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Second call for project proposals

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Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage	RSO2.7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	Euro-MED0200218	Testing novel environmental quality measures in and around Euro-MED ports	**TREASURE**	**Authority for Transport in Malta**	Human activities cause unprecedented environmental changes in coastal and marine ecosystems, and port areas become both the final accumulation site for chemicals from anthropic activities and a cause of pollution that is difficult to contain. This represents a significant environmental risk for marine biodiversity and surrounding areas and a risk to human health. TREASURE's overall objective is to improve environmental quality in and around Mediterranean port areas, by mitigating and reducing sediment and water pollution. TREASURE identifies 3 sub-challenges: 1) governance, 2) Monitoring Environmental Quality, 3) Novel Techniques.	01/01/2024	31/12/2026	€214,816.00	€53,704.00	€268,520.00
Promoting green living areas	RSO2.4: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0200323	Urban Regenerative Water Avant-garde(N)	**URWAN**	**Energy & Water Agency**	Mediterranean areas face severe drought and water scarcity, where our living areas are highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change, experiencing evermore extreme events. URWAN addresses the critical link between urban regeneration and resources, exploiting nature-based solutions' role in integrating water management and climate change adaptation. The project shall design multifunctional NBSs in a climate change scenario and deliver Road Maps towards adaptation, which will jointly implement activities affecting the decision-making process to multiply the impacts of public funds, by transforming 3 public buildings into "water producers", promoting green urban surfaces as a place-based transformative potential by implementing transnational experimental interventions. The URWAN Catalogue for final users harmonises knowledge of NBSs using a creative style able to reach all the local players and support the co-design of the proper NBSs to face the challenges.	01/01/2024	31/03/2026	€173,120.00	€43,280.00	€216,400.00
Promoting green living areas	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0200352	Promoting Green and Inclusive Mobility hubs for greener MED living areas by leveraging citizens' real needs	**GREENMO**	**University of Malta**	One of the most crucial challenges in modern Mediterranean urban areas is to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution towards achieving better living environments in MED areas, with new, greener, faster and more flexible transportation options. To effectively promote low-carbon solutions, mobility hubs emerged mainly in Northern/Central Europe, aiming to concentrate and improve public and shared travel modes. The key output of the project concerns a) a joint Strategy for green and inclusive mobility hubs for MED (urban and interurban) areas after considering the vision, the pillars, the citizens' real needs, habits and traffic culture, and b) the description of specific objectives tailor-made for MED public authorities.	01/01/2024	31/03/2026	€80,868.00	€20,217.00	€101,085.00
Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0200434	Supporting Adaptation to Mediterranean Sea Level Rise	**MedSeaRise**	**University of Malta**	Climate change is evident in the progressive increase of the average sea level, and the assessment of risks deriving from sea level variations requires a robust quantification of all the elements bringing the sea level to become a hazard. This is the challenge addressed by this project with the objective of improving the assessment of risks deriving from the Mediterranean Sea level variations, through a robust quantification of its threatening source. Mediterranean coastal impacts are deduced from global sea level trends or climate simulation which lead to an urgent need to quantify the likelihood of available scientific information on the expected XXI century sea level trends, in the Mediterranean sub-basins, with an estimate of the uncertainties. The project transnational partnership brings the inter-regional portrait of the challenge together with the interdisciplinarity required to understand how anthropic solutions and better preservation of the coastal ecosystems must be involved in resilience and adaptation actions to the progressive sea level rise.	01/01/2024	31/03/2026	€79,990.40	€19,997.60	€99,988.00
Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy	RSO1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	Euro-MED0200626	Groundwater monitoring and Decision Support System development to optimise decision-making in sensitive and water-scarce agricultural environments in the Mediterranean context	**Clepsydra**	**Energy & Water Agency**	Clepsydra aims to develop and test a smart system for monitoring and interpreting hydrogeological data on the behaviour of aquifers (including the development of a Decision Support System – DSS). In the pilot sites, Clepsydra Project will harness the innovation potential of the DSS and align it with upgraded groundwater monitoring practices. 4helix stakeholders will be involved in the project and public-private partnerships will be generated with the incorporation of final users and private sector in the improvement of monitoring networks.	01/01/2024	31/03/2027	€248,728.64	€62,182.16	€310,910.80

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Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage	RSO2.7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution	Euro-MED0200720	Promoting shared stewardship for Mediterranean Coasts	**COASTRUST**	**Nature Trust Malta**	The Mediterranean basin is one of the most important hotspots of biodiversity in the world in terms of richness of species and ecosystems. Yet, human activities and overexploitation of natural resources are resulting in ecosystem degradation and urges for a coordinated transnational approach. COASTRUST addresses the need to sustainably use, manage, protect, or restore species, habitats, or ecosystems with the involvement of stakeholders from the connected economic sectors and of citizens, consistently with the European policy framework promoting participatory approaches to foster biodiversity conservation. The project focuses on environmental stewardship as a form of governance acting at local and community level that reflects the rising influence on economic sectors exerted by environmental principles. In the project, environmental stewardship is applied in coastal areas undergoing anthropogenic pressures and results in the establishment of multi-stakeholder governance mechanisms aiming to support the management of natural resources at land and sea. A coastal stewardship strategy and a set of actions are developed for each target area according to its specificities, needs and environmental objectives such as the structure of local economy, stakeholders, and natural assets.	01/01/2024	31/03/2027	€211,944.00	€52,986.00	€264,930.00
Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0200736	Enhancing Marine Protected Areas as Nature Based Solutions for adaptation to climate change: from local actions to Mediterranean basin strategy	**MPA4Change**	**DAN Europe Foundation**	MPA4Change will look to enhance the effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and restoration as key Nature Based Solution for climate change adaptation by deploying a multi-level approach, from local MPA actions to Mediterranean strategies, to ensure its long-term sustainable capacity. MPA4Change will work on 3 main axis: 1) promote and fine-tune consolidated tools for risk assessment, monitoring, data sharing, restoration, citizen science, participatory approaches and defining adaptation action plans, communication, 2) support the Policy dialogue and coordinate with EU, Mediterranean and Global ICZM/MSP Strategies and 3) develop a Roster of experts to fully operationalise the implementation of policies and tools ensuring the long-term sustainability and capacity for adaptation and mitigation to climate change. The expected outcome of MPA4Change is to enhance the resilience of Mediterranean coastal areas to support the good environmental status and use of marine ecosystems. MPA4Change will increase the capacity to adapt to climate change by i) enhancing the effectiveness of MPAs and restoration, ii) improving the coordination and cooperation of stakeholders across borders to tackle them and iii) reinforcing raise awareness and environmental culture to climate change.	01/01/2024	31/03/2026	€63,100.00	€15,775.00	€78,875.00
Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0200814	Flash flood risk prevention & resilience in Mediterranean area through an Integrated Multi-stakeholder Governance Model, gathering prevention, adaptation and mitigation solutions	**LocAll4Flood**	**Energy & Water Agency**	Flash floods are extensive events rapidly arising after intense rainfall, especially in areas with rapid hydrological responses. Although flash floods are hazardous, they cannot be reduced by human action and the most efficient initiatives to reduce the associated risks are those aiming to raise the capacity to cope and the resilience of affected areas after its occurrence. LocAll4Flood will develop and test an innovative Integrated Multi-stakeholder Governance Model (IMGM) to manage flash floods and reduce the risks associated with these events by combining prevention, adaptation, and mitigation actions. This governance model (IMGM) designed for 4 kinds of topographical areas (Urban, industrial, rural /natural, coastal) will be tested in 9 pilot catchments located in 6 regions. This transnational approach is needed to demonstrate the IMGM is crucial for cross-border cooperation and transferability to other vulnerable regions. Most of the initiatives to address flash floods adopt a top-down perspective, with prevention, adaptation and mitigation actions approached separately lacks multistakeholder engagement. The 8 partners and 13 associated will redouble their efforts towards the transferability of this model (through capacity building programme) and a policy change (mainstream) in the Mediterranean area.	01/01/2024	31/03/2028	€249,425.20	€62,356.30	€311,781.50

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Enhancing sustainable tourism	RSO1.1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	Euro-MED0200900	TOURism Innovative and Sustainable Management of flOws	**TOURISMO**	**Malta Regional Development & Dialogue Foundation**	The tourism industry, in the pre-pandemic years, focused almost exclusively on growth, with little concern for long-term impacts on territories. Challenges like over-tourism continue to affect destinations & communities across the Med region. TOURISMO acknowledges that a shift to conscious and sustainable tourism requires innovative approaches, participation of various ecosystem stakeholders, an improvement of the tourist experience & a stronger engagement of end users. TOURISMO aims at addressing these challenges by using innovative technologies that offer new solutions and novel services to monitor and manage tourist flows. By exploiting the foundations laid by its predecessor HERIT-DATA, TOURISMO will keep boosting innovation through new methodologies and tools in areas with high tourism pressure. The approach is based on utilizing data from various datasets and on-site technologies relevant to tourists' presence, density, trajectories, and behaviours, with the support of an enriched version of HERIT-DATA platform, developed and managed by University of Florence. The partnership embeds a variety of location profiles from 7 European countries and different stakeholders, allowing to test solutions in different environments, capitalizing previous experience and guaranteeing simultaneously a high degree of innovation.	01/01/2024	31/03/2028	€240,404.00	€60,101.00	€300,505.00
Promoting green living areas	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0200907	Towards Climate Resilient Mediterranean Cities	**ReMED**	**University of Malta**	Urban areas are known to be among the main contributors to climate change worldwide. There is a growing recognition that climate change is here for the long term, and that action is needed; not just mitigation, but innovative responses for raising the resilience and adaptation of Mediterranean cities are needed. Capitalising and combining the results of previous and ongoing projects, ReMED will develop an innovative set of affordable tools, along with an overarching decision support framework, to help cities in: assessing and understanding the level of climate risk at urban and building scale designing optimal climate adaptation measures in relation to local conditions, implementing climate adaptation measures through the most suitable policy instruments, monitoring and evaluating the results of adaptation measures over time. ReMED will support a Multi-Level Governance (MLG) in climate adaptation. ReMED will deliver capacity building measures towards public authorities in the use of the ReMED Platform to facilitate its practical use and uptake. The main output of the project will be an overall raised capacity of public authorities in deploying effective measures to improve the resilience of cities.	01/01/2024	31/03/2028	€417,453.89	€104,363.47	€521,817.36
					Ministry for Gozo				€154,919.68	€38,729.92	€193,649.60

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Enhancing sustainable tourism	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0401144	AQUAtic systems' evaluation for the Mitigation of wAter scarcity in mediterranean islaNds and coastal tourist destinations under severe pressure	**AQUAMAN**	**Energy & Water Agency**	AQUAMAN will reinforce the capacity of public authorities involved in water management in islands & coastal tourist destinations so as to mitigate water scarcity. It will transfer valuable knowledge from successful projects (funded by H2020, PRIMA etc.) for the valorization of non-conventional water sources (rainwater, stormwater, wastewater), the decrease of water demand in targeted sectors and the optimization of the water distribution systems.	01/04/2025	30/09/2027	€134,960.00	€33,740.00	€168,700.00
Enhancing sustainable tourism	RSO2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	Euro-MED0401366	Supporting the implementation of blue and circular tourism in the Mediterranean	**RECIRCLE MED**	**Energy & Water Agency**	RECIRCLE MED project aims at integrating the circular tourism assessment tools of INCIRCLE project and blue economy action plans of REBOOT MED to Mediterranean coastal destinations. It does so in order to raise awareness, increase capacity to face tourism development challenges and achieve effective cooperation among stakeholders situated and activated at the destination and taking part in the decision-making process. The project's outcome would be to contribute to the change of behaviour and the way that local communities perceive tourism development with the aim to reposition tourism development in the Mediterranean region.	01/04/2025	30/06/2027	€145,080.00	€36,270.00	€181,350.00

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Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy	RSO2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	Euro-MED0501778	Circular solutions for sustainable waste management in Med Islands	**EcoMedIslands**	**Ministry for Gozo and Planning**	EcoMedIslands addresses waste management challenges on Mediterranean islands through a circular economy approach. The project promotes waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and improved waste segregation and treatment. It aims to reduce waste generation, increase stakeholder engagement, and transfer successful solutions to other island territories, ensuring sustainable and long-lasting impact.	01/09/2025	31/05/2029	€313,536.00	€78,384.00	€391,920.00
Enhancing sustainable tourism	RSO2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	Euro-MED0501722	Promoting a Circular Economy with Low Plastic Zones on Mediterranean Islands	**LooP Zone**	**Malta Regional Development & Dialogue Foundation**	LooP Zone seeks to reduce plastic waste and marine litter on five Mediterranean islands by helping the tourism and hospitality sector transition away from single-use plastics. The project will develop and test "low plastic zones", engaging public authorities, tourism businesses, tourists, packaging providers, and innovators. Through tailored local strategies, advocacy, assessment tools, certification, and support services, LooP Zone will help hotels, restaurants, and cafés identify sustainable alternatives to single-use plastics and adopt more circular and environmentally friendly practices.	01/09/2025	31/05/2029	€261,568.000	€65,392.00	€326,960.00
					Ministry for Gozo				€185,920.00	€46,480.00	€232,400.00
Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0501579	Resilience in Desertification and Drought for Mediterranean	**RedeeM**	**Energy & Water Agency**	RedeeM aims to improve water resilience in rural areas by developing climate-informed water governance strategies and demonstrating innovative solutions to address water scarcity. Using a Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (WEFE) Nexus approach, the project will support better water resource management across 12 pilot areas and train beneficiaries in the application of seven nature-based and technological solutions.	01/09/2025	31/05/2029	€400,093.60	€100,023.40	€500,117.00
Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy	RSO1.1: Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies	Euro-MED0501631	Strategic Harmonization and Resource Enhancement in the MEDiterranean: Advancing Water Management and Innovation through Non-Conventional Resources	**SHARE.MedWATER**	**Energy & Water Agency**	SHARE.MedWATER aims to address growing water scarcity in the Euro-MED region by promoting the reuse of unconventional water sources, including rainwater, greywater, and treated wastewater. Working across seven EU countries, the project will develop and test scalable water-sharing models for rural areas, drawing on the energy community concept. By assessing the feasibility and benefits of water reuse, SHARE.MedWATER seeks to reduce water stress and improve sustainable water management.	01/09/2025	31/05/2029	€257,280.00	€64,320.00	€321,600.00
Enhancing sustainable tourism	RSO2.4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches	Euro-MED0501643	WAstewater and rainwater Treatment for Reuse in overtourismaffected Islands increases Sustainability and fosters Eco-innovation	**WATERISE**	**Eastern Regional Council**	WATERISE aims to strengthen climate adaptation and water resilience on Mediterranean tourist islands by promoting nature-based solutions and circular water reuse systems. The project will test and transfer innovative approaches such as natural wastewater treatment, rainwater harvesting, and atmospheric water generation, while engaging local stakeholders to develop sustainable water management models for tourism-intensive areas.	01/09/2025	31/05/2029	€280,400.00	€70,100.00	€350,500.00

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Strengthening an innovative sustainable economy	RSO2.6 - Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy	Euro-MED0200819	Allocated Zones for circular Aquaculture to trigger the transition to an Inclusive and Circular Economy in aquaculture sector fostering new business opportunities and eco-consciousness society	**AZA4ICE**	**Aquatic Resources Malta**	AZA4ICE supports the transition to sustainable and circular aquaculture in Mediterranean coastal and inland waters. The project develops innovative spatial planning approaches, strengthens stakeholder collaboration, and promotes circular economy practices to address environmental, regulatory, and governance challenges. Building on pilot experiences, its methodologies and action plans are being transferred to new territories, including Malta, to support sustainable sector development and informed policy-making.	01/01/2024	31/03/2028	€63,200.00	€15,800.00	€79,000.00
									€4,176,807.41	**€1,044,201.85**	**€5,221,009.26**