

CLUSTER SUMMARY

Cluster title

EMD In My Country workshop: “Governance solutions for Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas”

Setting

*Preparation and organisation of the EMD In My Country 2025 workshop, taking place in Athens on the 3rd of July.
The involved entities are representatives of the 2 **NHM GPs**, 5 of the **NHM TPs** (MPA4Change, GreenList4MMPAs, COASTRUST, ARTEMIS, MedSeaRise), **NECCA** and other **EU-funded projects**.*

Duration

*from March 30th, 2025
(submission of the proposal)
to July 3rd, 2025 (date of the
realisation of the workshop)*

Participants

1. Eleni Athanasiadi, Vera Bougiouri, Odysseas Sifounakis, Maria Papadopoulou - NTUA (C4N PP)
2. Michail Pournaras, Dimitra Petza - NECCA (C4N AP)
3. Vicky Georgieva - APB (C4N PP)
4. Marilena Mochianaki - Region of Crete (D4N PP)
5. Maria Vives Ingla, Annelies Broekman - CREAM (C4N PP)
6. Flaminia Squitieri - SUSDEF (COASTRUST PP)
7. Fernando Pinillos - EUROPARK (MPA4Change PP)
8. Federico Pittaro - ARPA FVG (MedSeaRise PP)
9. Vaso Papadopoulou - ANATOLIKI SA (MedSeaRise)
10. Dimitra Syrou - The Green Tank (ARTEMIS PP)
11. Lucia Prieto - IUCN (D4N PP & GreenList4MMPAs representative)
12. Manolis Tsiros - KartECO (MedEOS PP)
13. Konstantinos Moschopoulos - NECCA (LIFE EL BIOS PP)
14. Christina Kassara - NECCA (TUNE UP PP)
15. Sofia Reizopoulou - HCMR (LIFE TRANSFER PP)
16. Christos Xagoraris - Hellenic Society for the Protection of Nature (PosBeMed2 PP)
17. Orfeas Roussos - NECCA (INVALIDIS PP)
18. Dimitra Petza - NECCA (LIFE MareNatura PP)

Goals & Objectives

To empower MPA managers and other relevant stakeholders, by introducing solutions, e.g. tools and strategies produced by projects -of the Interreg Euro-MED Natural Heritage Mission and other EU Programmes- that could be potentially used/adopted in the management of their areas.



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Cluster Roadmap

Step 1: Submission of the proposal for a side event/workshop within the EMD In My Country 2025

Step 2: Preparatory discussions between the co-organisers of the workshop (NHM and NECCA) - 2 in presence meetings

Step 3: Invitation to the NHM TPs and other EU funded projects to present their solutions and tools under 4 specific challenges (monitoring, governance, restoration, climate change adaptation)

Step 4: Online meetings with all relevant participants to prepare the workshop

Step 5: Realisation of the workshop

Step 6: Thanking MPAs for their participation and receiving feedback after the workshop with the wish to create a new cluster on Tools for MPAs



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Main Outcomes

- 1. To organise an event under the European Maritime Day In My Country, contributing towards the ongoing International and European initiatives for the protection and restoration of the marine environment.*
- 1. To empower nature managers and other relevant stakeholders of MPAs, by introducing solutions, e.g., tools and strategies produced by projects that could be potentially used/adopted in the management of their areas to conserve marine biodiversity. A follow-up could be potentially requested (launch of a mentorship process).*
- 1. To create the base for collaboration between EU-funded projects under different Programmes that deal with common challenges. A short communication news item will be produced with the outcomes of the workshop, including key figures, e.g., number of participants, number of solutions worked on, and potential matches.*

Notes and remarks

N/A

Next steps

After the event:

- a joint communication item will be created;*
- potentialities for transfer or adoption of projects' solutions will be investigated;*
- a new cluster may be launched focusing on tools for MPAs or a relevant topic.*



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Agenda and photos from the event

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WORKSHOP ON GOVERNANCE SOLUTIONS FOR MEDITERRANEAN MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

NTUA's Ceremonial Hall of the Central Administration Building (Zografou Campus - 9, Iron Polytechniou str., 15772 Zografou)

AGENDA
03.07.2025

- 09:30 – 10:00 Registration
- 10:00 - 10:10 Opening / Welcome
- 10:10 - 10:20 Towards Integrated Monitoring and Capacity-Building in Greek MPAs: The LIFE MareNatura Approach
- 10:20 - 11:20 4 Round Table discussions on Monitoring, Governance, Restoration and Climate Change adaptation (in parallel)
- 11:20 – 11:40 Coffee break
- 11:40 - 12:40 4 Round Table discussions on Monitoring, Governance, Restoration and Climate Change adaptation (in parallel)
- 12:40 - 13:00 Final remarks and conclusions
- 13:00 – 14:00 Light lunch

Workshop's working language: **English**

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