

# CITIZENS' SUMMARY 2020

Annual implementation report



## What we do

The Interreg MED Programme is a European transnational cooperation programme, co-financed by the ERDF and IPA funds. It provides funds for projects developed and managed by public and private entities. Its overall objective is to promote sustainable growth by fostering innovative concepts and practices and a reasonable use of resources. In addition, it supports social integration.



Innovation

41 projects



Low carbon  
economy

29 projects



Natural & cultural  
resources

41 projects

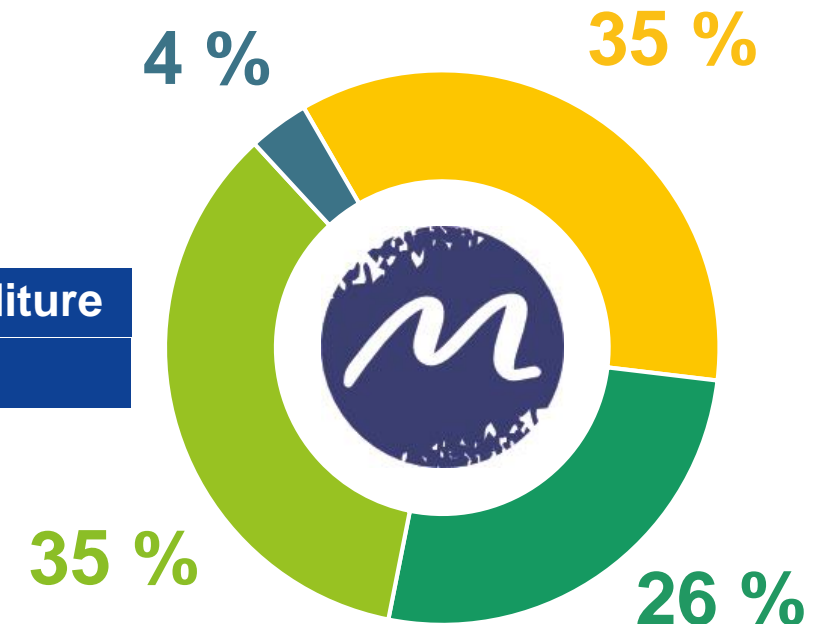


Governance

7 projects

## Overall Expenditure

181M € (66%)





# WHAT HAPPENED IN 2020?



The Programme launched its **first call for transfer and mainstreaming** focusing on efficient buildings and renewable energy.



The consolidation of a structured and **permanent dialogue** and **communication platform** among **Panoramed** and strategic and Horizontal **projects**, as well as the implementation of **joint actions**.



Because of the **Covid-19 pandemic**, the Programme had to **adapt** to avoid penalising the project partners: **online trainings and seminars**, as well as day-to-day exchange with the public and territorial cooperation actors were organised. **Projects'** partners were able to **reinvent themselves** and **adapt their objectives** to the pandemic.



**GovforMED** : the Programme organised its **first online event** to showcase the results from the **Governance** axis and to debate **future perspectives** of cooperation in the region.



We started **building the new programme 2021/27**.





Innovation

# WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE?

## Thematic communities results

### The Green Growth Community

mapped mainstreaming activities and developed a stakeholders' engagement methodology leading a joint collaboration between all thematic communities for identifying modular projects results contribution to the Green Deal.

### The Blue Growth Community

developed strategies for transferring results, including stakeholders' exchange groups on Marina platform, work on sustainable renewable marine energies and guidelines for sustainable cruise and yachting.

### The Social&Creative Community

defined a methodology for the identification of value and potentials of artificial intelligence and a mainstreaming model.

3 thematic communities

41 projects

93 M€ budget

## Projects results at a glance

**GRASPINNO** succeeded to incorporate the eGreen Public Procurement tool they developed in green public procurement procedures in Greece.

**MAESTRALE** successfully supported the development of Italian and Cypriot National Energy Plans (including Cyprus Maritime Spatial Plan).

**Chimera:** 2 Cultural and Creative Industries clusters out of 9 tested have been institutionalised by 2 Italian regions. One of them published a Regional Law on creation and financing of the regional Cultural and Creative Industries cluster.

17 innovation clusters supported

28 Tools to favour innovation of SMEs





Low carbon economy

# WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE ?

## Thematic communities results

**The Efficient Buildings Community** launched a call for City Partnerships starting North-South Mediterranean partnerships to promote efficient energy management in public buildings.

**The Renewable Energy Community** launched the ETU Initiative Flagship call open to municipalities willing to adopt tools from the Ecosystemic Transition Unit.

**The Urban Transports Community** launched a call for Sustainable Urban Transport Implementing cities to put in place a mentoring programme involving 16 replicating and pioneer cities.

## Projects results at a glance

**CESBA MED** influenced the Piedmont Regional Law (Italy) related to urban regeneration measures, while its assessment system is set to be transformed in the Italian national system.

**IMPULSE** led to a Joint Ministerial Decision in Greece that targets energy upgrade of public buildings.

**COMPOSE** The project's model used as input on Renewable Energy Sources issues during the Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU.





# WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE ?

Natural & cultural resources

## Thematic communities results

**The Sustainable Tourism Community** has shared the opportunities offered for tourism as a pillar to recover and relaunch the European economy on a more sustainable and resilient basis following the global health crisis (Tourism in Next Generation EU event).

**The Biodiversity Protection Community** has prepared 3 joint action plans on biodiversity protection and transboundary challenges, sustainable use of natural resources and ecosystem monitoring and management as a basis for improving capacity building towards key regional/national target groups.

## Projects results at a glance

**FishMPABlue2** The Small Scale Fisheries Governance Toolkit was endorsed by 8 EU Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and supported the design of the first MPA in Montenegro. Recommendations are expected to be adopted by the Barcelona Convention in 2021.

**MEDFEST** drafted an action plan "From Farm to Fork" which has been included in the Istria Master Plan for Tourism Development.

**MEDSEALITTER** saw its Monitoring Protocol for Marine Litter subscribed by 18 Marine Protected Area.

**2**  
thematic communities

**41**  
projects

**101 M€**  
budget

**108**  
Regions engaged in implementing sustainable tourism plans

**10 km<sup>2</sup>**  
Surface of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status





## Governance

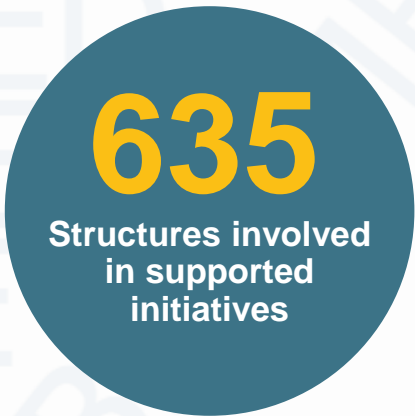
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The **Mediterranean Governance** axis entered a new phase of its implementation with 6 ongoing strategic projects -2 focused on innovation started in 2020 - and with the strengthening of the coordination mechanisms between **PANORAMED** thematic working groups and the corresponding strategic and thematic projects.

## Projects at a glance

### **B-BLUE and BLUE BIO MED**

**2 NEW strategic projects** to increase the innovation capacity in the blue bioeconomy, especially through the promotion of a better governance of policies at the European, national and regional levels have been approved in 2020.





The latest programme news and details about activities can be found on the programme website: [www.interreg-med.eu](http://www.interreg-med.eu)

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