities; relevant past projects.

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CPMR EU PROJECTS CATALOGUE

Introduction

The CPMR is a political organization mainly devoted to lobbying activities and policy work towards EU institutions. As it is known, its bulk of activities, from its creation in 1973, remains highly political. Nevertheless, the CPMR has been participating in EU projects since the setting up of European Territorial Cooperation (ETC), as part of Cohesion Policy, in 1990 which was - and is today - very high on the CPMR agenda. Thus, supporting cooperation between regions, also through EU projects, has become over the years a fundamental element of its existence.

In this perspective, and as an early supporter and pioneer of the EU regional policy, the CPMR has always followed, monitored and contributed to initiatives related to ETC. Its participation in EU programmes and projects diversified also as a consequence of the emergence of new programmes, opportunities, member needs and arising policy priorities. The CPMR has been engaging in EU projects depending on demands and initiatives from members of Geographical Commissions (GCs), on priority policy issues. Some of its Geographical Commissions developed in the last years specific strategies on projects related with specific working groups, topics and/or programmes.

Beyond the benefit at policy and technical level, so far, the CPMR has been involved as participating partner in 64 projects worth overall 40 million € for the involved consortia and thus CPMR member regions and territorial stakeholders, including 11 million € allocated to the CPMR. Over the past few years, the participation of the CPMR in EU cooperation projects has increased significantly. To date, the CPMR is simultaneously involved as full partner in 19 cooperation projects from different programmes including Interreg (Atlantic Area, MED Europe), DG REGIO grants, H2020, AMIF, Europeaid, Erasmus + and the EMFF.

This catalogue compiles updated information about all the ongoing projects and the ones under evaluation in which the CPMR is involved.

For clarity, this document was divided into 2 main sections:

- Projects in which the CPMR participates as full partner
- Projects in which the CPMR participates as associated partner

Each one divided into subsections: ongoing projects and projects under evaluation for each programme.
InnoBlueGrowth

Horizontal Communication & Capitalisation project for Innovation in Blue Growth at Mediterranean level

BACKGROUND

Interreg MED promotes horizontal projects, which main objective is to ensure the communication/capitalisation activities of the modular projects (MPs) in order to increase their impact towards common identified targets. In the case of InnoBlueGrowth, these activities are focused on the S.O.1.1. “to increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area.”

DESCRIPTION

InnoBlueGrowth proposes concrete activities to build a real community of modular projects, dealing with Blue Growth. This innovative community aims to allow the reinforcement of the cross-cutting and integrated approach between modular projects and transnational key stakeholders.

Moreover, its role is to enhance the dissemination and transferability of the modular projects’ results in order to ensure a wider and deeper impact towards external multilevel stakeholders, contributing to the sustainable socio-economic development of the Mediterranean area through innovative investments in the Blue economy.

InnoBlueGrowth also aims at ensuring a close communication and coordination with the Axis 4 “platform project” of the Programme, in parallel of which it was developed.

Corresponding call: Interreg MED 2014-2020 – First call
Specific objective/theme: 1.1: “To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area”
Partners:
(1) National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences – CoNISMa [IT] (Lead Partner)
(2) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - Intermediterranean Commission CPMR-IMC [FR]
(3) Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry – ASCAME [ES]
(4) University of Montenegro – Institute for marine biology [ME]
(5) National Technical University of Athens – School of Naval Architecture & Marine Engineering – NTUA [EL]
(6) Plan Bleu [FR]
Start and end date: 01.11.2016-31.10.2019-
Overall budget: €1,470,588.24
RDF Co-financing: €1,200,000,00 (85%)
CPMR budget: €280,223

Added value for the IMC members
IMC members can directly benefit from the project’s outputs and its related events and be part of the MED Blue Growth Community. They have the possibility to interact, consolidate networks, follow the activities of all the MPs of the community, and exploit all connections for feeding their political and technical reflections on specific themes related to blue growth.

KEY WORDS
Communication, Capitalisation, Blue Growth, Clusters, Transnational, Innovation, Marine renewable Energies, Maritime surveillance, yachting
Ongoing projects

Interreg MED

PANACeA

Streamlining Networking and Management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas for Enhanced Natural Conservation and Protection

BACKGROUND

Interreg MED promotes horizontal projects, which main objective is to ensure the communication/capitalisation activities of the MPs in order to increase their impact towards common identified targets. In the case of PANACeA, these activities are fit in the Interreg Med Priority Axis 3: “Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources”; specifically contributing to the Specific Objective (S.O.) 3.2 of the programme: “To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected Areas”. PANACeA is coordinated by the European Topic Centre for Spatial Information and Analysis at the University of Málaga.

Corresponding call: Interreg MED 2014-2020 – First call
Specific objective/theme: 3.2 - “To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas”
Partners:
(1) University of Málaga – ETC-UMA [ES] (Lead partner)
(2) Plan Bleu [FR]
(3) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - Intermediterranean Commission CPMR-IMC [FR]
(4) Mediterranean Universities Union – UNIMED [IT]
(5) Barcelona Metropolitan Area, acting as MEDCITIES General Secretariat [ES]
(6) Regional Environmental Centre – REC [ME]
Start and end date: 01.11.2016-31.10.2019
Overall budget: €1,461,073.48
ERDF Co-financing: €1,191,912.50 (85%)
CPMR budget: €288,000

DESCRIPTION

The project aims at assisting relevant Mediterranean stakeholders, ensuring synergies among this community, and increasing the visibility and impacts of their projects’ results towards common identified strategic targets. PANACeA acts as a Science-Policy-Interface (SPI) to foster the exchange of experiences and knowledge sharing and thus, influence a behavioural and policy change in the Mediterranean region.

Added value for the IMC members
IMC members can directly benefit from the project’s outputs and its related events and be part of the MED Biodiversity Protection Community. They have the possibility to interact, consolidate networks, follow the activities of all the MPs of the community, and exploit all connections for feeding their political and technical reflections on specific themes related to biodiversity protection.

KEY WORDS
Protected area management, biodiversity, conservation, protection, community, knowledge platform, data, science policy interface, natural resources, environment, ecosystems, networking.
**BACKGROUND**

SHERPA mainly originates from the MARIE Project (Programme MED 2007-2013) that aimed to promote energy retrofit in buildings of the Mediterranean and is connected to the capitalisation process that involved other two Med Interreg projects - ELIH-MED ad PROFORBIO MED and gave birth to the Ljubljana declaration, being fully supported by the CPMR IMC. The main territorial challenge is to accelerate the implementation of EU Directives 2010/31/EU and 2012/27/EU regarding the existing stock of Mediterranean public buildings, given the specific conditions and difficulties related to EEB projects in the MED area and the associated potential of energy saving. The project’s overall objective is to reinforce the capacities of Public Administrations at regional and sub-regional level to improve Energy Efficiency in their public buildings’ stock and reduce CO₂ emissions.

**DESCRIPTION**

The SHERPA project aims to implement two hundred energy retrofit projects in public buildings. All these projects will be implemented in accordance with the specific outcomes, guidelines, tools and strategies produced by SHERPA.

At the end of the project, a common action plan on energy renovation in buildings at Mediterranean scale will be adopted. The possibility of replicating interventions at transnational, regional/local scales will be examined and aspects related to governance, information sharing, training and awareness, and innovative financing solutions will be taken into account.

All projects developed under SHERPA project will be integrated into the Joint Action Plan -including SHERPA’s 200 ERB projects- which aims at facilitating the execution of future EEB projects and actions using different types of funding instruments.
CO-EVOLVE encourages the emergence of policies and initiatives to promote the development of sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism by applying the principles of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) that take into account all the main challenges related to the sustainability of tourism. This approach contributes to the practical implementation of policy instruments and relevant initiatives at different scales (International, EU, National and Regional) such as ICZM Protocol of Barcelona Convention, Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development (MSSD), EU Communication on Coastal and Maritime Tourism COM(2014)86 final, EU Directives (Water Framework Directive, Maritime Strategy Framework Directive, Maritime Spatial Planning Directive, etc.

**CO-EVOLVE**

Promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems for the development of sustainable coastal and maritime tourism

**BACKGROUND**

**Corresponding call:** Interreg MED 2014-2020 – First call

**Specific objective/theme:** 3.1. “To enhance the development of a sustainable and responsible coastal and maritime tourism in the MED area”

**Partners:**

1. Region of East Macedonia and Thrace Regional Development Fund – REMTH (EL) [Lead partner]
2. Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - Intermediterranean Commission CPMR-IMC [FR]
3. University of Thessaly Research Unit of Environment & Spatial Planning – UTH (EL)
4. Emilia-Romagna Region, General Directorate Territory and Environment Care – RER [IT]
5. Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre – PAP/RAC [HR]
6. Valenciaport Foundation for Research, Promotion and Commercial Studies of the Valencian region [ES]
7. Po Delta Park Veneto Region Authority [IT]
8. Dubrovnik Neretva Regional Development Agency – DUNEA [HR]
9. Department of Hérault [FR]
10. Public Institution for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia Count – RERA S.D. [HR]
11. IUAV University of Venice Department of Design and Planning in Complex Environments – IUAV [IT]
12. National Research Council Institute of Marine Sciences – CNR-ISMAR [IT]

**Start and end date:** 01.11.2019-31.10.2019

**Overall budget:** €3,000,000.00

**ERDF Co-financing:** €2,550,000.00 (85%)

**CPMR budget:** €204,000

**KEYWORDS**

Mediterranean, Sustainable coastal and maritime tourism, ICZM, MSP, ecosystem approach, toolkit, action plan, transferability plan, co-evolution, human activities, natural systems, pilot zones

**DESCRIPTION**

CO-EVOLVE aims at analysing and promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems in touristic coastal areas, allowing sustainable development of touristic activities based on the principles of ICZM/MSP.

It couples a presently unavailable analysis at MED scale of threats and enabling factors for sustainable tourism with local studies on representative Pilot Areas, to demonstrate through pilot actions the feasibility and effectiveness of an ICZM/MSP-based planning process.

This project recognises as a key challenge for sustainable coastal and maritime tourism development the strengthening of cooperation among regions and the joint development and transferring of approaches, tools, guidelines and best practices.

It should also be noted that the project contributes to the Strategic Theme (Joint Action 2.1) of the Bologna Charter Action Plan.

**Added value for the IMC members**

IMC members can follow the activities and results of the project through the dissemination actions and the connected work of the IMC Task Force on Sustainable and Cultural tourism. In particular, they will be able to learn from and possibly adapt/replicate the methodology tested in the project’s pilot areas (including the tourism sustainability toolkit) thanks to the transferability plan at Mediterranean scale.
Models of Integrated Tourism in the MEDiterranean Plus

BACKGROUND

The Mediterranean is the world’s leading tourism destination. Maritime and coastal (M&C) tourism in the Mediterranean basin is a growing business and a predominant source of revenue, growth and jobs, especially for young people and women. This remarkable growth risks to be jeopardized by several factors, such as severe anthropic impacts and environmental risks, tourism pressure on territories, coastal erosion, worsening conditions of sea water, over exploitation of natural and cultural heritage, etc.

Although many Mediterranean tourist destinations have adopted local and regional integrated strategies for tourism development, there is no real governance for tourism activities at a wider transnational level and environmental governance is in practice still very fragmented. Integrated management of sustainable is key to protect natural and cultural assets while using them as an economic driver. M&C tourism integrated planning is hampered by the lack and poor comparability of data, at destination, regional or transnational level.

DESCRIPTION

MITOMED+ is multi-module project combining Testing and Capitalisation (M2+M3). It is a follow up of the previous MITOMED project (MED Maritime), which has been working to promote the integrated management of M&C tourism by improving the knowledge of data, products, services through a set of indicators based on the NECSTouR model.

MITOMED+ takes farther these results aiming to improve the coordination of strategies between territories at transnational level regarding the development of the M&C tourism through cooperation and joint planning between regions.

The main objective of the project deals with the enhancement of sustainability and responsibility in M&C tourism, by improving local and regional strategies and policy actions and coordinating them at a wider MED transnational level.

KEY WORDS

Sustainable Maritime and Coastal Tourism, tourism management model, data, products, indicators, territorial strategies, cooperation, joint planning, transnational MED network, natural and cultural resources.
Mass tourism in the Mediterranean coastal areas does not only have an impact on “beach resorts”, but is also promoted for destinations of great cultural, historical and heritage importance, from old historical centres to archaeological sites, many of them recognised as UNESCO World Heritage.

The project idea turns around finding solutions to a problem that affects the economy, demography and conservation of the tangible and intangible heritage of the territories. It is in line with the Interreg MED O.P., which highlights a series of common challenges, needs and opportunities, such as: for Sustainable Growth and for Inclusive Growth.

**DESCRIPTION**

Although tourism is a major engine of economic growth, it also creates a burden hard to manage, and has a great impact on the conservation of the heritage.

The overall objective of the project is to reduce the impact of human activities (tourism-related ones) on cultural heritage, with a special focus on 2 kinds of cultural destinations that can benefit from and be affected by mass tourism: Old towns & Sites of particular cultural heritage or archaeological interest for visitors, with a special interest on UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

In that framework, HERIT-DATA plans to develop a sustainable and responsible tourism management towards cultural heritage in MED regions, in particular by taking advantage of technology and innovation in management tools (Smart Cities), as well as other policy and social measures.

**KEY WORDS**

Mass tourism; cultural heritage; human activities; cultural destinations; behaviour changes; ICZM recommendations; sustainable and responsible tourism management; MED coastal regions
Empower Mediterranean for SMART Tourism

BACKGROUND

The main problems SMARTMED will address are high seasonality of tourism and lack of cooperation among key sector stakeholders across the MED region. These overarching problems have a negative impact on the overall competitiveness of the region, deteriorate the destination image and put pressure on natural resources, local infrastructure and public services. Tourism is the main economic activity of the region generating most of the income but a lack of a long-term vision of the destination future and well-integrated planning as well as weak cooperation between tourism actors decreases its attractiveness.

SMARTMED aims to contribute to the development of an attractive, smart and inclusive MED destination, maintaining its worldwide leading position, through ensuring capable public and private sector stakeholders, achieved through actions directed at empowering the public and private actors of the tourism sector and building cooperation between them, to prepare them for new demands of future trends and to target the global market proactively.

DESCRIPTION

SMARTMED will address key MED region challenges in the development of smart, inclusive and sustainable tourism, primarily due to high seasonality and lack of cooperation among key sector stakeholders. The lack of a long-term vision for the destination future and disconnection between tourism and wider territorial development, embracing local infrastructure development, labour market policies, business support environment, spatial planning and social cohesion policies decreases the attractiveness of the region for innovative business in tourism and has led to a heavily seasonal labour market, unable to attract talented individuals as well as putting great pressure on natural resources, local infrastructure and public services.

SMARTMED will contribute to the development of an attractive, smart and inclusive MED destination, maintaining its leading position through coordinated policies and capable public and private sector stakeholders.

Added value for the IMC members

The CPMR would extend and give more impact on the actions developed to share knowledge and experiences to reinforce the competitiveness and the attractiveness of the Med Destination, while exploiting the potential of capacity building with southern Mediterranean actors. Territorial and National actors from these countries are already addressed by specific projects where the CPMR IMC is involved. Besides, CPMR-IMC members will be able to follow the activities and results of the project through its implementation and dissemination activities, in connection with the IMC Task Force on Sustainable and Cultural tourism.
BESTMED

Beyond European Sustainable Tourism Med Path

BACKGROUND

The number of new innovative touristic offers capable of decreasing seasonality in the Mediterranean is relatively low and depopulation has become a more and more common gap in many inland areas. BEST MED will work on the development of a concrete off-peak season offer with integrated products and services. Building on best practices on integrated approaches/strategies from other projects, BEST MED will contribute to a dialogue on macro regional and sea basin strategies in the Mediterranean to generate cooperation and consensus raising among Mediterranean regions and participating countries on tourism-related issues, currently lacking common agreements and operational plans.

DESCRIPTION

BEST MED aims to develop a new integrated and sustainable touristic planning in the MED area. It contributes to the objective of enhancing Mediterranean Governance, supporting evidence-based planning, monitoring and evaluation of interventions in the MED programme by proposing a joint approach on green planning, based on the results of other projects such as MITOMED+ & CO-EVOLVE. The project monitors tourism sustainability through an Observation Network of national & regional tourism observatories. Studying and testing phases will help identify and assess tourism impacts in its different fields and lead to the development of a joint model and integrated approach for promoting sustainable tourism as a strategic driver for responsible economic growth and prosperity.

Added value for the IMC members

Capitalising on the experiences and results of past/ongoing projects in which CPMR-IMC is involved, enable members to activate synergies and cooperation to share specific solutions to an integrated, sustainable and responsible management of tourism ecosystems. The IMC brings its contribution in a strategic governance project - gathering partners from both regional and national levels towards integrated multilevel planning and innovative offer into wider development strategies fighting against seasonality and fortressing cooperation. IMC members can follow the project’s activities and results through its implementation and dissemination activities, in connection with the Sustainable and Cultural tourism Task Force.
Tackling marine litter in the Atlantic Area

BACKGROUND

Marine litter is a severe pollution threat with environmental, human health, safety and socioeconomic impacts and demanding regional collaboration. The CleanAtlantic project addresses this challenge and aims to protect biodiversity and ecosystem services by improving the regional cooperation and by reinforcing capabilities to prevent, monitor and remove marine litter in the Atlantic Area. Eventually, the CleanAtlantic project will contribute to raise awareness and change attitudes among stakeholders and to improve marine litter managing systems. Project outputs will be transferred to competent authorities and key stakeholders to improve management and facilitate MSFD implementation.

DESCRIPTION

Clean Atlantic is an INTERREG Atlantic Area project (ERDF). Marine litter resulting from human activity presents a hazard for regions, their sea environment and public health. This project aims to reduce risks in the Atlantic area by fostering greater cooperation and capacity building to prevent, monitor and eliminate waste.

The project will also help to raise public awareness on the issue to encourage changes in behaviour and improve systems for managing marine litter.

KEY WORDS

Atlantic; marine litter, Atlantic coastal regions; pollution; beach litter clean-up; MSFD; biodiversity and ecosystem

Added value for the AAC members

The AAC members will be able to follow the activities and results of the project through its dissemination activities, and benefit from the results/recommendations regarding the protection of the biodiversity and ecosystem in Atlantic Area.
This project is aimed to improve the innovation performance of the seafood industry by increasing technology adoption and transnational cooperation to give response to the challenges faced by a sector identified as key for the smart growth of the participating Regions. SAFER will drive innovation with a clear ambition of expanding the results into other Atlantic Area Regions, including Atlantic Canada, where this sector is considered as high-importance. The project will serve as a “capacity building” network to prepare the partnership to set up, manage and monitor the processes at the core of the project.

**Corresponding call:** Atlantic Area Transnational Programme 2014-2020

**Specific objective/theme:** Innovation and seafood products sector

**Partners:**
1. ERNACT (IE) – (Lead Partner)
2. Bretagne (FR)
3. Border, Midlands and Western Regional Assembly (IE)
4. Northern Ireland (UK)
5. Norte (PT)
6. Cantabria (ES)
7. Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe – CPMR [FR]

**Start and end date:** 09.2017-08-2020

**CPMR budget:** €199 028

**ERDF Co-financing:** 75%

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**DESCRIPTION**

Safer is an INTERREG Atlantic Area project (ERDF). The project aims to boost innovation in the sea products sector by fostering the adoption of new technologies as well as transnational cooperation.

The objective is to address the challenges faced by this industry, which has been identified as a sector that can contribute towards the smart growth of participating regions. The project will encourage innovation in the Atlantic area with a view to giving regions the right keys to draw up new policies in this field.

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**Added value for the AAC members**

The AAC members will be able to follow the activities and results of the project through its dissemination activities, in connection with the AAC Fisheries & Aquaculture and Innovation Working Groups, and benefit from the results of this project, which include a transnational network of smart seafood clusters able to drive innovation across the Atlantic area.

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**KEY WORDS**

Atlantic; Atlantic coastal regions; sea products; seafood; innovation, smart growth
A successful migrant integration into European societies is crucial to increase the opportunities of regular migration and making the most of the contributions that immigration can bring to EU development. Building on the European Agenda on Migration, the Commission adopted an Action Plan on the integration of third-country nationals in 2016, stressing the role of LRAs in the integration process. Nonetheless, LRAs have to deal with several challenges: lack of experience/knowledge in the field, lack of resources, a political/societal environment not favourable to migrant integration. Thus, it is crucial to develop tools to help regions collaborate across levels of government and civil society to apply more coherent integration policies. To do that, REGIN builds upon existing sets of integration indicators.

REGIN’s main objective is to help strengthen regional authorities’ capabilities to foster migrants’ integration. The project will develop a set of indicators to evaluate policy implementation and will implement the Zaragoza indicators to measure the impact of governance instruments on migrant outcomes at regional level. It will also design different tools to align objectives, measurement and information across levels of government and civil society to apply better integration policies. The aims is to map integration practices at regional level, providing an evaluation framework to facilitate knowledge-transfer with successful initiatives, advance innovation and robustness of regional authorities’ capabilities to promote migrants’ integration and improve cooperation among them.

**KEY WORDS**
integration, third-nationals, migration, asylum, societies, indicators, governance instruments
Spotlight on Cohesion Policy: putting Europe’s regions at the forefront

BACKGROUND

The European Union’s Cohesion Policy aims at achieving economic, social and territorial cohesion and promotes a more balanced and sustainable territorial development. It is the policy behind the hundreds of thousands of EU-funded projects all over Europe. Cohesion Policy is developed taking into consideration national, regional and local needs. It also addresses a huge variety of sectors, most of which directly concern and impact the citizens’ quality of life. At the same time it is the policy where results can be measured concretely and have produced long term added value. But Cohesion Policy is often taken for granted, and the extent to which it contributes in improving citizens everyday life is not well-known.

Corresponding call: ‘Support for information measures relating to the EU Cohesion policy’

Specific objective/theme:

• To promote and foster a better understanding of the role of Cohesion policy in supporting all EU’s regions;
• To increase awareness of projects funded by the EU - through Cohesion policy in particular - and of their impact on people’s lives;
• To disseminate information and encourage an open dialogue on Cohesion policy, its results, its role in delivering on the EU’s political priorities and on its future;
• To encourage civic participation in matters related to Cohesion policy and to foster citizens’ participation to setting priorities for the future of this policy.

Partners:

(1) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)
(2) EURACTIV

Start and end date: 1.02.2018-28.02.2019

Overall budget: €490,892,03

ERDF Co-financing: 80 %

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Spotlight on Cohesion Policy: putting Europe’s regions at the forefront project aimed at promoting a better understanding of Cohesion policy in supporting the development of all EU regions. It also aimed at increasing awareness of projects funded by Cohesion policy funds, highlighting their impact and benefits to EU regions and citizens.

The CPMR partnered up with the Media Network EURACTIV, which is in charge of an extensive media coverage of Cohesion policy activities and developments, to ensure the regional authorities and stakeholders have a voice in the media arena regarding the state of play and future of Cohesion Policy through the organisation of events in different European regions and the bi-monthly newsletter “State of the Regions”.

Added value for CPMR members

The CPMR partnered up with EURACTIV to guarantee regional authorities and stakeholders have a voice in the media arena regarding the state of play and future of Cohesion policy and to ensure that they are involved in debates and stakeholder debates, encouraging an open dialogue and civic participation. CPMR member regions have been actively involved in the implementation of the project through the bimonthly newsletter “State of the Regions”. The newsletter has provided a platform to share initiatives, political ideas, analysis, interview and flag projects. CPMR members have also participated actively in in events organised in Patras, Florence, Brussels and Madeira.

KEY WORDS

Cohesion policy, Regional policy, European Structural and Investment Funds, Communications, regional development, social, economic and territorial cohesion
Strategic Environmental Assessment North Sea Energy

BACKGROUND

Under the Directive 2014/89/, EU Member States must develop a Maritime Spatial Plan (MSP) by 2021 and consult their neighbouring countries during its development. A coherent (logical and well-organised) approach to MSP development and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) application among North Sea countries will benefit cross-border developments that can have potential transboundary impacts and interactions.

DESCRIPTION

The SEANSE project aims to develop a coherent approach to Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs), with a focus on renewable energy, in support of the development and effective implementation of MSPs and test it in practice through three case studies. Its specific objectives are to create a coherent understanding of how and when to use SEA as a support tool for decision making in MSP through knowledge transfer and information exchange between North Sea countries, to demonstrate the benefits of the implementation of a coherent SEA approach for the preparation of national MSPs, and to facilitate the efficient implementation of the “Political Declaration on energy cooperation between the North Sea Countries”.

KEY WORDS

North Sea; MSP; North Sea countries; Strategic Environmental Assessments; EMFF
European Fisheries Areas Network

BACKGROUND

Fisheries areas across the EU are facing significant challenges. The continuous decline in income and employment in the fishing sector has underlined the need for innovative responses that are both sustainable and inclusive. The Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) is a tool that enables local fisheries communities to address these challenges by proposing and testing new solutions. FARNET is there to help Fisheries areas across the EU are facing significant challenges.

CLLD continues the area-based approach initiated by Axis 4 of EFF. CLLD under the EMFF brings additional and innovative opportunities that will enable local communities to scale up the effects of the 10000+ projects supported between 2007 and 2014. In particular, local communities will have the possibility to combine funds allocated under the EMFF with those from other European Structural and Investment Funds: the European Social Fund (ESF), the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

Corresponding call: DG MARE-call MARE/2014/29

Specific objective/theme:
(1) Build knowledge and capacity in Community-Led Local Development;
(2) Identify and disseminate successful responses to key challenges for coastal, fisheries and aquaculture areas across Europe;
(3) Ensure the flow of information among stakeholders involved in Community-Led Local Development;
(4) Support cooperation between FLAGs and with other local development partnerships throughout Europe and beyond.

Partners:
Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs) are partnerships between fisheries actors and other local private and public stakeholders in EU Countries (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, France, Finland, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom)

Start and end date: 2007-2020

CPMR budget: €38 000 and 100% funded

DESCRIPTION

FARNET is the network of people implementing Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). Through FARNET, Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs), managing authorities, citizens and experts from across the EU can work together on the sustainable development of fisheries and coastal areas.

This is a provision of service contract between the economic interest grouping DEVNET and the European Commission to provide technical and administrative assistance for the setting-up of a support unit for the European Fisheries Area Network 2007-2013 and 2014-2020 (FAR-NET).

The CPMR’s is involved in the organisation of seminars to support this work.

KEY WORDS

Fisheries; CLLD; EMFF; FLAGs; sustainable aquaculture; fishing industry
The CLIPPER project stems from the conviction that support for maritime industries must be developed to tackle Blue Growth challenges and energy transition imperatives. The project will implement new ways of supporting SMEs to improve their quality upgrading, manufacturing performance and leadership in new markets such as marine renewable energies.

It will also develop action plans for each of their territories and design political recommendations to impulse them locally, in line with the analysis of relevant national and European contexts.

CLIPPER is an innovative interregional cooperation project that brings together seven pro-active regions to address the negative impact the global economic recession has had on Europe’s maritime sector. This sector is also suffering from growing competition from emerging countries.

The overall aim of the project is to develop better public policies to support the competitiveness of Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs) working in Maritime Industries in Europe.

CLIPPER’s results will provide significant support for public authorities – including regions – and European institutions, helping to improve their business strategies for maritime industries.

**BACKGROUND**

**DESCRIPTION**

**Corresponding call:** Interreg Europe 1st call-SME Competitiveness

**Specific objective/theme:** Maritime industries / MRE

**Partners:**
1. Pays de la Loire (FR) – (Lead Partner)
2. Asturias Energy Foundation-FAEN (ES)
3. Fife Council (UK)
4. Ligurian Cluster for Marine Technologies (IT)
5. Turku University of Applied Sciences Ltd. (FI)
6. R&D centre Kiel University of Applied Sciences GmbH (DE)
7. Public Institution RERA S.D. for Coordination and Development of Split-Dalmatia County (HR)
8. Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR)

**Start and end date:** 1.01.2017-30.06.2021

**Overall budget:** €1,347,057

**ERDF Co-financing:** 85%

**CPMR Budget:** €157,020

**Added value for the CPMR members**

The CPMR members will be able to follow the activities of this project related to the CPMR work on Marine Energies & Maritime Industries and benefit from the results of this project and their long-term use.

**KEY WORDS**

Blue Growth; SMEs; Marine renewable energies; Energy transition; SME competitiveness
BACKGROUND

Compared to capital regions, ‘next to met’ areas are confronted with a lack of tools and critical mass of research, development and innovation, and therefore struggle with keeping experienced small and medium-sized enterprises, as well as highly-qualified people in the region.

Next2Met focuses on these territories surrounding metropolitan areas because they not only offer benefits, but are also bottlenecks to attracting and retaining knowledge, people and capital.

DESCRIPTION

Next2Met is an innovative interregional exchange project, co-founded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Interreg Europe Programme, which aims at increasing attractiveness - for knowledge, opportunities, and capital - of territories located close to metropolitan areas.

The project brings together 6 regional and local actors and 1 Advisory Partner sharing this common challenge and working together to implement policy solutions. These partners will work together to support the involved regions in fully exploiting their potential by improving policy instruments through interregional learning processes.

The project focuses on attracting and keeping qualified people and small and medium-sized enterprises in regions surrounding metropolitan areas by means of soft digitalisation measures. The foreseen outcomes of the project will also, among other impacts, strengthen the capacity of priority sectors of these ‘next to met’ areas.

Added value for the CPMR members

Next2Met project will create a policy framework in participating regions that focuses financial resources and innovation chain activities on promoting regional attractiveness. It will create the necessary conditions to design, develop and commercialise digitalisation products and services that help main sectors in the region to have exclusivity in these local sectors.

KEY WORDS

SMEs; Digitalisation; Specialisation; Research and innovation
Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities

BACKGROUND

The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities (Initiative AI-NURECC) involves the main stakeholders of the Ionian Regions of the Adriatic, who have joined forces to support the implementation of the Strategy of the European Union for the Adriatic and the Ionian Sea Region (EUSAIR). AI-NURECC collaborates with other key AI networks that work in topics fully in line with the thematic pillars of the EUSAIR action plan (e.g., blue growth, sustainable exploitation of natural resources, accessibility and transport, tourism and cross-cutting actions).

Corresponding call: 2017CE160AT117
Specific objective/theme: Support for implementing the EUSAIR strategy ensuring a wide territorial coverage

Partners:
(1) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR) – (Lead Partner)
(2) Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (AIE)
(3) Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC)
(4) Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce (Forum AIC)
(5) UniAdrion

Start and end date: 1.03.2018-31.01.2020
Overall budget: €800 000
EU Co-financing: -97%
CPMR budget: €300 000

DESCRIPTION

The Adriatic Ionian Network of Universities, Regions, Chambers of Commerce and Cities (Initiative AI-NURECC) is an initiative involving the main stakeholders of the Ionian Regions of the Adriatic.

It aims of contributing to the achievement of EUSAIR’s political objectives and to promoting the successful implementation of its action plan. The ultimate goal will be to promote structured dialogue and stronger and more effective cooperation between regional and local authorities, universities, chambers of commerce, youth associations and networks, entrepreneurs and civil society.

Added value for the CPMR members

CPMR members can follow the activities and results of the project through the dissemination actions and the connected work of the CPMR Task Force Adriatico-Ionian. In particular, they will be benefit from the outputs of the implementation of the Strategy of the European Union for the Adriatic and the Ionian Sea Region (EUSAIR).

KEY WORDS
Adriatic, EUSAIR, Ionian Regions, Strategy macroregional
DESTINATIONS

CIVITAS Destinations

BACKGROUND

Within the EU - and particularly following the economic crisis - tourism will be the ‘engine for economic growth’, particularly in the underperforming Mediterranean economies; where tourism has traditionally been a dominant economic sector. The world market of tourists continues to grow and Europe has unique selling points for further tourist growth from within and outside the EU (including China). The competitive market for tourism means that cities must provide the high quality, sustainable environments desired by tourists, while providing local sustainable employment opportunities that overcome the seasonal and sometimes informal nature of tourist economies. Achieving sustainable mobility is a vital part of the growth equation for Europe’s tourist cities.

Corresponding call: Mobility for growth 2014-2015/MG-5.5a-2015

Specific objective/theme: Demonstrating and testing innovative solutions for cleaner and better urban transport and mobility

Partners:
(1) Horários do Funchal, Transportes Públicos, S.A. [PT] (Lead Partner)
(2) Agência Regional da Energia e Ambiente da Região Autónoma da Madeira [PT]
(3) Câmara Municipal Do Funchal [PT]
(4) Secretaria Regional da Economia Turismo e Cultura [PT]
(5) Agência Regional Para O Desenvolvimento Da Investigacao, Tecnologia e Innovacao [PT]
(6) Etaria Touristikis Anaptixis Kai Provolis Periferias Lemesou Limited [CY]
(7) Municipality of Limassol [CY]
(8) Stratagem Energy Ltd [CY]
(9) Dimos Rethimnis [EL]
(10) The Research Committee of the Technical University of Crete [EL]
(11) Comune Di Rio Marina [IT]
(12) Comune Di Portoferraio [IT]
(13) MemEx S.R.L. [IT]
(14) Authority for Transport in Malta (TM) [MT]
(15) Valletta Kunsilli Lokali [MT]
(16) Universita ta Malta [MT]
(17) Ministry of Tourism [MT]
(18) Guaguas Municipales sociedad anónima sa [ES]
(19) CINESI sl consultoria de transport [ES]
(20) Ayuntamiento de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria [ES]
(21) Ingeniería Electrónica Canaria S.L [ES]
(22) Sociedad Municipal de Aparcamientos de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, SA [ES]
(23) Euro Project Consult SARL [FR]
(24) Istituto di Studi per l’Integrazione dei Sistemi SC [IT]
(25) European Integrated Project SRL [RO]
(26) Sustainable Services SL [ES]
(27) Insight Innovation GmbH [DE]
(28) Vectos (south) Limited LTD [UK]
(29) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions - Intermediterranean Commission CPMR-IMC [FR]

Start and end date: 01.09.2016 - 31.08.2020
Overall budget: €19,975,902.00
CPMR Budget: €456 490 financed 100% by the EU

Added value for the IMC members
IMC members have the possibility to follow the activities and results of the project through its dissemination activities, its online platform and the IMC working group on Transport and Integrated Maritime Policy. They will also benefit from the project’s policy recommendations and possibly be directly involved in the testing of some specific measures on their respective territories, as foreseen under the project’s budget.

DESCRIPTION

DESTINATIONS aims to develop an innovative holistic approach to building sustainable urban mobility systems for both residents and tourists. The project impacts will make a positive contribution to demonstrating how this can achieve growth and therefore provide a benchmark for other EU tourist cities.

KEY WORDS
Tourism mobility, shared economy, business models, ITS, data gathering, sustainable growth, quality of life, safety, public private partnerships, participation
Maritime Innovative Network of Education for Emerging Maritime Issues

BACKGROUND

Maritime shipping industry is one of the most dynamic economic sectors throughout Europe due to the constant changes of its development needs. It is also closely linked to the changes in Marine Sciences and IT Technologies. Consequently, education and training in marine sciences have to follow the industry's trends closely in order to keep pace with the new competencies required by the development of maritime transportation technologies.

Corresponding call: Call 2019 Round 1 KA2 - Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices / KA203 - Strategic Partnerships for higher education

Specific objective/theme:
- promotion of the quality of education and training in the Maritime Education and Training (MET) sector to address the specific maritime challenges and prepare the future managers and experts applying innovative methods, practical oriented approach and e-learning model;
- facilitation of the mobility for students and teachers, involving educational and training institutions that wish to contribute to overcoming these challenges
- cooperation between MET organizations and industry in the field of education and training for managing the issues in the maritime sector for upgrading competencies and adapting to the requirements of the maritime industry.

Partners:
(1) Piri Reis University - Lead Partner, PRU (TR)
(2) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, CPMR (FR)
(3) Constanta Maritime University, CMU (RO)
(4) Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy, NVNA (BG)
(5) The University of the Aegean, UAEGEAN (North Aegean) (GR)
(6) Marine Cluster Bulgaria, MCB
(7) Municipality of Piraeus, MP (Attica Region) (GR)

Start date: 1.09.2019
End date: 31.08.2022
Overall budget: € 296.215
CPMR budget: around €30 000

Added value for CPMR/BBSC members
Throughout the project's lifetime, the partners will organise International Stakeholders Conferences open to young people, students, and officers of Regional and Local Authorities. These International Conferences will present the opportunities these sectors may offer to capitalise on the untapped potential of the area and examine innovative and competitive entrepreneurship methods that could help to alleviate common challenges such as brain drain and issues of economic development.

DESCRIPTION

The MINE-EMI Project is focused on elaboration of a Joint Master Programme (JMPs) that facilitates developing skills and competences to raise awareness on emerging maritime issues in the wider Black Sea Basin in order to promote sustainable management of the maritime sector in the Black Sea basin. It involves representatives from the business sector and local administrations in order to fill the gap between requirements in the maritime sector (management, transport operations, logistic) and the current lacking offer of updated courses in that matter.

In the longer term, the objective is to establish a “Black Sea Community of Maritime Education and Training Institutions” to contribute to boosting sustainable European maritime economy, Blue Growth, and Integrated Maritime Policy implementation by providing modern and adequate education and training.

KEY WORDS
Sustainable Blue Growth, Black Sea Community, Joint Master Programme, Maritime Education and Training, Blue economy, Integrated Maritime Policy
Ecotourism in Mediterranean Destinations: From Monitoring and Planning to Promotion and Policy Support

BACKGROUND

Pressures from increasing human development in the Mediterranean have been continuously increasing in the last 5 decades, leading to biodiversity loss and habitat degradation. Mass tourism is one of the leading causes of it and with an expected increase in tourism arrivals up to 500 million by 2030, the region urgently needs joint actions to address this impact. The majority of Protected areas in the Med still lack knowledge, capacities and funding to address this situation. Territories situated away from the coast in sparsely populated territories, suffer from structural unemployment and lack of opportunities. This is also the situation of Protected areas which look at sustainable tourism as an alternative to the situation but lack skills and capacities to ensure their offer is marketable.

DESCRIPTION

Building on what previously done through DestiMED, DestiMED+ will operate on 3 levels: upgrading measurement of net impacts of ecotourism products; strengthening capacities of SMEs and existing PPP functioning; establishing a relevant regional platform that advocates for tourism and conservation at Mediterranean level and enables better collaboration among policy makers at regional scale working toward a common vision that balances the economic incentive of ecotourism with conservation and environmental impact. The aim is to create the knowledge/expertise for planning, monitoring and measuring ecotourism. The core of the actions will still be protected areas but work will be implemented directly with regional rather than local authorities to scale up the planning and monitoring approach.

KEY WORDS

Mediterranean, Sustainable coastal and maritime tourism, ICZM, MSP, ecosystem approach, protected areas, ecotourism products
Winter Islands Network for all year-round Tourism ExpeRience in the MEDiterranean

BACKGROUND

Tourism is one of the major economic driver in the Mediterranean island destinations that otherwise struggle to find steady sources of income. However, it also brings a huge pressure on cultural and natural heritage of the territories, especially during the summer season. The diversification of high-quality thematic tourism to attract visitors all year round has already been identified as one of the ways forward by many island destinations, but there is still a lack of joint integrated planning that prevents policymakers, economic operators and local communities from dealing with the seasonality of demand. Innovative integrated strategies at wider transnational level are thus necessary to prevent effects of overtourism and capture the potential of tourists who can travel in low season.

DESCRIPTION

WinterMed promotes the transition from the current overexploitation of insular tourist destinations during the summer to an alternative, sustainable, all-year round use of these territories, by delivering a transnational strategy and the tools for changing and upgrading one of the key sectors of the Mediterranean area. The project is built on the potential of capitalisation: analysing, assembling, adapting and testing available tools and methodologies to deliver a transnational strategy for the development of all-year round sustainable and responsible tourism in Mediterranean island destinations. The final transnational strategy provides the tools for and the demonstration of the benefits of policy learning and evidence-based decision-making.

Corresponding call: Interreg MED 2014-2020 – Third call for Modular Projects
Specific objective/theme: 3.1 “Sustainable Tourism”
Partners:
(1) ANCI Toscana (Association of Tuscan Municipalities) [IT]
(2) Corse Region [FR]
(3) Exfini EGTC [EL]
(4) South Aegean Region [EL]
(5) Zadar Regional Development Agency [HR]
(6) Croatian Camping Association [HR]
(7) IPTPO [HR]
(8) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe – CPMR [FR]
(9) NECSTour [BE]
Expected Start and end date: November 2019 - June 2022
Overall budget: around €2.65 million
ERDF Co-financing: around €2.25 million

Added value for the IMC members
The CPMR has been involved in several past and ongoing projects (COASTGAP, CO-EVOLVE, MITOMED/MITOMED+, HERIT-DATA, INNOBLUEGROWTH, PANACEA), and promoting/following several initiatives related to sustainable tourism, biodiversity protection & ICZM/MSP (e.g. Bologna Charter/UfM works). By taking part in the WINTERMED project, the IMC would extend and give more impact on the actions developed to tackle the seasonality of tourism in Mediterranean island destinations. Besides, the IMC members would benefit from the efforts towards the implementation of integrated strategies for the development of sustainable and responsible tourism in Mediterranean island destinations.

KEY WORDS
Sustainable Tourism, ecotourism, seasonality, islands, network
Projects under evaluation

Interreg MED

BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION COMMUNITY

Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management Efforts for Environmental Sustainability

BACKGROUND

The protection of the environment & the management of resources are vital for the long term development of the Med area. Climate change challenges & human-driven pressures on the environment require improved protection measures & cooperation among stakeholders to ensure the resilience of coastal areas, biodiversity and natural & cultural heritage in addition to the sustainability of ecosystem services. The project builds on PANACeA’s streamlining mechanism to improve the networking & management efforts in PAs and key ecological areas promoting transnational cooperation to reach common targets & perform as a multiplier effect of guiding efforts related to natural conservation & biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean.

Corresponding call: Interreg MED 2014-2020 – 7th call
Specific objective/theme: 3.2: To maintain biodiversity and natural ecosystems through strengthening the management and networking of protected areas
Partners:
(1) University of Málaga – ETC-UMA [ES]
(2) Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe – CPMR [FR]
(3) Plan Bleu [FR]
(4) MEDCITIES [ES]
(5) Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism [ME]
(6) Latte Creative S.R.L. [IT]
(7) Marine Institute [HR]
Expected Start and end date: November 2019 - June 2022
Months: 32
Overall budget: €1,991,007
ERDF Co-financing: €1,564,856 (85%)
CPMR budget: €225,200.00

Added value for the IMC members
IMC-CPMR members would benefit from the results of the community that will be further disseminated among the network and which transferability potential will be analysed and digested towards aiming at a maximum policy integration at territorial level including local and regional dimensions.

DESCRIPTION

The Med Biodiversity Protection Community/MBPC ("PANACeA2"), pursuing the long term strategic goal of the Interreg MED programme, aims to increase the impact of 3.2 modular projects’ towards common identified targets and links through transferring outcomes on ecosystem protection efforts, engaging a stakeholders’ community & transferring knowledge, enhancing the communication & dissemination strategy and developing the long term capitalization tool. The activities ensure an active community of Mediterranean actors by integrating knowledge, allowing a better informed multilevel decision-making and management of biodiversity. The MBPC facilitates multisectoral dialogue with the scientific community to ensure an effective policy-management-science interface in the Mediterranean.

KEY WORDS
Protected area management, biodiversity, conservation, protection, community, knowledge platform, data, science policy interface, natural resources, environment, ecosystems, networking
Projects under evaluation

Blue Growth Community - Capitalization & Communication project for Blue Economy Innovation in the Mediterranean

BACKGROUND

Interreg Med promotes horizontal projects, which main objective is to ensure the communication/capitalisation activities of modular projects in order to increase their impacts towards common identified targets and “increase the transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area” (S.O.1.1) with particular emphasis on non-financial support for SMEs. Blue Growth therefore proposes concrete actions to reinforce the capitalisation character of this second phase and go beyond strengthening the cross-cutting and integrated approach between modular projects and the main transnational stakeholders.

**Corresponding call:** Interreg MED 2014-2020 – Horizontal project 7th call

**Specific objective/theme:** 1.1 To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area

**Partners:**
1. National Inter-University Consortium for Marine Sciences – CoNISMa [IT] (Lead partner)
2. ASCAME (Association of Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry) [ES]
3. Plan Bleu [FR]
4. Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe [FR]
5. National Technical University of Athens - School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering – NTUA [EL]
6. University of Montenegro - Institute for marine biology – UOM [MO]
7. IrRADIARE, Science for evolution®, Lda. [PT]

**Expected Start and end date:** 01.11.2019 – 30.06.2022

**Overall budget:** €1,470,588.24

**ERDF Co-financing:** 85%

**Added value for the IMC members**

The IMC-CPMR members would benefit from the results of the community that will be further disseminated among the network and which transferability potential will be analysed and digested towards aiming at a maximum policy integration at territorial level, including local and regional dimensions and taking into account RIS3.

**DESCRIPTION**

BG2 proposes concrete activities to reinforce the capitalization of this second phase, going beyond the reinforcement of the cross-cutting and integrated approach between modular projects and transnational key stakeholders. It enhances the dissemination/transferability of modular projects results to ensure mainstreaming and strategic liaising processes, allowing a better take-on of technical modular projects results into policy-making at a multi-level governance scale that contribute to the further blue economy development, entrepreneurship, sustainable socio-economic development of the Med area, while ensuring a close communication and coordination with PANORAMED and initiatives as WestMed, BLUEMED...

**KEY WORDS**

Communication, Capitalisation, Blue Growth, Clusters, RIS3, Innovation, Multi-level governance, entrepreneurship, socio-economic development
Ongoing projects in which the CPMR participates as associated partner

BleuTourMed_C3

Description

BleuTourMed aims at supporting and ensuring synergies between the modular projects selected under the Specific Objective 3.1 (Sustainable Tourism) by building a community of projects supporting and helping them to synthesis and integrate data, methods and outputs in order to better communicate as well as to capitalise their results at Mediterranean level. Community building activities focus on stimulating the sharing and co-ownership of data and results among the 14 projects.

Start and end date: 01.11.2016-31.10.2019

Partners:
(1) Latin Arc [ES] (Lead partner)
(2) Barcelona Provincial Council [ES]
(3) Plan Bleu for the environment and development in the Mediterranean [FR]
(4) Mediterranean Universities Union – UNIMED [IT]
(5) Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences Research Committee [EL]
(6) Adriatic Ionian Euroregion [HR]

GO SUMP

Description

Using a specialised partnership as backbone of the working structure, GO SUMP is working to solve the gap of sustainable mobility part of urban planning, by guiding and supporting modular projects as a community to improve the visibility, capitalisation and mainstreaming of their results through joint strategies based on synergies and networking. GO SUMP aims to act as a bridge among the MED Programme and projects, and the stakeholders for their COM&CAP through key thematic groups such as CIVITAS, Eltis, the SUMP Platform or the Covenant of Mayors.

Start and end date: 01.11.2016 – 31.10.2019

Partners:
(1) Ayuntamiento de Málaga – Malaga City Council [ES] (Lead partner)
(2) EUROCITIES ASBL [BE]
(3) Barcelona Metropolitan Area -Medcities General Secretariat – AMB [ES]
(4) Working for sustainable mobility in developing cities – CODATU [FR]
(5) Mediterranean Universities Union – UNIMED [IT]
(6) Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe, Country office Ljubljana – REC [SI]
**Ongoing projects in which the CPMR participates as associated partner**

### PHAROS4MPAs

**Description**

The project will conceive and deliver an integrated framework of recommendations on the necessary practical collaboration between MPAs and the maritime sectors. In particular, the following sectors and their relationships with MPAs will be addressed: offshore oil and gas, maritime transport, cruise, offshore renewable energy, aquaculture, leisure activities, artisanal fisheries.

**Start and end date:** 01.02.2018 - 31.07.2019

**Partners:**

2. Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre – PAP/RAC [HR]
3. Regional Development Funds for North Aegean Region – RDF NA [EL]
4. Regional Agency of the Administration of Protected Areas in Albania – AKZM [AL]
7. Girona University – UdG [ES]

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### MISTRAL

**Description**

The aim of MISTRAL is to create a symbiotic and transnational community of the Mediterranean Clusters active in the BG domains (blue energy, aquaculture, maritime, coastal and cruise tourism, blue biotechnology, marine mineral resources) made up of 7 countries (7 regions, 6 clusters and 3 RTOs).

**Start and end date:** 01.02.2018 – 31.01.2022

**Partners:**

1. Emilia-Romagna Region - Research, innovation, Energy and sustainable economy Department [IT] (Lead partner)
2. ASTER S.Cons.p.A. – ASTER [IT]
3. Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia - Central Directorate for Job, Training, Education, Equal Opportunities, Youth Policies, Research and University – RAFVG [IT]
4. Hellenic Centre for Marine Research – HCMR [EL]
5. Maritime Cluster of Balearic Islands – CMIB [ES]
6. Pole Mer Méditerranée - Toulon Var Technologies – PMM-TVT [FR]
7. Maritime Cluster of Andalusia – CMMA [ES]
8. National Research Council - Earth system science and environmental technologies – CNR [IT]
9. Region of Crete - Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning [EL]
10. Alentejo Regional Development Agency - Economic Department – ADRAL [PT]
12. Croatian Maritime Industry Competitiveness Cluster – MarC [HR]
13. Aleksander Moisiu University of Durres - Faculty of Business – UAMD [AL]
**MD.NET**

**Description**

M.D.net project challenges the problems of currently neglected and undeveloped opportunities of Mediterranean Diet (MD). The project main objective is to strengthen exploration of the MD according the UNESCO Med Diet Convention, blending comprehensive MD concepts with innovative tools. The project intends to use both cultural and creative measures and start cooperation of international quadruple helix stakeholders to lift Mediterranean diet on new quality levels.

**Start and end date:** 01.02.2018 – 31.01.2022

**Partners:**

1. Regione Campania [IT] (Lead partner)
2. University of Algarve – UAlg [PT]
3. Public institution for coordination and development of Split-Dalmatia County – RERA SD [HR]
4. Region of Crete [EL]
5. Association for Economic Development – REDAH [BA]
6. Mediterranean Diet Foundation – FDM [ES]
8. Regione Emilia Romagna [IT]
10. Standing Committee for the Euro-Med Partnership of Local & Regional Authorities – COPPEM [IT]
11. Department of Agriculture/ Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment – DA [EL]
12. Association of Albanian Municipalities – ShBSh [AL]
13. GOVERNMENT OF CATALONIA- Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food – DARP [ES]

**PANORAMED**

**Description**

The PANORAMED Axis 4 project is a top down initiative that adopts an evidence-based approach to contribute to informed policy and decision-making processes at national and transnational level on identified sectors and cross cutting issues. This will be achieved through a specific platform project of national and regional authorities that is analysing the results produced by MED projects and by other Mediterranean Programmes/initiatives/organisations

**Start and end date:** 06.2017 – 06. 2022

**Partners:**

1. Spanish Ministry of Finance and Public Administration - General Directorate for EU Funds (Lead partner)
2. Albania, Ministry of European Integration
3. Bosnia Herzegovina, Directorate for EU Integration of Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Croatia, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds
5. Cyprus, Directorate general for European Programmes, coordination and development
7. Greece, Ministry of Economy, Development and Tourism - General Secretariat for Public Investments & NSRF, Region of Crete
8. Italy, Region Emilia Romagna, Region Marche, Region Molise and Region Tuscany
9. Malta, Ministry for European Affairs and the Implementation of the Electoral Manifesto
10. Montenegro, Ministry of foreign affairs and European integration - General directorate for coordination of EU assistance Programmes
11. Portugal, Ministry of Planning and Infrastructures - Agency for Development and Cohesion
12. Slovenia, Government Office for development and EU Cohesion Policy
Ongoing projects in which the CPMR participates as associated partner

**CO-EVOLVE4BG**

**Description**

Co-Evolve4BG aims at analysing and promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems in touristic coastal areas, allowing sustainable development of touristic activities based on the principles of ICZM/MSP and promoting Blue Growth in the Mediterranean. It promotes the development of sustainable coastal and maritime tourism, as already addressed by the Co-Evolve project (Interreg MED program) but extending its action towards the South & East Mediterranean coastal areas.

**Start and end date:** 2019 - 2021

**Partners:**
1. INSTM – National Institutes of Science and Technologies of the Sea of Tunisia (TN) (Lead partner)
2. Region of Lazio (IT)
3. REMTH – Region of Eastern and Macedonia Thrace (GR)
4. University of Murcia (Department of Ecology, SP)
5. Region of Crete (GR)
6. Foundation Valencia Port (SP)
7. ANPE (TN)
8. Lebanese Ministry of Works and Public Transportation (MWPT) (LB)
9. NGO Al-Midan (Lebanon)
10. NGO Amwaj (Lebanon)

**MED PEARLS**

**Description**

The main objective of the project is to develop new sustainable tourism products (Pearls) based on the Slow tourism concept and the use of innovation to overcome joint challenges in the Mediterranean. Med Pearls follows a comprehensive approach promoting the Mediterranean region as a single and integral destination and targeting mid-, and long-range outbound markets (Central and Northern Europe, USA and Canada, Asia countries, etc.).

**Start and end date:** 2019 - 2021

**Partners:**
1. Catalan Tourist Board (Spain)
2. Tel Aviv Global (Israel)
3. Municipality of Thessaloniki (Greece)
4. Ministry of Tourism (Jordan)
5. Mediterranean Pearls (Italian Destination Management Organization)
6. PICTI (Palestine, Business Incubator)
**MEDUSA**

**Description**

The project addresses the issue of tourism diversification and de-seasonalisation in the Mediterranean, developing new strategies and strengthening the promotion and commercialisation of active tourism products in regions willing to commit with a more low-impact, sustainable, responsible and high-quality alternative approach.

**Start and end date: 2019 - 2021**

**Partners:**

1. BARCELONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -BCC, Spain (LP)
2. ASCAME (Association of Mediterranean Chambers, Spain)
3. JITOA (Jordan Inbound Tourism Operators Association, Jordan)
4. RMF (René Moawad Foundation, Lebanon)
5. PUGLIA Region (Italy)
6. WWF North Africa (Tunisia)
Projects under evaluation in which the CPMR will participate as associated partner

ShIFT-MED

Description
Artisanal and small-scale fisheries are a heritage of Mediterranean islands and serve as potential examples of sustainable social, economic and environmental interactions. Preserving their unique practices must be a priority of the European strategy for the Mediterranean, where coastal attractiveness determines the success of seasonal mass tourism. ShIFT-MED focuses on small islands as the outposts of the future European strategy.

Start and end date: 11.2019 – 06.2022

Partners:
(1) CONISMA (LEAD PARTNER) [IT]
(2) Regione Sicilia [IT]
(3) Parco Nazionale dell’Arcipelago della Maddalena [IT]
(4) Università Ta’ Malta [MT]
(5) Gozo Tourism Association [MT]
(6) Universitat de les Illes Balears [ES]
(7) Petra Patrimonia Corsica [FR]
(8) Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries Split [HR]
(9) Croatian Kornati National Park [HR]
(10) Insuleur [EL]

THETYS

Description
Tethys intends to contribute to the transnational development, transfer and capitalization of innovative and sustainable technologies and know-how for aquaculture sector MSMEs throughout the involved Mediterranean maritime ecosystems.

Start and end date: 11.2019 – 06.2022

Partners:
(1) Marche region [IT]
(2) University Of Camerino-Unicam [IT]
(3) Patras Scientific Park [EL]
(4) University Of Tirana [AL]
(5) ERDF of Western Greece Region [EL]
(6) Croatian Chamber Of Economy [HR]
(7) CIRAD-ISEM research unit [FR]
(8) Barcelona Chamber of Commerce [ES]
(9) Oceanic Observatory of Madeira - ARDITI [PT]
(10) PROMOCAMERA -Azienda Speciale CCIAA Sassari - North Sardinia [IT]
(11) Hellenic Centre for Marine Research – HCMR [EL]
(12) Maritime Cluster of Balearic Islands – CMIB [ES]
(13) Pôle Mer Méditerranèe - Toulon Var Technologies – PMM-TVT [FR]
(14) Maritime Cluster of Andalusia – CMMA [ES]
(15) National Research Council - Earth system science and environmental technologies – CNR [IT]
(16) Region of Crete - Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning [EL]
(17) Alentejo Regional Development Agency - Economic Department – ADRAL [PT]
(18) Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation – International Programs Directory – AKTI [AL]
(19) Croatian Maritime Industry Competitiveness
### MPA-ENGAGE

**Description**

To support and promote the role of MPAs as central tools for the implementation of ecosystem approach (EcAp) for the adaptation and mitigation to climate change. It aims at improving knowledge of marine ecosystems and their inter-linkages with human activities facing the impact of climate change; fostering the implementation and development of standardized tools for monitoring schemes, to elaborate vulnerability assessment and define adaptation plans to CC in Med. MPAs and SSF sectors; promoting stakeholder engagement through participatory approaches to enhance the effectiveness of MPAs as nature-based solutions to adapt and mitigate CC effects; mainstreaming developed/upgraded policies for CC adaptation in the Med.

**Start and end date:** 11.2019 – 06.2022

**Partners:**

1. Stazione Zoologica Napoli “Anton Dohrn” (SZN) [IT]
2. Marine Protected Area of Portofino (MPA) [IT]
3. National Park of Calanques (MPA) [FR]
4. Polytechnic University of Marche / CoNIsMA [IT]
5. National Park of Brijuni (MPA) [HR]
6. National Marine Park of Zakynthos (NMPZ) (MPA) [EL]
7. Professional Association of Diving Instructors (PADI) EMEA
8. Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE) [BE]
9. Karaburuni Sazan (MPA) / Association for Protection of Aquatic wildlife of Albania [AL]
10. Regional Government de Catalunya (Region) / National Park of Medes (MPA) [ES]
11. Marine Protected Area of Tavolara Punta Coda Cavallo (MPA) [IT]
12. Mediterranean info office for Environment Culture & Sustainable Development [EL]
13. National Park of Port Cros (MPA) [FR]
14. Regione Liguria (Region) [IT]

### POSBEMED2

**Description**

The specific objectives to reach through this project are implementing the Mediterranean Governance Strategy for the Posidonia littoral zones.

**Start and end date:** 11.2019 – 06.2022

**Partners:**

1. International Union for Conservation of Nature – IUCN (Lead partner) [ES]
2. OEC (Office de l’environnement Corse) [FR]
3. Autonomous Region of Sardinia-Directorate-General for the Defence of the Environment [IT]
4. CNR Research Institute (Sardinia) [IT]
5. Regional Environment Ministry of Balearic islands (Dirección General de Espacios Naturales y Biodiversidad) [ES]
6. Natura Jadera, Public Institution for the Management of Protected Areas in Zadar County [HR]
7. Research Institute (HCMR) [HR]
8. Enalia Physis (Environmental Research Center) [CY]
Projects under evaluation in which the CPMR will participate as associated partner

**ART-Forum**

**Description**

ART-Forum will create a debating ground for local/regional authorities in the NSR, address risks and opportunities and help guide policy development with regard to the impact that automated transport could have on the entire road transport system and life in cities and regions in the NSR. A transnational approach is required as the onset of ART will pose a similar challenge for cities and regions across Europe and a joint public dialog and development of sound policy frameworks can help spread lessons learned and prepare other communities for this game changing technological development more rapidly than any one organisation could accomplish alone.

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**G-PaTRA**

**Description**

The project will promote green transport and mobility by enhancing the capacity of authorities to reduce CO2 from personal transport in remote, rural and island areas. It will embed more zero emission vehicles in rural transport systems and improve available passenger transport resources.

**Start and end date:** 2017-2021

**Partners:**

(1) Robert Gordon University
(2) University of Groningen
(3) Aalborg University
(4) Office for Regional Development Leine and Weser Region
(5) The Highlands and Islands Transport Partnership (HITRANS)
(6) Urban Foresight Limited
(7) Taxistop
(8) Aberdeenshire Council
(9) Province of Drenthe
(10) Province of Groningen
(11) National Wind Energy Centre
(12) Møre and Romsdal County Council Administration
(13) Smøla Business and Culture Centre

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**SURFLOGH**

**Description**

Core challenge of the project is to achieve a more efficient cargo distribution in urban areas, and thereby maintain efficiency in long distance transport. To promote efficient logistics sustainably, the focus is on optimizing the interaction between hubs and urban logistics systems in smaller and medium-sized cities and city networks.

**Partners:**

(1) Province of Drenthe, the Netherlands
(2) City of Groningen, The Netherlands
(3) South East Scotland Transport Partnership, Scotland
(4) Napier Transport Research Institute, Scotland
(5) City of Mechelen, Belgium
(6) City of Boras, Sweden

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**HyTrEc 2**

**Description**

The key aim is to create conditions so that a FCEV market can develop, and promote the NSR as a Centre for Excellence for fuel cells and range extenders. The project will reduce the cost of hydrogen vehicles and reduce CO2 emissions.

**Partners:**

(1) Aberdeen City Council
(2) Centre of Excellence for Low Carbon and Fuel Technologies
(3) Research Institutes of Sweden
(4) University of Tromsø - The Arctic University of Norway
(5) Europaisches Institut fur Innovation / European Institute for Innovation
(6) Provincie Drenthe
(7) Gremeeute Groningen
(8) Aberdeenshire Council
**LARS**

**Description**
Project approach: (1) Mapping strategies to select the final intervention areas; (2) Triple-helix gap analysis aiming at finding deficiencies and successful cases of innovation networks; (3) Matching partners in transfer networks based on good and bad practices; (4) Learning on the transfers, essentially an innovation context analysis; (5) Piloting new activities in the regions with the purpose of improving innovation networks; (6) Communicating the findings based on the wider implications of the project.

**Start and end date:** 10.2017 – 09.2020

**Partners:**
(1) Hamburg University of Applied Sciences
(2) Regional Council of Paijat-Häme
(3) Lithuanian Institute of Agrarian Economics
(4) Lithuanian Innovation Centre
(5) Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development
(6) University of Vaasa
(7) Region Västerbotten
(8) Oppland County Authority

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**BSR Access**

**Description**
The platform work plan addresses the topics identified in the Issues Papers in the following activities: Enhanced corridor development in BSR a) Regional development impacts of transport megaprojects; b) Institutionalised cooperation along corridors; c) Enhanced supply chains through multimodal integration; and d) Clean fuel deployment along CNCs in the BSR.

**Start and end date:** 10.2018 – 09.2021

**Partners:**
(1) Regional Blekinge
(2) Kvarken Council
(3) Port of Hamburg Marketing
(4) Joint Spatial Planning Department Berlin-Brandenburg
(5) Capital Region of Denmark
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