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### Results from the 1st phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for proposals – 90 projects selected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the 2<sup>nd</sup> call for "traditional" proposals

The Med Programme launched the 1st phase of the second call for « traditional » proposals on February 2009. The JTS received 447 pre-applications.

Out of these 447 received pre-application, 117 were non eligible. The most recurrent ineligibility criteria were: the indicated amounts on the letters of intention did not match the amounts indicated in the pre-application forms; the most represented country concentrated more than 50% of the eligible budget, the length of the project exceeded 36 months, certain documents or annexes were missing, the hard copy or electronic version of the pre-application form was sent after the deadline, the original copy of the pre-application form was not signed.

The Selection Committee met on October 21st and 22nd 2009 in Marseille and has selected 90 projects to take part in the second phase of the call for projects.

The final phase of the call has been opened on November 1st 2009 and will close on January 31st 2010.

### Statistics from the first phase of the second call for traditional projects

Within the axis 1, the high number of received and pre-selected applications confirms the qualitative and quantitative tendencies of this axis and its adequacy with a bottom-up approach observed during the first call.

The axis 2, more specifically the objective 2.1 attracted many pre-applicants. Nevertheless the number of projects preselected for the second phase of the call remains low (16%). We may assume that many projects initially foreseen for the axis 4 were finally presented in this objective (due to a lack of sufficient ERDF co funding on axis 4).

The objective 2.3 on the theme of Maritime Safety suffers from a lack of pre applications. Indeed, the number of sent applications is low. This result questions the adequacy of the objective with a bottom-up approach. Therefore, the Monitoring Committee of the Programme decided to prepare a call for « strategic » projects on this theme.

The axis 3 generated few applications. Given these results, one wonders if this axis is adequate for classical projects or if it would better fit in a call for strategic projects.



### Statistics from the first phase of the second call for traditional projects

Finally, the axis 4, whose financial envelop was the lowest of the programming period, (about 19,000,000.00 EUROS) will probably use all the remaining resources with this call (about 4,000,000.00 EUROS).

### Next transnational Programme Events

The next 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Programme will organise a series of events in Naples.

The first day will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> and will be dedicated to the capitalisation. The session will be reserved to the 50 projects approved within the 1<sup>st</sup> call.

The aim of this day is to encourage the exchanges between the projects and to support the creation of synergies for the spreading and transferability of the projects' results.

The first conclusions of this session will be reported during the Programme's annual conference taking place the following day, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

This first day will be the starting point of a common work among the projects and will lead to a second capitalisation day scheduled for 2010.

Two brainstorming sessions on "strategic" projects will take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November.

They will be reserved to the key institutions and actors coming from the 12 countries of the MED area. The 2 sessions will deal with renewable energies and maritime safety.

The results of these sessions will be presented during the Programme annual conference.

The Programme annual conference that will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> November will also draw up the first conclusions regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> call and the currently opened 2<sup>nd</sup> call.

During this day, 2 panel discussions will allow an exchange and deep reflection regarding the flashlights of the Programme, the strategic projects and the coordination of the MED Programme with other European instruments, notably the ENPI-MED programmes.

### Next meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Programme

The next meeting of the Monitoring Committee will take place in Naples right after the transnational event of the Programme.

During these days, the Monitoring Committee of the Programme shall decide on the next steps of the Programme implementation.

Three options arise from the current situation regarding the potential level of the Programme's financial commitment and the need for optimal use of the remaining resources:

1) Opening several strategic calls for proposals in 2010.

2) Opening a call for traditional proposals targeted to specific axis having a low level of exhaustion.

3) Waiting for results of the second call for proposals before opening any new call for traditional call for proposals. The second call will close on January 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 and the assessment of the applications will be available by summer 2010.

### New Project Officers at the JTS

Two new Project Officers at the JTS: Lydwine Lafontaine and Gianluca Ferreri have joined the Secretariat last September. Lydwine was already part of the JTS team as the substitute Communication Officer during the maternity leave.

Gianluca was already Project Officer at the Alpine Space Programme JTS. Both are looking forward to supporting the Programme and its Projects!

## Projects for Innovation Axis 1

### Sostenuto – Thinking culture as a factor of economic and social innovation –

The Sostenuto project is a study-action aiming at reinforcing the capacities of economic and social innovation in the cultural sector within the Mediterranean space and at accompanying its mutation towards new economic and social models.

The project is also willing to be an active lever to take into account the economic potential and the innovation capacities of the cultural sector in the construction of local, interregional as well as European territorial policies in the MED space.

Carried out by seven partners – BUNKER (Ljubljana, Slovenia); EXPEDITIO (Kotor, Montenegro); CITEMA (Tuscany, Italy); ZEP Progetti (Liguria, Italy), University of Valencia (Valencia, Spain); Relais Culture Europe (Ile de France, France); A.M.I. (PACA, France), Lead partner – the project has been launched on the 19th of May by a presentation conference organised at the common seat of the Alps Med Euroregion in Brussels.

Besides the organisation of the governance of the project, the first semester has been dedicated to the start of the laboratories

Thus, the University of Valencia and the Relais Culture Europe organise the “diagnosis of the structures and the territories” of the 4 laboratories of experimentation – incubator, cluster, local exchange trading system, new modes of governance

Related to this work, a working session has been run in Avignon (6,7 July) and visits to the laboratories are in progress (Albenga, Chiuse, Kotor, Ljubljana, Marseille).



In the framework of the lab « incubator », AMI, Lead partner of the project, has organised professional Meetings in Marseille (8-10 July) on the theme “Culture and sustainable development”. International workshops putting together the cultural actors of the regions implied in the project have also been organised.

In Ljubljana, BUNKER has launched the lab LETS through a seminary on “Different ways of exchange and cooperation - Curating local” (27 August). They also started various activities oriented towards the smallest local areas, such as non-

monetary exchange of services and goods between the inhabitants of Tabor during the Mladi Levi festival (21-29 August).

Besides the networking carried out by all the partners and the visibility pursued through the presence to interregional meetings, the mobilisation of the local actors of the territories is going on with meetings organised with the public authorities (Albenga, Kotor, Valencia) or public presentations of the project (Chiuse, Ljubljana, Marseille, Valencia).

For more information, please visit:  
<http://amicentre.biz/spip.php?rubrique42>,

The website of the project will be soon available.

### New project websites

MedLab  
[www.medlivinglab.eu](http://www.medlivinglab.eu)

Texmedin  
[www.texmedin.eu](http://www.texmedin.eu)

Innovate MED  
[www.innovatemed.eu](http://www.innovatemed.eu)

## Projects for Environment (Axis 2)

### CAT MED – 11 Major cities to prevent climate risks

While the initiatives regarding the « struggle » against the climate change are multiplied, eleven Mediterranean major cities have decided to gather and share their comments and their efforts to prevent the climate risks throughout the promotion of a sustainable, compact and multi-functional urban models.

Starting in May 2009 in Malaga in Spain, the CAT MED project (change Mediterranean Metropolises Around Time) gathers the cities of Malaga (Lead Partner), Athens, Barcelona, the Community of Aix en Provence, Genoa, Marseille, Rome, Sevilla, Thessalonice, Turin and Valencia. The Institut of the Mediterranean is bringing a technical support to the partners.

CATMED takes up the opportunity of urban issues to which must look forward the cities of the partnership in order to confront them to the challenge of the climate change and to safeguarding of natural resources.

For that, it proposes on the one hand, to identify and quantify common objectives of urban sustainable development, via indicators, and on the other hand, to define a shared and operational model of sustainable Mediterranean district which should allow to modify the urban behaviors so as to reduce their impact on the climate change.

It will be structured in three successive stages:

The setting-up of a transnational system of indicators;

The experimentation of pilot projects of type "Green Apple" through the creation of metropolitan working groups;

The capitalization of the experiences through the drafting of a methodological guide on the Mediterranean sustainable districts and the engagement of the partners cities on the way of sustainable urban development through the signature of a charter.

*CAT MED pretends to develop, thought the partnership of key Mediterranean metropolis, a sustainable urban model based on the classic Mediterranean cities which promote social and territorial cohesion together with the mix of uses and functions. A city model where its compactness entails mobility in a pedestrian scale with the consequent reduction of resources consumption and higher levels of energy efficiency, in coherence with the global actions against climate change. "*

*CAT MED Lead Partner*

### The first phase of the project has started

Since its beginning the project has already drawn and published an evaluation on sustainable districts, which is available on its Internet Website. All the partners have also set up a list of 20 indicators of urban development.

This list, validated by the Steering Committee in Athens, is used today as a work basis for indicators filling, which is currently done by partners.

A public meeting organised in Athens has allowed communicating on best practices and innovation in the cities in order to challenge the climate change. It will be followed shortly by another meeting on the topic of social dimension of the environmental sustainability.



A first synthesis will be made during the next meeting with all partners in Turin in November.

**More information on the project**  
**on the website:**  
[www.catmed.eu](http://www.catmed.eu)

### New project websites

Climeport  
[www.climeport.com](http://www.climeport.com)

Teenergy schools:  
[www.teenergy.eu](http://www.teenergy.eu)

## Projects for ...Territorial Accessibility (Axis 3)

### TERCONMED – Containers terminals as a key element in the Mediterranean short sea shipping

Short sea shipping between Mediterranean countries is considered as a valuable solution to reach the objectives of the EU maritime policy but it needs an adaptation of the processes in order to attain the European policy on Sea Highways.

The TERCONMED project tackles this challenge through 3 main objectives:

The promotion of the use of intermodality and the boosting of the communication to the stakeholders of the road freight concerning the complementarity of the short shipping maritime terminals with other modes of transport.

The promotion of the adaptation of the maritime containers terminal for the short shipping transport

The strengthening of Mediterranean ports competitiveness in order to shrink the existing gap with Northern European harbours.

Among the activities of the project, it is foreseen: an analysis of member states' customs operations *vis-à-vis* the maritime short shipping transport; the improvement of operators' training in order to boost

the competitiveness of the procedures.



During the kick-off event that took place the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009 (hosted by the Valencia region – Directorate for Infrastructure and Transport premises), the partnership established the agenda for the activities related to the first phase of the project.

Thus, a first phase of analysis of the State of the Art of existing maritime containers terminal present in the regions part of the project has taken place. Furthermore, an analysis concerning the whole west Mediterranean maritime short shipping terminal currently working was carried out.

A State of the Art of the progress of the above mentioned activities can be found in the minutes of the conference meeting that took place in Piraeus on October the 15<sup>th</sup> 2009.

For more information, visit the project web site  
[www.terconmed.eu](http://www.terconmed.eu)

Other projects from the priority Axis 3

Develop-Med  
[www.developmed.eu](http://www.developmed.eu)

Backgrounds

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## Projects for balanced Regional Development (Axis 4)

### QUALIGOUV - Improve governance and quality of woodland management

Beyond its traditional functions, the Mediterranean forest areas are concerned with new uses: biodiversity, soil and water conservation, carbon storage, leisure, natural risks prevention (fire, inundations, erosion)...

This multitude of functions requires the implementation of new strategies for common actions and participative policies involving different concerned stakeholders, in particular in peri-urban or protected contexts..

The aim of QUALIGOUV is to design and experiment innovative tools for participative policies involving different stakeholders and forest users, in order to have an integrated management of the Mediterranean protected forest areas

This should lead to a better cooperation between stakeholders of urban centres and those from peri-urban, rural and forest areas and to a positive economic and environmental impact.

After a first preliminary diagnosis phase, QUALIGOUV will tackle the governance issue considering the different steps of the forest management: evaluation, planning, fire prevention, diversification of opportunities, communication and public awareness raising.

The pilot sites chosen by the 8 partners are located in the protected areas subjected to strong human pressures which are located in the areas of Murcia, Valencia (Spain),

Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur (France), Puglia, Sardinia, Tuscany (Italy), Algarve and Alentejo (Portugal).

#### First activities of the project

Launched officially in Murcia June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 with more than 100 participants, the Steering Committee adopted the internal rules of procedures defining the rights and the duties of each partner.



A visit in the *Parque Regional de Sierra Espuña* has given a precise idea of the pilot project thanks to the meeting of the local stakeholders (elected members, agents of local development, researchers). A debriefing has been made following the example of the RECOFORME project (Interreg IIIB).

The Peer Group is dedicated to work on capitalization, facilitated by the IAMF. It evaluates with a critical approach, it points out good and efficient experiences and proposes some improvements.

The first meeting allowed to define the follow-up methodology in order to constantly evaluate the progress of the technical quality of the

achievements, taking into consideration the initial objective of the project (time table, of the activities, project file by partner, evaluation grid).

The next seminar in the Alpilles and the Luberon scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 should produce the first concrete results of this shared work. The phase of diagnosis of the pilot sites will be almost over.

#### Partnership of the Project

- The International Association for Mediterranean Forests (AIFM)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Water of Murcia Region, General Direction of Natural Heritage and Biodiversity
- Regional Natural Parc of Alpilles
- Regional Natural Parc of Luberon
- National Forestry Office
- Ministry of Environment Water Urbanism and Housing (Generalitat Valenciana)
- Province of Taranto
- WWF - European Policy Programme, Branch office

**For more information about QUALIGOUV, please contact Francisco Flores (Francisco.flores@carm.es) of Murcia Region and David Gasc (David.gasc@aifm.org) of International Association for Mediterranean Forests (IAMF).**

**More information on [www.qualigouv.eu](http://www.qualigouv.eu)**

## Projects for balanced Regional Development (Axis 4)

### PHILOXENIA - « Implementation of a common operational mechanism for the welcome of activities in Mediterranean rural areas. »

Some Mediterranean territories suffer from depopulation in favour of major cities.

With 7 development organisations, the Philoxenia project, "hospitality" in Greek language, tries to develop favourable condition for the welcome and the development of non agricultural activities in rural areas thanks to the implementation of common operational welcome mechanisms.

With this aim, the project wishes to develop a model based on:

Establishment in each participant area of a reception offer based on attractiveness factors of the territories concerning local economy, housing, services, technological equipments and leisure.

Implementation of a common communication strategy targeted to national and local media willing to spread the information on the developed model and to the mobilisation of local actors.

Individualized and free coaching of the future newcomer in accordance with his /her professional project and the hosting territory Philoxenia.



Since the project's start, the principal axes for the implementation of a common operational mechanism for the welcome of activities in Mediterranean rural areas have been defined.

For the time being, the experimentation and adaptation of this mechanism in the six regions of the project is in progress.

The best practices in terms of stimulation of rural areas and the project's results will be extensively disseminated after this experimentation phase during a Capitalization seminar and a large communication campaign (DVD, TV reports, etc.)

**Objective of the project: welcome 90 activities by 2012**

The objective of the project for 2012: welcome 90 activities of the non rural sector on the Philoxenia territories.

**For more information, please visit: [www.philoxeniamed.eu](http://www.philoxeniamed.eu)**

### New project websites

**Med Emporion**  
[www.medemporion.eu](http://www.medemporion.eu)

### Other projects from priority Axis N° 4:

#### Objective 1: Coordination of development policies and improvement of territorial governance

CREPUDMED    FORET MODELE    Medgovernance    NOVAGRIMED    PAYS.MED.URBAN    Rururbal WASMAN

#### Objective 2: Strengthening of identity and enhancement of cultural resources for better integration of the MED space

Culture    CHORD    MED EMPORION



## Principle Management & Evaluation Structures for the Programme, Liaison Offices

**Managing Authority:** Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur Region, Marseille, France

**Joint Technical Secretariat:** Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur Region, Marseille, France

**Audit Authority:** Commission interministérielle de coordination des contrôles, Paris, France

**Certifying Authority:** Caisse des Dépôts and Consignations, Paris, France

**Liaison Office (MED-ENPI):** Valencia, Spain

**Liaison Office (MED-IPA):** Thessaloniki, Greece

## Information and Contact

For further information about the Programme, procedures to follow for applications, reference documentation and events planned by the JTS please see the Programme's website: [www.programmemed.eu](http://www.programmemed.eu)



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