



Working Group 'Overcoming Local Barriers for Climate Change Adaptation'

Natural Heritage Mission - Introductory webinar

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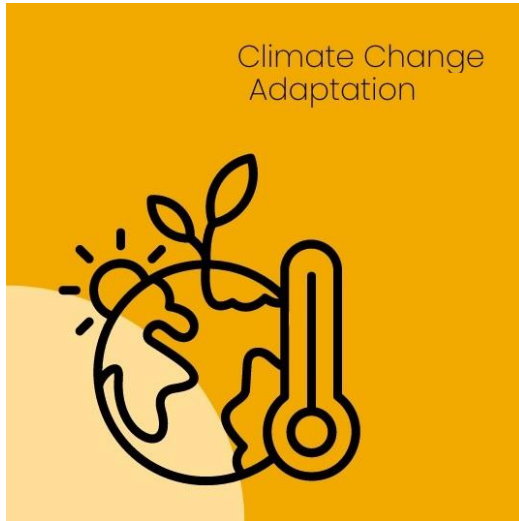
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Who Are We?



Working Group leader:



Working Group co-leaders:



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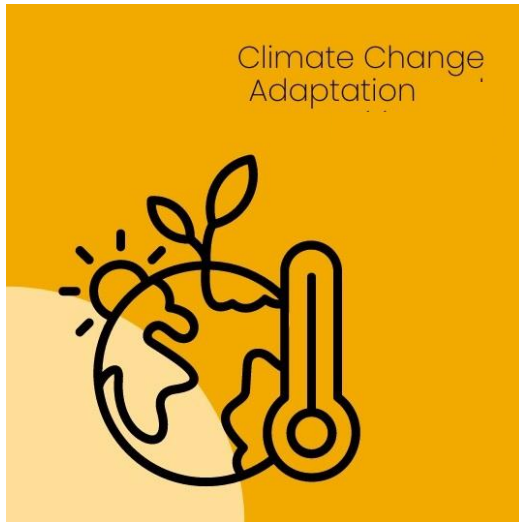


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Scope



Address **Target 8** (Minimise impacts) and **Target 12** (Urban green & blue spaces for human Well-being) of the new **Global Biodiversity Framework**

Tackle key issues concerning **Urban and peri-urban areas** and **biodiversity and climate crisis nexus** and inform adaptation strategies > **The expansion of urban environments contributes to climate change and biodiversity loss.**



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Goals and Expectations

- **Working Group focus:** Climate change Adaptation
- **Policies targeted by the Working Group:**
 - **GLOBAL:** Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) - Target 3 & Target 12
 - **EU:** EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Green Deal, Climate Law & Adaptation Strategy
 - **MED:** BCN Convention, in line with the work of MedECC (Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change) and IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change).
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GBF - Target 3

Target 3: Minimize impacts of climate change and ocean acidification

Minimise the impact of climate change and ocean acidification on biodiversity and **increase its resilience through mitigation, adaptation, and disaster risk reduction actions,** including through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches, while minimising negative and fostering positive impacts of climate action on biodiversity.



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GBF - Target 12

Target 12: Urban green and blue spaces enhanced for human Well-being

Significantly increase the **area and quality and connectivity of, access to, and benefits from green and blue spaces in urban and densely populated areas sustainably**, by mainstreaming the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, and ensure biodiversity-inclusive urban planning, enhancing native biodiversity, ecological connectivity and integrity, and improving human health and well-being and connection to nature and **contributing to inclusive and sustainable urbanisation and the provision of ecosystem functions and services.**



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Principles to Be Followed

- All **GBF targets** are somehow **interlinked**. Discussions should ensure **integration**
- Many **policies** not directly related to this Working Group enter in **contradiction with its goals** (i.e. urban development) and should be monitored as well
- **Harmonisation of policies** should be a goal of the Working Group discussions at **Mediterranean** scale, and at the **various levels of governance** (i.e. country vs. cities)
- **Multilevel governance**, specially the local context, should be also taken into account
- Most of the time, the **problem** lays on **implementation of policies**



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Themes to Be Followed?

- Identify **challenges** and **impact on biodiversity** and ecosystem services. **(KNOWLEDGE)**
- **Explore measures and solutions** for **adaptation and disaster risk reduction** **(CAPACITY BUILDING)**
- **Identify key barriers** that can act as impediments to measures implementation **and examine possible solutions** by integrating strategic climate change mitigation and adaptation policies to reduce vulnerability and supporting policy implementation at different levels. **(POLICY)**



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What Should We Do?

- **Increase knowledge** on the subject matter at all levels of governance.
 - Materials/approach should be target-specific (national vs regional vs city, etc.).
- **Provide material, information, ideas, contacts, speakers and expertise** to implement capacity building actions and to communicate with resources that already exist.
- **Act as a platform to reward good practices and promote good work:** taking into account declining habitats



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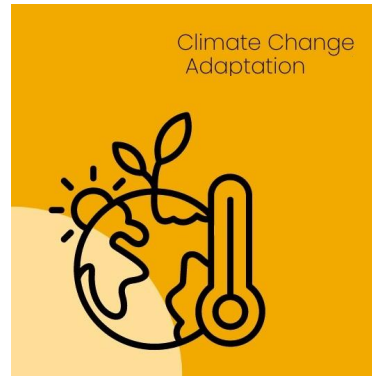


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Working Group Goals



GOAL 1

Training and Capacity Building

GOAL 2

Support to Projects



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GOAL 1: Training and Capacity Building

Opportunities for training and capacity building:

- Yearly **webinars** and institutional **dialogues**
- Establishing an **information repository**
- Conducting **Interreg Euro-MED Academy** trainings
- **Transfer** activities within **Amplification Room**
- Creating a Working Group **mailing list and newsletter**



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GOAL 2: Projects Support

1. How can we assist Thematic Projects in **achieving your policy/advocacy work**?
2. What do you **expect** from us?



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Validation of Thematic Projects Policy Goals

- **MedSeaRise (study)**: tackle the current uncertainties affecting the knowledge and the data on **sea level** future trend and its impacts
- **FRED (test)**: adoption of a Common Strategy on remote sensing supported **Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation** in the MED area + implementation of Action plans
- **Germ of Life (test)**: **Drought risk management**
- **LocAll4Flood (test)**: adoption of an Integrated Multi-stakeholder Governance Model (IMGGM) for the prevention, mitigation and adaptation to **flash floods events** + adoption of prevention, mitigation and adaptation solutions



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Validation of Thematic Projects Policy Goals

- **StrategyMedFor (test)**: adoption of a Strategy for Sustainable Management of Mediterranean **Forests** + Toolkit
- **WetlandSolutions4Change (test)**: implementation of the transfer plan on **wetlands** as NbS for climate **adaptation**, risk prevention and mitigation (floods, carbon sequestration)
- **MPA4Change (transfer)**: recognition of **restoration and MPAs** as NbS for CC via the adoption of toolkit by policymakers (risk assessment, monitoring, data sharing, restoration, citizen science, participatory approaches and defining **adaptation action plans**, communication) + ensure the long-term sustainability of a Roster of experts



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Achieving Policy Outcomes

Understanding Thematic Projects' expectations to assist them in achieving their policy outcomes:

- Connecting with **key stakeholders**
- Position their work at **policy events**: COP, CBD, UfM, EU gatherings
- Drafting **yearly policy paper** as WG



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2nd Online Webinar

- **WHEN:** October 2024
- **WHERE:** Online
- **WHAT:** Restoration

- Explore the overlap between **Targets 3 and 12** of the Global Biodiversity Framework
- Discuss the **EU Restoration Law, EU pledges, adoption at Med level**
- How do our projects support restoration?

GOAL: come up with a position about restoration as Working Group on Climate Change Adaptation

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In-person Meeting

DATES: 28 - 29 November 2024

LOCATION: Málaga, Spain

Day 1 (28 Nov): Institutional Dialogue - Marine & coastal restoration

- Morning:
 - Keynote on state of the art
 - Policy-oriented roundtable
 - Action-oriented roundtable (potential TPs & APs)
- Afternoon: Spanish focus

Day 2 (29 Nov): Internal meeting of the Natural Heritage Mission

- Working Group meeting



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Next Steps

2nd Online WGs Meeting | October 2024 → capacity building on restoration topic

2nd Institutional Dialogue and WGs Meeting (In-person) | 28-29 November 2024,
Malaga (Spain)

- Day 1 - Institutional Dialogue (marine and coastal restoration)
- Day 2 - Mission for Natural Heritage internal meeting + Working Groups meeting

→ **Send factsheet for final validation**



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Thank You

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