The WestMED Initiative

The Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean

An innovative cooperation instrument between nations, regions and people of the western Mediterranean to facilitate the blue economy
a stronger cooperation is essential between all stakeholders, on both sides of the Mediterranean, to harness the full potential of the blue economy in this region.
TIMELINE

19-20

Formation of the WestMED Assistance Mechanism

Operational Implementation through 9 National Hubs and Central Support Team

2018

Adoption and endorsement of the Framework for Action and Communication by the European Commission and the Council of the EU (in cooperation with the UfM)

2017

Adoption of the Roadmap with 6 priorities by the regional ministerial meeting
OBJECTIVES

- A safer and more secure maritime space
- A smart and resilient blue economy
- A better governance of the sea
PRIORITIES

Maritime safety and security
Environment, biodiversity and climate change
Maritime clusters and networks
Skills development and circulation
Sustainable tourism, transport and fight against pollution
Fisheries and Aquaculture
STRUCTURE

Steering Committee
EC/ UfM/ EASME/ National Coordinators/ Consortium

Overall management
EASME/ EC/ Consortium

Operational Management
WestMED Assistance Mechanism
OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT: The Assistance Mechanism

Central Team
• steer and spearhead the implementation of activities,
• take responsibility for the overall management and control for the quality of the work delivered

National Hubs
• mobilise and liaise with local and national stakeholders,
• facilitate the local implementation of activities

Expert Pools
Provide hands-on expertise:

Project funding and development  | Events and Communication  | Monitoring of funds and projects  | Management
TEAM

Central Team

National Hubs

Expert Pools

29+ Experts
9 NATIONAL HUBS

Spain
- Marta Pascual
- Irene Alonso

Portugal
- Rui Manuel Azevedo
- Frederico Pinto Ferreira
- Sofia Maciel

Morocco
- Mohamed Malouli Idrissi
- Ayman Jghab

Algeria
- Samir Grimes
- Samir Bachouce

France
- Frédéric Herpers
- Colin Ruel

Italy
- Leonardo Manzari
- Laura Parducci

Malta
- Gordon Cordina
- Stephanie Vella

Tunisia
- Salem Miladi
- Slim Jerbia

Mauritania
- Dedah Babou
- Mohamed Lemine Abdel Hamid

Libya
- N/A
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<td><strong>Ensure permanent availability of the Assistance Mechanism at a national level</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Liaise with relevant stakeholders, incl. national/ regional authorities responsible for westmed related cooperation programs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Identify and promote funding opportunities for projects in accordance with the roadmap &amp; national priorities.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Assist and participate in the organization of national and international events (e.g. hackathons)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Network to support the development of the initiative (roadshows, conference presence)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Collect information on business development opportunities, public funding and private investment opportunities. (incl. info for EASME maritime datahub)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Advise and assist stakeholders in setting up projects and feasibility studies and find partners across the National Hub Network</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Bring technical expertise to the preparation of project-proposals for grants/ calls</strong></td>
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SHAPING THE FUTURE

Some Stakeholder Theme Discussions...

- Sustainable transport/ alternative fuels/ green shipping
- Tourism accelerator
- Sustainable and Innovative aquaculture
- Innovation platform on Maritime Technologies, and....
- Cooperation across maritime clusters in the western Mediterranean
WE CAN HELP…

If you have a concrete project, to…

• Identify possible funding opportunities
• Connect with possible partners across the National Hub Network
• Structure your project(idea)
• Provide argumented proofreading of technical dossiers and budget proposals for official submissions

If you have expertise, to…

• Connect with possible projects across the WestMED National Hub Network
• Provide a platform for helping to shape future WestMED developments (stakeholder meetings)
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SOME SUPPORTED PROJECTS
Technical Group

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & GREEN SHIPPING

National Groups of stakeholders coordinated by the National Hubs

WestMED countries National delegates

Technical Group on
Sustainable Transport and Green Shipping

Medium Term Scenarios
Common Initiatives
Cross Border Projects

Online meetings

The Santa Giulia – Oristano GNL project
BLUE ROSES

Customers will be enabled to visit underwater sites by piloting a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) from a leisure boat, ground control room or web app.

By integrating robotics and IoT (Internet of Things), these new services will result in creating job opportunities and new business models.

WESTMED SUPPORT
- Project idea formulation to fit call specifications
- Consortium partner search

COUNTRIES
- Italy
- Spain
- Greece

BUDGET
€ 1.043.000

FUNDING SOURCE
EMFF/ ESIF
NewTechAqua intends to expand and diversify EU production of finfish, molluscs and microalgae by developing and validating technologically-advanced, resilient and sustainable new solutions.

**WESTMED SUPPORT**
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**COUNTRIES**
- Italy
- Spain
- Greece
- Norway
- Croatia
- France
- Belgium
- Cyprus
- United Kingdom

**BUDGET**
€ 6,724,000

**FUNDING SOURCE**
H2020
**FIUUFRA**

Fight against Illegal Unreported and unregulated Fishing Regional Academy.

Creation of a North-South training network – intended as a virtual regional academy of knowledge on fighting IUU fishing across WestMed Countries

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**WESTMED SUPPORT**

- guidance on project writing and proposal
- Liaising with institutional members of Fisheries control
- Direct involvement first workshop
- Follow-up project development

**FUNDING SOURCE**

DG-MARE Direct Funding to EFCA
SOME FUNDING PROGRAMS
## CONTINUOUS SCREENING

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SOME (OPEN) OPPORTUNITIES

Last updated: November 2020
COSME Call for proposals
Technology & SMEs

This call for proposals aims to fund two pilot projects focused on building alliances among traditional and tech-savvy SMEs through industrial cluster organisations in order to promote SME collaboration and technology adoption within specific industrial ecosystems.

The final objective of this call is to contribute to a wider spreading and diffusion of advanced technologies across SMEs in Europe and boost economic recovery.

Applicants must be legal entities and shall be representatives of industry, research community, and technology providers, such as cluster organizations; technology centres and SMEs.

Horizon 2020 Calls for Proposals
European Green Deal

Horizon 2020, the biggest EU Research and Innovation programme, launched a new package of Calls for Proposals under the Green Deal thematic area.

Associated countries (Tunisia), as well as Algeria, Mauritania and Morocco are eligible to participate in calls included within this funding mechanism.

A few examples

- Climate-resilient Innovation Packages
- Enabling citizens to act on climate change
- Innovative land-based and offshore renewable energy technologies
- Green airports and ports as multimodal hubs for sustainable and smart mobility
- Restoring biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Transparent & Accessible Seas and Oceans: Towards a Digital Twin of the Ocean

Total Budget: € 1 Billion

Deadline: 26 January 2021

https://www.horizon2020.services/Calls/
INFO DAY FEATURES

24 NOVEMBER 2020

REGISTER NOW

BLUE ECONOMY WINDOW

VIRTUAL INFODESK
APPLICATION & PITCH DECK TIPS
SUCCESS STORIES

BLUE INVEST GRANTS
TOTAL BUDGET €20M

OPPORTUNITIES START HERE.