



EVENT SUMMARY

Event title

Natural Heritage Mission's Community of Practice meeting

Host

NTUA – National
Technical
University of
Athens, Greece

Venue

NTUA Campus
(Zografos Campus –
9 Iroon Polytechniou Str., 15772, Zografos)
Multimedia Center & Ceremonial Hall

Date

July 2nd - 3rd
2025

Key numbers

2 days
Duration

45
Organizations

82
Participants

14
Thematic Projects

Goals and Objectives

- Bringing together the members of the Community of Practice.
- Launching the 2025 Solve The Challenge campaign on Environmental Governance.
- Overviewing of the progress regarding the “Amplification Room” portfolio of services (e.g., clustering, mentorship, policy mainstreaming, Working Groups).
- Presenting M4N first solutions (WE GO COOP & FRED), triggering discussions and inviting participants to contribute identifying potential opportunities for transference.(peer review session)
- Marketplace fostering synergies and adoption cases focused on Greek Pilot cases (Mentorship program session).
- Presentation of the first cluster on “Tools for environmental Governance” outline, gathering declarations of interest and enrich the proposal with the community and initiating the clustering process for 4 thematic pillars :
 - Adaptation to climate change in coastal areas
 - Digital tools for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Forest management
 - Nature-based Solutions for flood regulation
- Summarizing policy & advocacy actions and triggering discussions on the core themes of the 10th UfM Regional Forum (peace and security, migration, climate change, youth employment, and gender equality).
- Assessing TPs contributions to SDGs.
- Organising an EMD In My Country workshop on “Governance solutions for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas”.



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Main Outcomes

- Built the Mission's "policy messages". Emphasizing on the 7 policy recommendations on marine restoration, welcoming the European Commission's effort to establish a uniform format for natural restoration plans under the NRR – Nature Restoration Regulation, showcasing adoption examples coming from the members of the Community.
- Mapped TPs contribution to the SDGs – Sustainable development goals. All Mission's TPs are aligned with more than one SDG goal (like sustainable cities, climate action, life below water, partnerships for the goals, life on land etc).
- Showcased specific TPs solutions evaluated with the ARC method
- Gathered declarations of interest in transference and adoption for the Greek Pilots of the Mission's TPs,
- Launched 6 new clusters and defined their main goals.
- Input gathered to the 2025 Solve The Challenge campaign on "environmental governance" topic
- Established workflows for joint communication actions.
- Identified potential participants for future Mentorship programmes (through the EMD In My Country workshop).

Remarks

- Involvement of 14 out of 16 TPs in the event and all the activities and discussions.
- Many Greek Associated Partners and Project Partners were present (15 Greek organisations represented).

Key Messages

- Setting the foundation for transferring and mentorship programmes.
- Promoting strong relationships and building clusters and networks that bridge policy and practice.



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Next Steps

- **Framework and timeline of the “Solve the Challenge Campaign”**
July 2nd 2025 – Launch
July/Aug 2025 – showcasing 8-10 contents + further follow up with TPs
Mid Sep 2025 – enhancing the content + further follow up with TPs
November 25/26 2025 – Closure in Barcelona
- **Institutional Dialogue 2025**
Strategically timed to align with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Interministerial Meeting and Regional Forum.
November 24th, 25th & 26th - Barcelona
- **Ongoing Policy mainstreaming**
Nice Ocean Action Plan → Result UNOC3
The New Pact of the Mediterranean → Guidelines new DG MENA
The revision of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and 50th Anniversary of UNEP MAP → COP25 in Egypt
The New Road Map of the UfM → Coming soon
10th UfM Regional Forum - Mediterranean Day → “B2B” to our ID
- **Engagement in the Mission’s Working Groups**
September/October 2025 – 2nd working group webinar
- **Engagement in the Mission’s Clusters**
July 2025 – TPs will receive notes, cluster summary files and next steps from the clusters they participated.
- **Mentorship**
Programmes will be launched in September.
- **Finalizing the Peer Review**
July 2025 – TP solutions from the first reporting identified with the JS should be submitted to our Adaptive Resource Collection form in order to start the peer review.
- **Building the material for the Academy together**
September 2025 – Launch of the Euro-MED Academy and Library



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Agenda - 1st Day:

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Time	Topic
09:30 – 09:50 Registration	
09:50 - 10:20	Welcome & Ceremony for the launch of the Solve the Challenge campaign
10:20 - 11:20	Amplification Room kick-off
11:20 – 11:40 Coffee break	
11:40 - 13:00	Presentation of M4N first solutions (WE GO COOP & FRED), peer review and transfer analysis
13:00 – 14:00 Finger food buffet	
14:00 - 15:20	Tools for Environmental Governance cluster meeting
15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break	
15:40 - 17:00	Policy Influencing and Message Building: on the Road to Institutional Dialogue and the UfM Regional Forum
17:00 - 17:15	Final remarks and next day's planning
CLOSURE of the Day / Buses leaving at 17.30	



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Agenda - 2nd Day:

AGENDA / 03.07.2025

Time	Topic
09:30 – 10:00 Registration	
PARALLEL SESSIONS	
10:00 – 11:20	Parallel sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EMD In My Country workshop- Adaptation to climate change in coastal areas (cluster)- Digital tools for Disaster Risk Reduction (cluster)- Communication meeting
11:20 – 11:40 Coffee break	
PARALLEL SESSIONS	
11:40 – 13:00	Parallel sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- EMD In My Country workshop- Forest management (cluster)- Nature-based Solutions for flood regulation (cluster)- Communication meeting
13:00 – 14:00 Finger food buffet	
14:00 – 14:30	Legal Instruments and Spatial Governance in the Mediterranean
14:30 – 15:20	Updates on mapping TP's contributions to SDGs
15:20 – 15:40 Coffee break	
15:40 – 16:40	Greek Pilots Marketplace
16:40 – 17:00	Final remarks and next steps
CLOSURE of the Day / Buses leaving at 17.30	