

Cooperating in the Mediterranean through the ENI CBC MED on Marine Litter

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ENI CBC Med 2014-2020 Synthesis

- The Joint Operational Programme was adopted on 17 December 2015
 - **€209 million** of EU contribution
 - **14 countries involved:** Algeria*, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Tunisia, Spain
 - **Principles:** Partnership, co-ownership, common benefits
 - **Regione Autonoma della Sardegna** as Managing Authority
 - 3 calls launched
- * Algeria adhered to the Programme but has not signed the Financing Agreement with the European Commission.



Thematic objectives and Priorities of ENI CBC MED 2014-2020



ENI CBC MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN PROGRAMME 2014-2020

Map of the cooperation area



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| Eligible territories | Major social, economic and cultural centres | Eligible countries under the European Neighbourhood Policy which do not participate in the Programme |
| Adjoining territories | Algeria has adhered to the Programme but has not yet signed the Financing Agreement with the European Union | The current suspension of EU cooperation with Syria also applies to ENI CBC programmes |

ENI CBC Med 2014-2020: State of play

Calls for proposals

Standard

- 41 projects
- €110 million

Strategic

- 23* projects
- €78.8 million

Capitalisation

11+5 projects
€11 million +
extra

80 projects are currently under implementation



Business and SMEs development

13 Standard
6 Strategic
5 Capitalisation



Innovation and technology transfer

5 Standard
9 Strategic
3 Capitalisation



Social inclusion and fight against poverty

6 Standard
6 Strategic
2 Capitalisation



Environment and Climate Change

17 Standard
2 Strategic
6 Capitalisation

TO4 Projects dedicated to environmental protection and climate change mitigation



Priority 4.4: Integrated Coastal Zone Management

Co-Evolve4BG

Co-evolution of coastal human activities & Med natural systems for sustainable tourism & Blue Growth in the Mediterranean.

COMMON

COastal Management and MOnitoring Network for tackling marine litter in Mediterranean sea

MED4EBM

Mediterranean Forum For Applied Ecosystem-Based Management

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ENhancing Socio-Ecological RESilience in Mediterranean coastal areas

Plastic Busters CAP

Fostering knowledge transfer to tackle marine litter in the Med by integrating EbA into ICZM



Co-Evolve4BG

Co-evolution of coastal human activities & Med natural systems for sustainable tourism & Blue Growth in the Mediterranean

Countries: Tunisia, Italy, Greece, Spain, Lebanon

Co-Evolve4BG take advantage of the methodology developed by the CO-EVOLVE project, funded by the Interreg MED Programme and extends its main actions towards the South & East Mediterranean through the integration of new pilot areas. Finally, Co-Evolve4BG is part of a wider project, “Med Coast for Blue Growth” labelled by the 43 Countries of the Union for the Mediterranean.

Expected achievements

- 1 integrated analysis of threats and enabling factors for sustainable tourism at the Mediterranean level
- 1 toolkit containing indicators to analyze the level of sustainability of tourism
- 2 rounds of training addressed to partners and local actors involved in pilot actions
- 7 pilot actions for developing sustainable tourism in the pilot areas

Progress:

- The project has already delivered 85 reports, 17 per country and is now developing the outputs at the Mediterranean scale.
- Partners are working on the 7 Pilot areas have been with actions for sustainable coastal tourism





COMMON COastal Management and MOnitoring Network for tackling marine litter in Mediterranean sea

Countries: Italy, Tunisia, Lebanon

The COMMON project applies the Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) principles to the challenge of marine litter, improving knowledge of the phenomenon, enhancing the environmental performance of 5 pilot coastal areas in Italy, Tunisia and Lebanon, and engaging local stakeholders in marine litter management.

Expected achievements

- 10 studies on linkages between marine litter issues and land-based human activities
- 1 ICT platform for sharing methodologies and data on marine litter
- 250 people trained in marine litter management
- 30 municipalities involved in a network of coastal cities against marine litter
- 4 reports containing legal recommendations and best practices for improving the management of marine litter and governance issues
- 50 civil society organizations participating in beach cleanup campaigns

Progress:

All the project progress on the [COMMON project IT platform](#):

- The [map](#) with all data collected
- The [Beach Clean Campaign](#)
- The [Clean Up The Med Campaign](#)
- The [Coastal Cities Network](#)

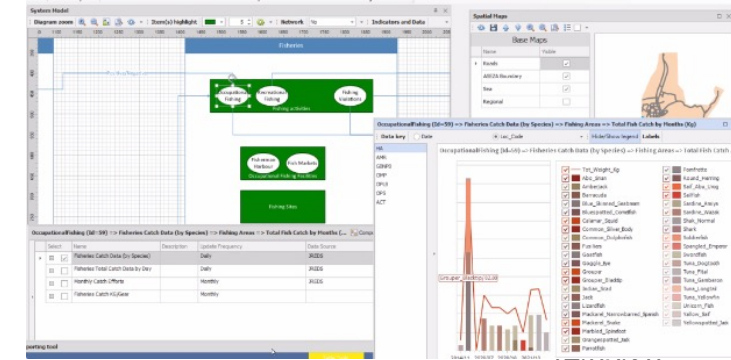




The MED4EBM project will assist ICZM actors in four coastal areas of Jordan, Italy, Lebanon and Tunisia to jointly develop and apply a common methodology to make ecosystem-based ICZM much easier to design and implement by applying innovative techniques and methods. Moreover, the project will provide government officials and managers with the necessary tools, skills and competences to develop and implement ecosystem approaches to the management of activities in the marine and coastal environments.

- 4 integrated sets of Ecosystem-Based ICZM measures developed
- 4 Ecosystem-Based ICZM governance protocols and Decision Support Systems established
- 4 training packages delivered to managers and officers of relevant institutions
- 4 mentorship programs for government officials and managers of institutions involved in the use of the ICZM tools developed
- 1 permanent Mediterranean forum on EBM and ICZM tools and methods

- The project has already launched the Permanent Forum on EBM and ICZM in Sibari, Italy
- Ecosystem-based ICZM Decision Support Systems (EB-ICZM DSS) established in each of the project's target areas



ENSERES

ENhancing Socio-Ecological RESilience in Mediterranean coastal areas



Countries: Spain, France, Lebanon, Tunisia, Italy.

Objective

- To mainstream available EBM tools in ICZM processes for preserving coastal and marine ecosystems as sustainable livelihoods for coastal urban communities through integrated management of human activities.

Expected achievements

- 9 sub-grants to involve local civil society organisations in the management and sustainable development in and around Specially Protected Areas of Mediterranean Importance (SPAMIs).
- 1 toolkit systematizing information from transferable tools, used at different sites and developed in previous and ongoing projects, focusing on the EBM and ICZM tools (including co-management and restoration).
- 200 staff involved in up-scaling processes and transfer initiatives.
- 1 Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform expanded and enhanced to include information from Mediterranean Partner Countries.

- *MBPC -Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community*
- *MPA Networks*
- *Co-Evolve4BG - Co-evolution of coastal human activities & Med natural systems for sustainable tourism & Blue Growth in the Mediterranean*
- *COMMON - COastal Management and MOnitoring Network for tackling marine litter in Mediterranean sea*
- *Med4EBM - Mediterranean Forum For Applied Ecosystem-Based Management*
- *MedArtSal - sustainable management model for Mediterranean Artisanal Salinas*
- *Cogito*
- *Build back a blue and stronger Mediterranean*
- *BlueSeeds - Financing solutions for marine conservation*
- *MPA-NTZ - Co-managed No-Take Zones/ Maritime Protected Areas*
- *Maristanis - defining an integrated management model for the coastal wetlands of the Gulf of Oristano.*
- *SPAMI Twinning Programme*
- *The Med Fund*



Plastic Busters CAP

Fostering knowledge transfer to tackle marine litter in the Med by integrating EbA into ICZM



Countries: Italy, Greece, Spain, Egypt, Tunisia, Lebanon, Jordan

Objective

To enhance and transfer knowledge, experience and best practice tools that address the entire management cycle of marine litter from monitoring and assessment to prevention and mitigation, towards an integrated and strategic approach that couples Ecosystem-based management and ICZM into local development planning

Expected achievements

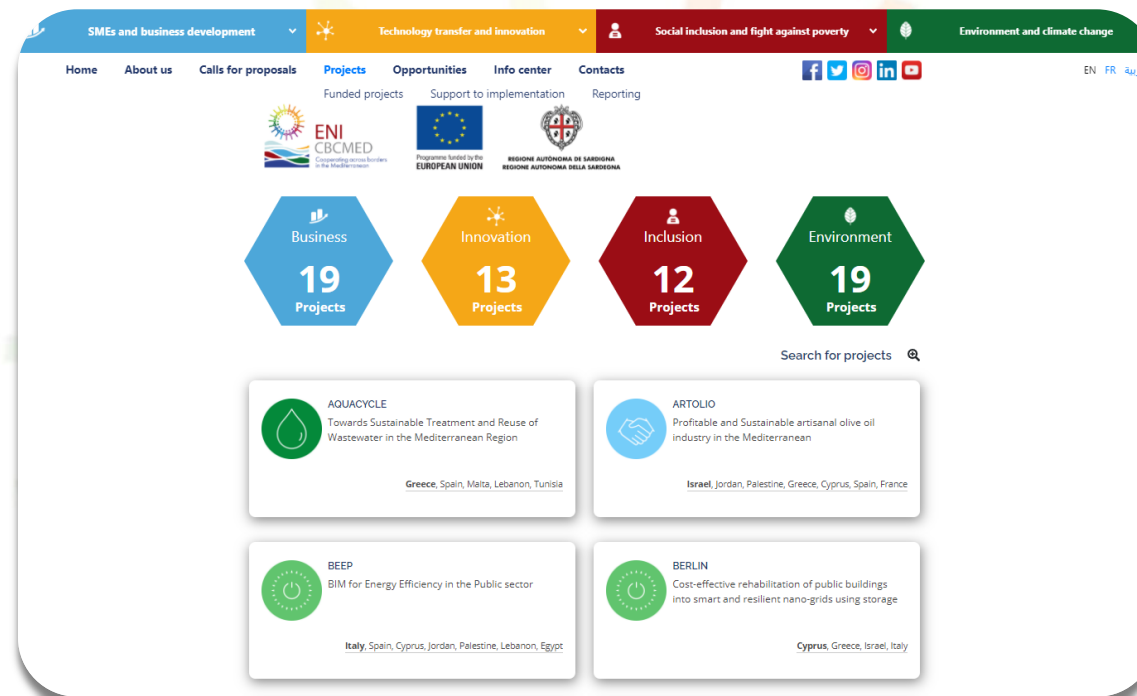
- 5 training programmes on marine litter monitoring and assessment.
- 5 pilot marine litter monitoring and assessment campaigns.
- 4 pilot actions to mitigate marine litter.
- 5 training programmes on marine litter mitigation measures.
- 1 roadmap for marine litter policy priorities.
- 1 coastal cities network for a litter-free Mediterranean & Turtle Rescue Centre network

Main Projects capitalised:

- **PLASTIC BUSTERS MPA** - Most of the results will be used and extended to the participating south countries of the Mediterranean (reports, toolkit, e-learning module, good practices, methodologies, MPA testing to guide pilot actions)
- **MPA-ADAPT** - Guiding Mediterranean MPAs through the climate change era: Building resilience and adaptation. Outputs such as the platform, the marine-citizen science network, the Capitalization board and the governance plan.
- **COMMON** - Use of their experience in engaging citizens on marine litter actions and capitalization of the network of coastal cities against marine litter
- **Co-Evolve4BG** - Replicate the pilot actions for sustainable coastal tourism focusing on Single Use Plastics free beaches.
- **MED4EBM** - Ecosystem-based ICZM Decision Support Systems will be used



Where to find more info on projects dedicated to marine litter by ENI CBC MED?



Priority 4.4
Integrated
Coastal Zone
Management

www.enicbcmmed.eu/projects/funded-projects

Interreg NEXTMED 2021-2027 Programme

- **15 Countries:** Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Greece, France, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Malta, Palestine, Portugal, Spain, Tunisia and Turkey
- **Increased budget:** **244 Million Euro**
- **Joint priorities to address together shared challenges** External cooperation programmes included in the Interreg framework 2021- 2027
- **Importance of synergies** with the Union for the Mediterranean, Interreg EuroMed programme, WESTMED initiative, ADRION



Proposed strategic architecture for Interreg NEXT MED

3 Policy Objectives 1 Interreg Specific Objective + 9 Specific Objectives

PO 1: A smarter Europe and its neighbourhood

PO 2: A greener low-carbon Europe and its neighbourhood

PO 3: A more connected Europe with its neighbourhood

PO 4: A more social Europe and its neighbourhood

PO 5: Europe and its neighbourhood closer to their citizens

ISO 1: A better cooperation governance for Europe and its neighbourhood

5 Policy objectives (PO)
and 2 Interreg specific objectives (ISO) :

PO1 – smarter	PO2 – greener	PO4 - more social	ISO1 - better cooperation
S.O 1.3 growth & competitiveness	S.O 2.3 water	S.O 4.2 education, training and lifelong learning	S.O 1.6 Other actions to support better cooperation governance (NEW)
	S.O 2.1 energy		
S.O 1.1 Research & innovation	S.O 2.4 climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention	S.O 4.4 health care	
	S.O 2.6 circular and resource efficient economy (NEW)		

Interreg NEXT MED - Policy Objective 2

PO2 – greener
S.O 2.3 water
S.O 2.1 energy
S.O 2.4 climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention
S.O 2.6 circular and resource efficient economy (NEW)

Policy Objective 2 'A greener, low-carbon and resilient Mediterranean' by

- Promoting energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
- Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience taking into account ecosystem-based approaches
- Promoting access to water and sustainable water management
- Promoting the transition to a circular and resource-efficient economy

A total of **€96.9 million** is allocated to Policy Objective 2, corresponding to 42% of the Programme budget.

Proposed structure for calls

1 st Call Standard	2 nd Call Green Transition	3 rd Call Capitalisation	4 th Call Follow-up & Consolidation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all SOs + ISO• 45% of prog. budget• €98.9m• <i>Youth strand</i>: special focus on projects with young beneficiaries (lead/partners)• 20% of the call budget• €19.6m	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to relevant SOs + ISO• 35% of prog. budget• €79.6m• Aimed to achieving “green” results• Supporting strategic objectives• Lasting impacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all SOs + ISO• 15% of prog. Budget• €32.9m• New projects• Selected results from NEXTMED projects & other initiatives• Roll-out and of successful solutions• Stimulate synergies with other initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open to all SOs + ISO• 5% of prog. Budget• €10.9m• ongoing or closed NEXT MED projects only• Support successful projects to continue and improve delivery of results

Proposal for projects common elements:

Impact on the programme area

- at least 50% of funds to be spent in MPCs

Budget

- EU contribution up to 90%
- co-financing 10% at least

Partnership

- min. 3 different organizations from 3 different countries
- at least 1 organisation from MPCs
- max. 3 organisations from the same country

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