

Welcome Seminar for **Thematic Projects**

How the TPs will engage with the **Natural Heritage Mission**

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Community Building & Support

Community Building events will be organized at least twice a year.

The Natural Heritage community meets through online or physical presence events to network, exchange on activities, and set community's next objectives.

Thematic Projects will be invited to join and collaborate to have the chance to strengthen the bonds with the community and to reach potential targets for their results

Capacity building sessions will be offered to Thematic Projects on topics that will facilitate the implementation and increase impact of their results (e.g., on communication, on transferring strategy, on policies)

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Fostering solutions transferring Amplifying impact

The Mission offers the space for:

- Creation of a community of practice resulting to the Mediterranean Resilience Network
- Gather community stakeholders and open to new external targets to facilitate transference in practice
- Creation of **thematic working groups** and collaborative work
- Offering a "portfolio of services", a variety of tailored services to members of the community and external targets

Thematic Projects are expected to participate in these activities, increasing visibility of their results, supporting transferring and link with targets







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Amplification Room

The AR is the space where the core community - including the Mission partners and Associated partners, **as well as TPs** – comes together and opens to new external targets with the aim to facilitate transference in practice. These actors will include target audiences for the TPs as well as other North & South Mediterranean actors.

All people engaged can provide examples and solutions they developed as well as benefit from those others present.

This AR framework will offer a "portfolio of services", which are a variety of tailored in person and online settings where the transference of solutions and knowledge can happen.

Thematic Projects will be part of the AR, increasing visibility of their results, enabling transferring and link with targets







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Working Groups

Thematic working groups will be a space for networking, capacity building and producing knowledge, i.e., policy papers and briefs zooming in on specific EU, Mediterranean and international issues.

Thematic Projects are invited to join the WGs depending on their thematic focus



Sharing knowledge together

The Natural Heritage Mission will create educational modules in the Interreg Euro-MED Academy promoting also the solutions offered by the Thematic Projects.

The Mission also plans two "in presence" courses/summer schools, one in Slovenia (planned for next summer) and one in Greece.

Thematic Projects provide resources to be included in the courses (videos, publications, presentations, podcasts, etc.)

A **Resources Recipient Repository** will be created including TPs solutions. The most transferable solutions will be included in the Mission's **Catalogues**







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General Public Engagement

The Mission organizes the **"SOLVE the CHALLENGE"** awareness raising campaign focusing on a yearly selected topic. Thematic Projects provide resources to be shared through the campaign



2023 campaign focused on the **Coastal Erosion** problem

Visit our dedicated page to find out more: <u>Coastal Erosion - Interreg</u> <u>Euro-MED : Natural heritage (interreg-euro-med.eu)</u>







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Policy Engagement

The Mission supports dialogue with policy makers and aims to integrate technical solutions offered by the Thematic Projects into mainstream policies.

- Annual Institutional Dialogue Events
- Technical Working Groups
- Advocacy
- Synergies with wide networks

Thematic Projects are invited to join these activities, share their policy needs and aspirations





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Our Thematic Projects

Protecting and restoring the marine environment



GreenList4MMPAs

Lead Partner: Zoological Station Anton Dohrn (Italy)

MPA4Change

Lead Partner: Spanish Research Council (Spain)

ARTEMIS

Lead Partner: Plan Bleu for the environment and development in the Mediterranean (France)





StrategyMedFor

Lead Partner: Universidad de Malaga (Spain)

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Our Thematic Projects

Reduction of anthropogenic pressures in coastal areas



COASTRUST

Lead Partner: Region of Western Greece (Greece)

TREASURE

Lead Partner: Agency for the Development of the Empolese Valdelsa (Italy)



WE GO COOP

Lead Partner: Organisation for Local Development, ANATOLIKI S.A. (Greece)

WetlandSolutions4Change

Lead Partner: University of Forestry, Faculty of Ecology and Landscape Architecture (Bulgaria)







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Our Thematic Projects

Risk management of climate change impacts Drought: Germ of Life Lead Partner: University of Patras (Greece)

Flood: LocAll4Flood Lead Partner: Balmes University Foundation (Spain)

Sea level rise: MedSeaRise Lead Partner: Organisation for Local Development, ANATOLIKI S.A. (Greece)

Wildfires: FRED Lead Partner: University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies (Croatia)

Soil carbon farming



CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY

Lead Partner: Agricultural Institute of Slovenia (Slovenia)

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2024 Calendar

- 26 February Online meeting with TPs Lead Partners
- **1st semester 2024** WGs meetings (online)
- **<u>27 June</u>** Meeting in Croatia with TPs Lead Partners
- **18-20 June** Summer school in Slovenia (TPs contribution more than welcome)
- 2nd semester 2024:
 - WGs meetings (online and in presence)
 - 2nd Annual Institutional Dialogue Event

We are really interested in attending your activities, e.g., the Kick-off-meetings of your projects!



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