

CITIZENS' SUMMARY 2021

Annual implementation report

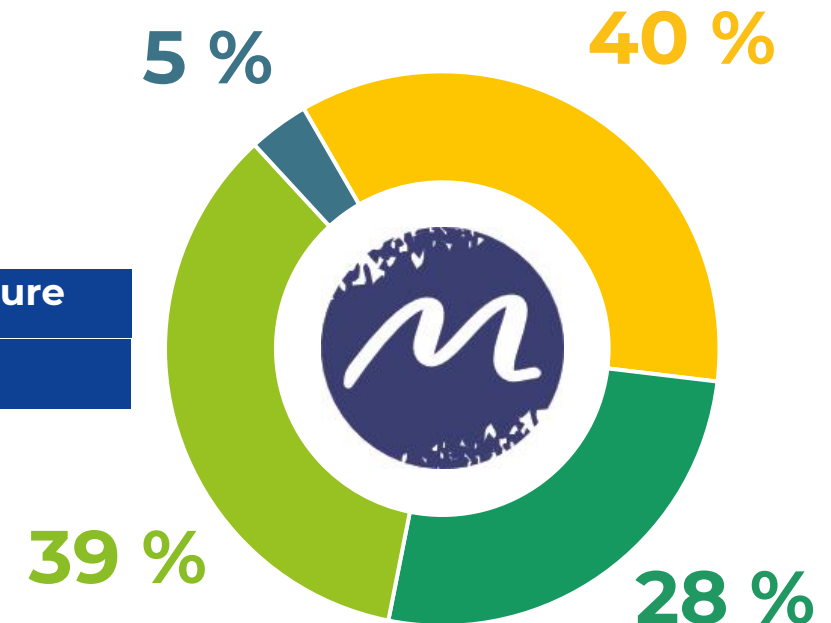


What we do

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.



Overall Expenditure
212 M €



Innovation

47 projects



Low carbon economy

39 projects



Natural & cultural resources

49 projects



Governance

7 projects



WHAT HAPPENED IN 2021?



24 projects targeting **mainstream** or **carbon footprint reduction activities** have been selected in the framework of three different calls for **proposals**.



The **Interreg Euro-MED Programme for 2021-27** has been officially **kicked-off** in Lisbon on 2 December 2021. **108** people attended **in Lisbon** while **307** persons followed the event **online**.



The **Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Regional Council** has been confirmed as **Managing Authority of the Interreg Euro-MED 2021-27 Programme**.

The new Programme will see the enlargement to **Bulgaria, North Macedonia** and to three **new Spanish regions** while Gibraltar (UK) will leave following the Brexit.



The **Interreg MED, ADRION** and **ENI CBC MED** Programmes organized their **1st Joint Workshop** during the **European Week of Regions and Cities**. They highlighted their contribution and added value in promoting and supporting the development of low carbon societies and economies.



Innovation

WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE?

Thematic communities results

The Blue Growth Community

participated and conducted activities related to intra-thematic community building. It also supported several projects' results in the **promotion and transferring** of their tools.

The Green Growth Community

performed activities engaging stakeholders in the transfer of projects' results and **moving towards a circular economy** in local and regional communities.

The Social&Creative Community

identified transversal topics that were integrated in the mainstreaming process through **3 innovation camps:** Mediterranean Stories of Creativity and Social Innovation, Industrial transformation, Sustainable development.

Projects results at a glance

BLUEfasma

participated in the Maritime roadshow organised by Interact to showcase how organisations and people across Europe cooperate to face maritime challenges.

EMBRACE

developed a toolbox to assist SMEs on the road to circularity. The tool has been adopted by 10 interested businesses from the Region of Aragon dealing with agri-food products.

CAMARG and CHEBEC

have been selected to be presented in the **podcast "This is Europe"**. The two episodes "Culture in crisis" and "Feeding Our Future Generations" showcase the stories of Interreg helping artists and workers throughout the cultural sector during the pandemic and stories about local food initiatives.

3
thematic communities

47
projects

93 M€
budget

18
innovation clusters supported

40
Tools to favour innovation of SMEs





WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE ?

Low carbon economy

Thematic communities results

The Efficient Buildings Community welcomed **5 new projects**. The Community also see 6 City Partnerships establishing **cooperation between North-South Mediterranean municipalities**.

The Renewable Energy Community now counts **9 municipalities selected as Flagship** to receive technical support from the project's experts to apply to the **Ecosystemic Transition Unit (ETU) Toolbox**.

The Urban Transports Community drafted a policy paper on urban mobility and the **mentoring programme implementation in 8 sites**. It also published **6 reports with recommendations** on mobility monitoring and the use of data, and participatory approaches to mobility planning.

Projects results at a glance

WECAREFORMED and **ZeroCO2MED** are our last 2 approved projects. They are developing a methodology and a tool to **monitor the carbon footprint** of projects. Their findings will be used by all our future projects during the 2021/27 period.

3
thematic communities

39
projects

62 M€
budget

304
Regions engaged in energy efficiency plans

3,015
People trained in buildings energy renovation





WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE ?

Natural & cultural resources

Thematic communities results

The Sustainable Tourism Community

updated the “Search the Med” platform and published a thematic factsheet in a scientific journal. The project organised the **1st “Associated Partners and other stakeholders meeting”** to ensure links with other initiatives and to enlarge the impacts and the scope of transferring and capitalisation activities of the Community. **6 new projects** also joined the community in 2021.

The Biodiversity Protection Community

reinforced its capacity building and transfer activities with a specific focus on the identification of appropriate governance mechanisms for the management of transboundary sensitive areas: an **Action Plan for Ecosystem-based Management in the south Adriatic-Ionian region** has been developed and a **MoU signed** with Pelagos Sanctuary to promote cooperation in their action plan.

Projects results at a glance

HERIT-DATA

worked on its model for mass tourism management and developed an app based on open data to **help authorities in tourism policies management.**

POSBEMED2

launched a **series** «Posidonia Team» to present peculiarities of Posidonia Oceanica and **sensitize citizens** to protect it.

MPA ENGAGE

has reinforced **Citizen Science** activities for **climate change** monitoring in 8 Marine Protected Areas.





Governance

WHAT DID THE PROJECTS ACHIEVE ?

The **Mediterranean Governance** axis continued its work on governance issues related to coastal and maritime tourism, maritime surveillance and blue bioeconomy.

All Governance projects are still running and concentrate on transfer and mainstreaming activities.

Projects at a glance

A **joint event** on *Perspectives on new models of governance for sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean* between **PANORAMED**, **SMARTMED** and **BEST MED** was organised on 20 April 2021.

A Focus Group, aiming to facilitate strategic coordination and mainstreaming of results, has allowed to **exchange tools** on how to **influence policy measures** on tourism and to identify mechanisms for cooperation and ensure coordination and exchange of solutions in relevant sectors.

7
projects

635
Structures involved
in supported
initiatives

22 M€
budget





The latest programme news and details about activities can be found on the programme website:

www.interreg-med.eu

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