

Newly approved in the ETC MED Programme:

13 projects for an integrated maritime approach



The projects listed below were approved in April 2014 by the MED Selection Committee with a ERDF budget of around 5,4 Mio €.

The objective of this call was to put in place new relevant partnerships that could later be involved in implementing the operational programme 2014-2020 and thus to build a valuable bridge between the two programming period. In coherence with 'Blue Growth' and the development potential from the marine and maritime economic activities, these transnational partnerships shall explore specific related topics to establish a state of the art for the whole programme area or a sub-region and to propose orientations for potential future projects. They will work on data collection, mapping, establishing a reliable state of the art and identifying policy gaps, lacks of common approaches and methodological frameworks, and other obstacles hindering transnational cooperation potential.

The projects are sorted by priority axis. A new approach in terms of communication and capitalisation will be experienced: Due to the short live time of projects (about 1 year only), one single integrated communication and capitalisation strategy will be carried out by one centralized project financed under priority 4.



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Priority axis 1

6 projects approved

Total ERDF budget approved: **2.076.185 €**

Objective 1: Dissemination of innovative technologies and Know-How

NEMO: *NEtworking for the developMent of maritime tOurism at EUSAIR level*

Lead Partner: Marche Region, Dep. Agriculture, Forestry and Fishery - Italy

Summary:

NEMO project intends to play its full part in shaping ecological and socio-economic transnational and holistic approach to develop an overview about fisheries related tourism in Adriatic/Ionian regions which contributes to the MED overall integrated maritime policy and acts as catalyst for coastal development protecting environment and biodiversity.

Total project Total project budget: 410.281 €

Duration: 01/06/2014 – 31/05/2015

CoRINThos: *Clusters maritimes au support de recherche et innovation pour développer l'entrepreneuriat de l'Economie Bleue*

Lead Partner: Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Shipping of Seville, Spain

Summary:

In the MED area maritime clusters that are still untapped within maritime leading traditional sectors and those new ones connected with blue economy have a key potential to foster economic growth. Especially R&D is one of the core driving factors of maritime clusters which has not been fully exploited yet. Thus, the project CoRINThos tackles R&D gaps as driving factor of maritime clusters identifying and contextualizing them through blue economy sectors and geographical eco-systemic synergies at national and transnational level.

Total project budget: €569.770 €

Duration: 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015

MITOMED: *Models of Integrated Tourism in the MEDiterranean*

Lead Partner: Tuscany Region - Department of Tourism Promotion and Development, Italy

Summary:

The project promotes an integrated management model of MED coastal and maritime tourism by improving the knowledge of data, informations, products, services and policies through an assessed system of indicators for sustainable tourism. It supports the EU Agenda for Sustainable and Competitive Tourism and Integrated Maritime Policy through an easily accessible system of data that can contribute to informed decision-making and an improved governance of the Mediterranean.

Total project budget: €570.000 €

Duration: 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015

Objective 2: *Strengthening cooperation between economic development stakeholders and public authorities*

TOURMEDASSETS: *Enhancing the growth potential of coastal tourism concentration through an innovative, green and inclusive mobilisation of Med area local assets*

Lead Partner: University of Venice Ca'Foscari - Department of Economics, Italy

Summary:

The project aims at providing stakeholders involved in tourism development in delicate coastal areas in the MED area with a DSS that helps:

- to identify the assets on which policy makers should take steps to stimulate the growth of tourism
- to identify the challenges that global changes pose to the development of these assets
- to design innovative policies that render these areas competitive on the global tourism market, yet satisfying the criteria that determine tourism's sustainability

Total project budget: 260.000 €

Duration: 03/03/2014 - 31/12/2014

BLUENE: *BLUe ENergy for Mediterranean*

Lead Partner: CONISMA - National Inter-University Consortium of Marine Sciences, Italy

Summary:

'Blue energy' does not only relate to offshore wind power generation which has started to expand rapidly in Europe, but also to other offshore renewable energy technologies such as tidal barrages, wave power devices, thermal energy conversion. Even if they are still at an early stage of development, they are about to grow rapidly. In this framework the BLUENE project aims to reach some fundamental objectives:

- mapping key actors able to start a MED plan of intervention
- mapping existing initiatives
- defining guidelines for next programme period

Total project budget: 587.200 €

Duration: 01/05/2014 – 30/04/2015

ENERCOAST: *Renewable energies in the marine-coastal areas of the adriatic-ionic region*

Lead Partner: Province of Rimini, Italy

Summary:

ENERCOAST intends to elaborate the state of the art of the renewable energy sector, achieved through a deep analysis of the available data and technologies for the exploitation of renewable energy sources in marine-coastal areas, aiming to develop technical and non-technical solutions to increase the use of such technologies, in order to contribute to the Blue Growth through a transnational cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian sub-region.

Total project budget: 367.000 €

Duration: 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015



Priority axis 2

5 projects approved

Total ERDF budget approved: **1.857.419 €**

Objective 1: *Protection and enhancement of natural resources and cultural heritage*

Med-IAMER: *Integrated Actions to Mitigate Environmental Risks in the Mediterranean Sea*

Lead Partner: University of Malaga - European Topic Center on Spatial Information and Analysis, Spain

Summary:

Med-IAMER provides recommendations of integrated trans-boundary actions required to mitigate environmental risks in the Mediterranean Sea by putting together knowledge on regional Coastal and Maritime Environmental Pressures and by assessing their gaps. It proposes data integration and analysis approaches and maps the condition of existing trans-boundary mechanisms to mitigate these risks focusing on cooperation and conflicts and involving regional stakeholders.

Total project budget: 353.653,50 €

Duration: 01/06/2014 – 31/05/2015

POSEIDON: *POLLUTION MONITORING OF SHIP EMISSIONS: AN INTEGRATED APPROACH FOR HARBOURS OF THE ADRIATIC BASIN*

Lead Partner: Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate of the National Research Council (ISAC-CNR), Italy

Summary:

Harbours are important hubs for economic growth in both tourism and commercial activities. They are also an environmental burden being a source of atmospheric pollution often localised near cities and industrial complexes. The POSEIDON project will investigate the impact on air quality of four major harbours in the Adriatic Sea area using a common state-of-the-art methodology that will produce comparable information useful to plan future actions and controls of emissions in this area.

Total project budget: 359.460 €

Duration: 01/06/2014 – 31/05/2015

Objective 2: Promotion of renewable energies and energy efficiency improvement

FishMPABlue: Fisheries governance in the Marine Protected Areas: Potential for 'Blue Economy'

Lead Partner: FEDERPARCHI – Europarc, Italy

Summary:

The project main aims are to analyze existing conflicts between fishery and ecosystem components, and proposing adequate measures to solve them. Since any MPA (marine protected areas) normally has a managing body, the solution is identified in an innovative approach, i.e. the involvement of the key actors in the planning (of conservation measures and fishery regulation) process and the enhancement of any potential socio-economic benefit coming from a sustainable governance of the fishery (Blue Economy).

Total project budget: 470.000 €

Duration: 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015

Objective 3: Prevention of maritime risks and strengthening of maritime safety

CAIMANS: Cruise and passenger ship Air quality Impact Mitigation ActioNs

Lead Partner: ARPA Veneto-Regional Agency for Environment Protection in Veneto Region, Italy

Summary:

The project is focused on the Air Quality Impact and Green House Gases Assessment of cruise and passenger ships on 5 MED port-cities for the current and future development scenario. A common set of mitigation actions will be analyzed and simulated. Starting from the results obtained, a participative evaluation process about tradeoffs of concrete mitigation solutions will be carried out involving Northern and Southern Mediterranean ports.

Total project budget: 711.000 €

Duration: 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015

MEDTRENDS: *Future Trends in the Mediterranean Sea*

Lead Partner: WWF France

Summary:

The MedTrends project aims at illustrating most probable integrated scenarios of marine economic growth at transnational level in Med-EU countries for the next 20 years. The projected maritime economic growth of Croatia, Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Spain and Slovenia will be mapped, an overall analysis of growth trends and potential cumulative impacts of human activities at sea made and put in perspective with the 10% marine protected areas target set for the Mediterranean.

Total project budget: 578.179 €

Duration: 01/07/2014 – 30/06/2015



Priority axis 3

2 projects approved

Total ERDF budget approved: 976 375,27€

Objective 1: *Improvement of maritime accessibility and of transit capacities through multimodality and intermodality*

MERMAID: *MERMAID - Mediterranean Environmental Review Monitoring for port Authorities through Integrated Development*

Lead Partner: CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY NICE COTE D'AZUR, France

Summary:

The project aims to review the state of the art of Environmental Monitoring Systems operated by urban ports to optimize data use. It is essential for port authorities to monitor the environmental impact of any port activity and to inform the public, policy makers and professionals about measures to be taken to reduce the ecological footprints whilst boosting economic opportunities. The project forms part of a broader foresight approach to promote maritime and urban-ports identity with greater environmental and social responsibility.

Total project budget: 626.500,35 €

Duration: 02/06/2014 – 31/05/2015

SMART-PORT: *Action plan towards the Smart Port concept in the Mediterranean Area*

Lead Partner:

Andalusian Institute of Technology, Spain

Summary:

SMART-PORT purpose is to analyze the situation of MED container ports based on the smart-port trends and to identify possible future approaches to enhance their leading role. SMART-PORT involves the definition of key factors of competitiveness in the operational, energy and environmental aspects and current MED ports situation. Thus, MED ports competitive advantages and disadvantages will be identified, an action plan be developed and a network created.

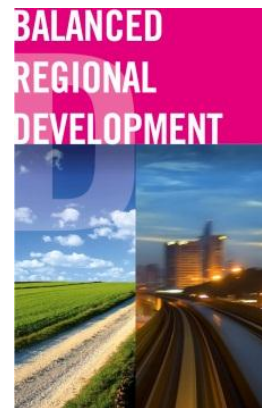
Total project budget: 660.000€

Duration: 01/05/2014 – 30/04/2015

Priority axis 4

1 project approved

Total ERDF budget approved: **666.000 €**



Objective 2: *Strengthening of identity and enhancement of cultural resources for a better integration of the Med space*

COM&CAP MarInA-Med: *COMmunication & CAPitalisation of Maritime Integrated Approach in the Mediterranean Area*

Lead Partner: Government of Catalonia - Presidential Department, Spain

Summary:

Built on an operational multi-level and multi-stakeholder partnership with a high level of expertise in the maritime field and in direct relationship with a well-structured network of Mediterranean policy-makers, COM&CAP MarInA-Med aims to coordinate communication and capitalisation activities for projects selected under the 'maritime integrated approach' call for proposals of the MED Programme (priorities 1-3)

Total project budget: 666.000€

Duration: 16/06/2014 – 15/06/2015