



1st Online Meeting for Working Groups

Introducing WGs of
Natural Heritage Mission

26 April 2024, Online



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Meeting Agenda

11:00 - 12:00: Common session

- Presentation from attendees (10 min) - Live Poll
- Introduction of the Working Groups (40 min)
 - Objectives and expectations: user-driven, policy focus (8 min)
 - Calendar of events for 2024 (5 min)
 - Focus of each WG (27 min)
- Q&A (10 min)

12:00 - 12:45: Parallel sessions for each Working Group

- Objective, scope and structure of the WG
- Summary of discussions in Slovenia
- Needs and expectations from participants
- Topic of the 2nd online meeting around the EU Restoration Law

12:45 - 13:00: Plenary meeting

- Reporting from the WGs
- Wrap-up of the meeting



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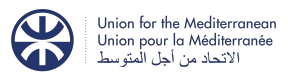
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- Community4Nature
- Dialogue4Nature
- Other Key Stakeholders

- Associated Partners
- Thematic Projects



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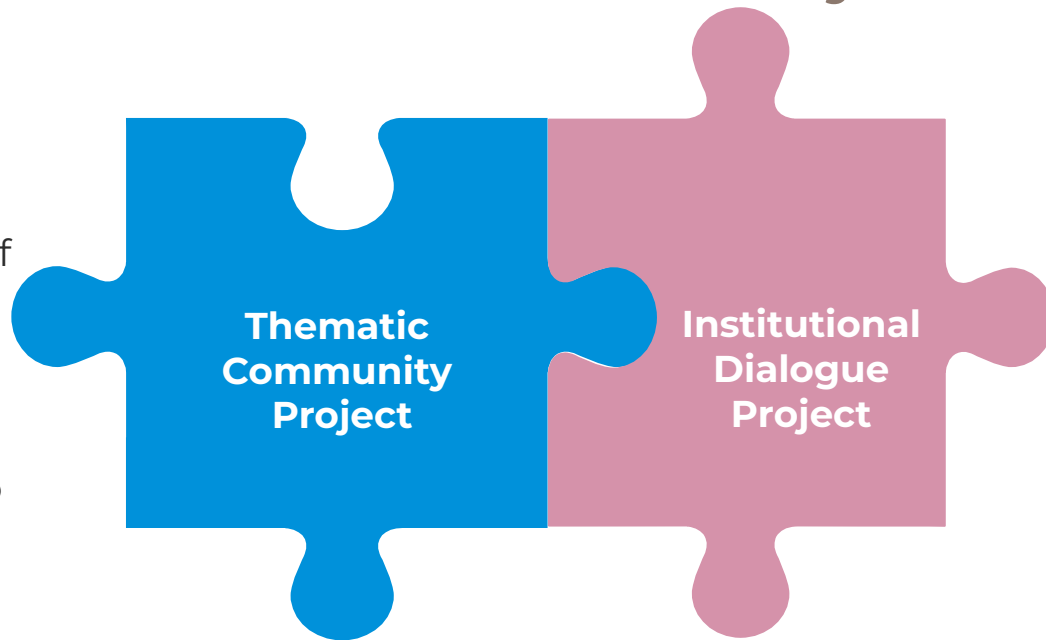




Two Governance Projects

Create community
Study and assess
the transferability of
results.

Promote the reuse
of solutions and
their transferring to
other territories.



Promote policy
harmonization and
innovative governance
practices.

Establish dialogue to
mainstream solutions to
effective policies

Community of Practice -----> Mediterranean Resilience Network (MRN)



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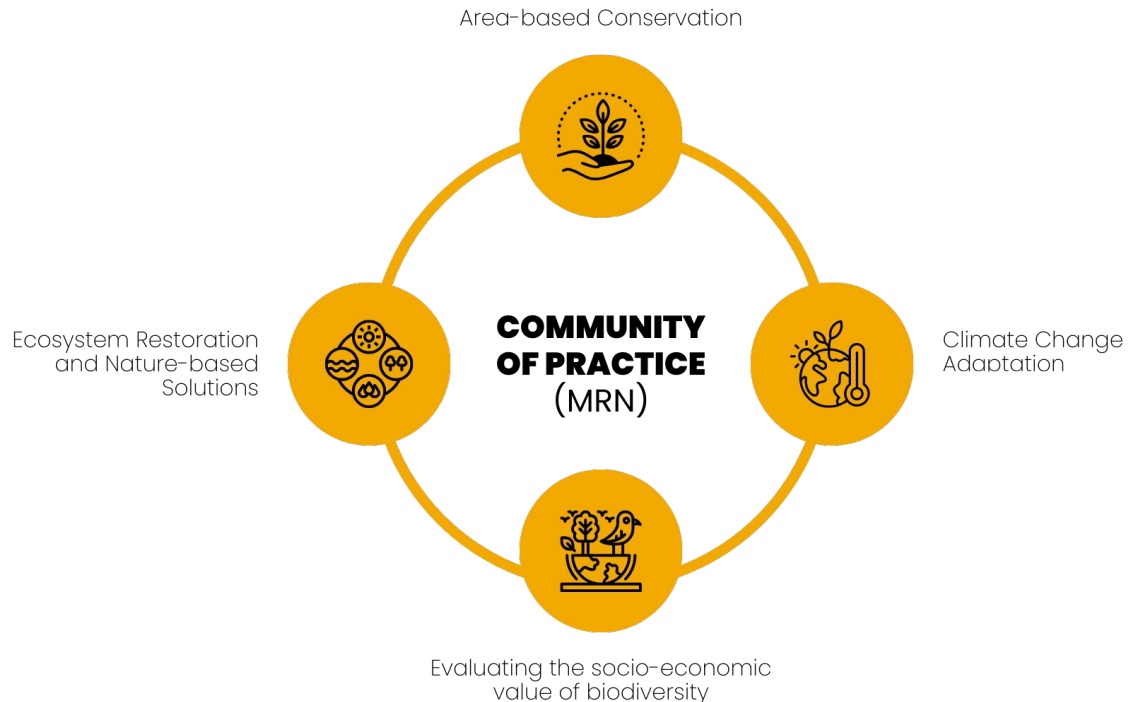
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Working Groups



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.



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WG 1

Area-based Conservation



WG 4

Ecosystem Restoration
and Nature-based
Solutions



**COMMUNITY
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WG 2

Climate Change
Adaptation



Evaluating the socio-economic
value of biodiversity

WG 3

Working Groups

Thematic Projects,
Associated Partners,
other Interreg
Missions and external
stakeholders are
invited to join one or
more of the WGs
depending on their
thematic expertise



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Working Groups

Thematic leader of each WG:

- **WG1** – Area-based Conservation
(**IUCN Med**)
- **WG2** – Climate Change Adaptation
(**MedCities**)
- **WG3** – Evaluating the
Socio-Economic Value of Biodiversity
(**Marine Institute**)
- **WG4** – Ecosystem Restoration and
Nature-based Solutions
(**Plan Bleu**)



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WG 1 (IUCN)

Area-based Conservation



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WG 4

Ecosystem Restoration
and Nature-based
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(Plan Bleu)



WG 2

Climate Change
Adaptation

(MedCities)



Evaluating the socio-economic
value of biodiversity

WG 3 (Marine Institute)

Working Groups

The **Working Groups** will contribute to knowledge, solutions and policies that will be available to be included in the **educational modules in the Interreg Euro-MED Academy** that the Natural Heritage Mission will create.



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Amplification Room

Transfer dynamics of the Mission

Overall goal: Amplify Thematic Projects's Results

How: The **Community of Practice** identifies **needs** for protecting natural heritage and the **Amplification Room** provides a **portfolio of services** to foster transference of solutions.

The portfolio of services is a set of mentoring programs, working groups, or other knowledge sharing settings you will be invited to engage with.

Expected results: Capacity building for transfer, foster adoption and policy mainstreaming.



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Your role into transfer



- **Engage** with the CoP and upskill your transference abilities.
- **Interact** with potential receivers of the results: mentoring, working groups, or special sessions.
- Actively **collaborate** for mainstreaming results and insights into policy processes.
- **Join** the communication efforts of the program.



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2024 WGs Calendar

- **1st Online WGs Meeting** | 26th April 2024 11:00 - 13:00 CEST
Focus: coordination
- **2nd Online WGs Meeting** | October 2024
Focus: capacity building on restoration topic
- **2nd Institutional Dialogue and WGs Meeting (In-person)** | 28-29 November 2024, Malaga (Spain)
Focus: Day 1 - Institutional Dialogue (marine and coastal restoration)
Day 2 - Mission for Natural Heritage internal meeting + Working Groups meeting



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Focus of each Working Group



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New Global Biodiversity Framework

- The **Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework** aims to catalyze, enable and galvanize urgent and transformative action by governments, and subnational and local authorities, with the involvement of all of society, to halt and reverse biodiversity loss.
- Is a contribution to the achievement of the **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**. At the same time, progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the achievement of sustainable development in all its three dimensions (**environmental, social and economic**) is necessary to create the conditions necessary to fulfil the goals and targets of the Framework.



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New Global Biodiversity Framework

- **Mission 2030:** To take urgent action to halt and reverse biodiversity loss to put nature on a path to recovery for the benefit of people and planet by conserving and sustainably using biodiversity and by ensuring the fair and equitable sharing of benefits from the use of genetic resources, while providing the necessary means of implementation.



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EU and Mediterranean policies

- **The EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030** is the main vehicle to implement the GBF in Europe. The European Union has submitted its EU Biodiversity Strategy to 2030 as the EU National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP).
- **The Post 2020 Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SAP BIO)** in the Mediterranean region is the blueprint for the protection and sustainable use of marine and coastal biodiversity.



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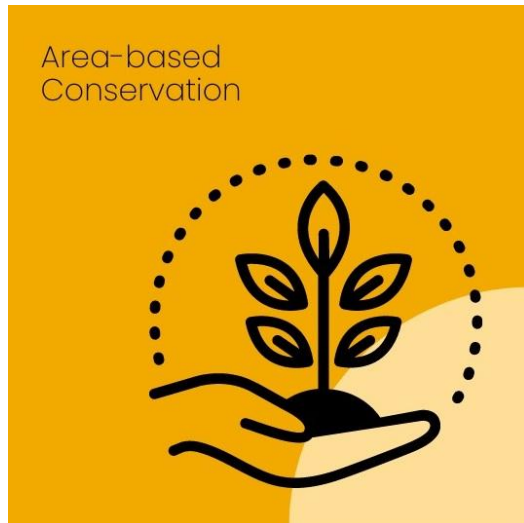
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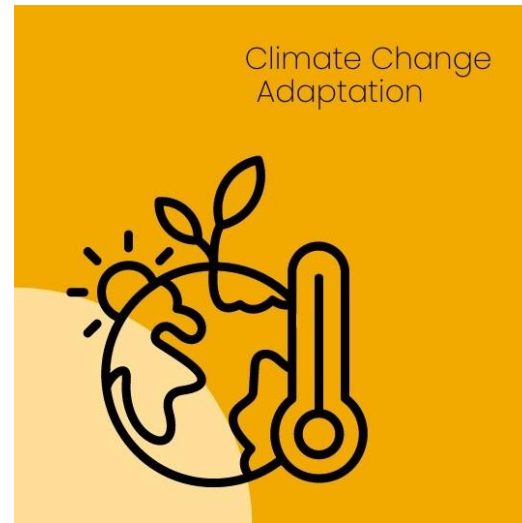
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Overview of the Working Groups



Area-based
Conservation

Target 1: Spatial Planning
Target 3: Area-based Conservation



Climate Change
Adaptation

Target 8: Climate Change Mitigation and **Adaptation**
Target 12: Nature Cities and Human Health



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Overview of the Working Groups



Evaluating the socio-economic value of biodiversity

- Target 14:** Values for Nature
- Target 15:** Business & Biodiversity
- Target 18:** Harmful Incentives
- Target 19:** Financial Resources



Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions

- Target 2:** Restoration
- Target 11:** Ecosystem Services



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Working Group 1: Area-based Conservation

GBF Target 1: Spatial Planning

Ensure that all areas are under participatory, **integrated and biodiversity inclusive spatial planning and/or effective management** processes addressing land- and sea-use change, to bring the loss of areas of high biodiversity importance, including ecosystems of high ecological integrity, close to zero by 2030, while respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities.

GBF Target 3 Area-based Conservation

Ensure and enable that by 2030 **at least 30 percent of terrestrial and inland water areas, and of marine and coastal areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and managed** through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories.



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Working Group 1: Area-based Conservation

FOCUS: Tackle key issues concerning **Protected Areas (PAs)** and **Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs)** and inform conservation strategies

- **Spatial planning and intersectorial integration** of conservation principles
- **Protected areas and OECM networks**
- **Regional assessment of species/ecosystems** and their distribution for marine and terrestrial domains
- **Assess the effectiveness of existing protected areas**
- **Examine opportunities and constraints for expanding PAs and OECMs**



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Working Group 2: Overcoming Local Barriers for Climate Change Adaptation

TARGET 8. Minimize impacts of climate change and ocean acidification including through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches

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.

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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Working Group 2: Overcoming Local Barriers for Climate Change Adaptation

FOCUS: RESILIENCE, BIODIVERSITY & CLIMATE CHANGE NEXUS with a focus on urbanised areas. Policy perspective

KEY ISSUES:

- 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. **(POLICY)**



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Working Group 3: Evaluating the Socio-Economic Value of Biodiversity

GBF TARGET 14 - INTEGRATION

Integrate Biodiversity in Decision-Making at Every Level

Ensure the **full integration of biodiversity and its multiple values** into policies, regulations, planning and development processes, poverty eradication strategies, strategic environmental assessments, environmental impact assessments and, as appropriate, national accounting, **within and across all levels of government and across all sectors**, in particular those with significant impacts on biodiversity, progressively **aligning all relevant public and private activities, and fiscal and financial flows** with the goals and targets of this framework

GBF TARGET 15 - Businesses Assess, Disclose and Reduce Biodiversity-Related Risks and Negative Impacts

GBF TARGET 18 - Reduce Harmful Incentives by at Least \$500 Billion per Year, and Scale Up Positive Incentives for Biodiversity

GBF TARGET 19 - Mobilize \$200 Billion per Year for Biodiversity From all Sources, Including \$30 Billion Through International Finance



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Working Group 3: Evaluating the Socio-Economic Value of Biodiversity

Key issues understanding the the socio-economic value of biodiversity, will focus on three core themes:

- Valuing **ecosystem services and products** (**KNOWLEDGE**)
- Understanding **industry and stakeholder values** applied to spatial economics (**CAPACITY BUILDING**)
- Providing **alternative scenarios** for conservation considering economic values (**POLICY**)



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Working Group 4: Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions

GBF TARGET 2 - RESTORATION

Ensure that by 2030 **at least 30 percent of areas of degraded terrestrial, inland water, and marine and coastal ecosystems are under effective restoration**, in order to enhance biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, ecological integrity and connectivity.

GBF TARGET 11 - ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Restore, maintain and enhance nature's contributions to people, including ecosystem functions and services, such as the regulation of air, water and climate, soil health, pollination and reduction of disease risk, as well as protection from natural hazards and disasters, through nature-based solutions and/or ecosystem-based approaches for the benefit of all people and nature.



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Working Group 4: Ecosystem Restoration and Nature-based Solutions

Key issues around amplifying the case for Ecosystem Restoration and the NbS that can be identified and promoted with a focus on restoration co benefits for society, biodiversity, climate change adaptation and mitigation.

- Focus on four ecosystems: **wetlands, seagrass, forests and rivers** and identify **favourable reference areas from the Nature Restoration Law to support the elaboration of National Restoration Plans (KNOWLEDGE)**
- Identify **main threats to ecosystems** (sea level rise, agricultural pollution, industries, wildfires, energy production, etc..) and **priority areas to expand restoration (POLICY)**
- Promote **best available practices and share knowledge** on restoration aspects (technical, financial, policy and governance, socio-economic impacts) **(CAPACITY BUILDING)**



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