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MED Greenhouses
**“Green Growth through the capitalization of innovative
Greenhouses”**

Reporting Knowledge from Horizontal project
TEI of Thessaly

Project Details:

Programme: **Interreg MED 2014-2020**

Priority Axis: **1. Promoting Mediterranean innovation capacities to develop smart and sustainable growth**

Objective: **1.1. To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area**

Project Title: **Green Growth through the capitalization of innovative Greenhouses**

Project Acronym: **MED Greenhouses**

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Responsible Partner: **University of Thessaly**

Involved Partners: **ALL**

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Introduction

This deliverable is undertaken in the context of Activity 2.3 "Links with Horizontal Projects". Main aim of this action is collecting information and experiences over the best approaches profiled by other projects within the various EU financed Programme in the field of Green Growth and particularly on this of energy efficiency and Eco-innovation.

This activity will enable motivation and international exchange of ideas and experience between consortia that have been working in the past or present on similar topics. The selection of the proposed consortia will be done in a complementary manner so that each one will be bringing specific skills of the highest quality which can further the progress of the present consortium and the project. The action addresses both actors of R&D and innovators communities & thematic projects.

Each Partner will elaborate one report presenting knowledge, experiences and best practices exchanged with other related projects within or outside Interreg MED Community, contributing to the capitalisation, dissemination of project's activities and results.

The exchanged knowledge and experiences can be achieved through participation in events of Interreg MED Programme (including events organised by Green Growth Community), or other EU programmes (through synergies with partners of other relevant EU projects).

The Joint Report will be elaborated by WP Leader with the contribution of all the partners.



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1. INTERREG MED GREEN GROWTH COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENT

1.1 Participants List & Agenda/Invitation (if applicable)



INTERREG MED GREEN GROWTH COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENT 17th April 2018, Rome (Italy)

Venue: Città dell'Altra Economia, Largo Dino Frisullo, Roma

Date and Time: 17th of April, 14.30 – 19h + social dinner

Registration: <https://green-growth.interreg-med.eu/events-registration-forms/>

The MED Green Growth community will gather together for a **community building event** on the 17th of April, just before the Interreg Made in MED event on the 18-19th of April in Rome! Up to 8 new projects have joined the INTERREG MED Green Growth community this year and we are now 14 projects in total that tackle a diversity of topics, from sustainable agriculture, green manufacturing and waste management, to smart cities and green finance.

The community building event will be dedicated to get to know the eight new projects of the MED Green Growth community and learn from the experiences of the previous ones with **flash presentations, B2B meetings and thematic working groups**. Moreover, we will analyse various **green growth policies** and debate the potential contribution of the different projects to the key pillars of the European resource policies, such as the Circular economy package, in order to build a common **capitalization approach** of our community.

In order to ensure a smooth organization of the event and ensure a real discussion context, we would recommend that between 2 and 3 participants per project attend it. The **registration** for the INTERREG MED Green Growth community building event is mandatory by 30.03.2018 .

DRAFT AGENDA	
14.30 – 15.00h	welcoming
15.00 – 16.30h	flash presentations by Modular Projects*
16.30 – 17.00h	B2B meetings
17.00 – 17.30h	coffee break and networking
17.30 – 18.00h	green growth policies and capitalization activities
18.00 – 19.00h	thematic working groups
19.30 – 21.30h	social dinner**

**A template of the presentation will be provided in the next days.

**The social dinner is to be paid by each participant (around 30€) and it is an eligible cost within your project.



**Interreg MED Green Growth Community Building event
17th April 2018- Rome (Italy)**

List of participants

nr	Name	First name	Institution or body name	PROJECT	signature
1	Emilia	Arrabito	Svi.Med.onlus Ragusa	ARISTOIL	<i>Emilia Arrabito</i>
2	Tea	Bilusic	University of Split	ARISTOIL	<i>Tea Bilusic</i>
3	Lagouri	Vasiliki	National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Pharmacognosy and Natural Products Chemistry	ARISTOIL	<i>Lagouri</i>
4	Mila	Bulimbasic Botteri	Kronomedia	ARISTOIL	<i>Mila Botteri</i>
5	Tanja	Putar	Regional development agency of Slavonia and Baranya	CAMARG	<i>Tanja Putar</i>
6	Matea	Rešetar	Regional development agency of Slavonia and Baranya	CAMARG	<i>Matea Rešetar</i>
7	Giulio	Menghini	Consorzio IB Innovation	CAMARG	<i>Giulio Menghini</i>
8	Andrea	Vignoli	Viterbo Chamber of Commerce	CREAINNOVATION	<i>Andrea Vignoli</i>

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37	Saimir	Plaku	Regional Council of Berat	MED Greenhouses	<i>Saimir Plaku</i>
38	Alexandros	Papachatzis	Technological Educational Institution (TEI) of Thessaly	MED Greenhouses	<i>Alexandros Papachatzis</i>
39	Sara	Cortesi	ENEA	PEFMED	<i>Sara Cortesi</i>
40	Buh	Tina	CCIS - Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises	PEFMED	<i>Buh Tina</i>
41	Francesca	Zinni	ENEA	PEFMED	<i>Francesca Zinni</i>
42	Antonella	Del Fiore	ENEA	PEFMED	<i>Antonella Del Fiore</i>
43	Ombretta	Presenti	ENEA Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development	PEFMED	<i>Ombretta Presenti</i>
44	Nicola	Colonna	ENEA	PEFMED	<i>Nicola Colonna</i>
45	Yvan	Deloche	CRITT Agroalimentaire PACA	REINWASTE	<i>Yvan Deloche</i>
46	Esperanza	Perea Acosta	Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development. Government of Andalusia	REINWASTE	<i>Esperanza Perea Acosta</i>
47	M ^{re} Antonia	Cobacho Vargas	AGAPA	REINWASTE	<i>Antonía Cobacho Vargas</i>

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1.2 Minutes

N/A



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1.3 Collaborations with other project

Project acronym: PEFMED (Uptake of the Product Environmental Footprint across the MED agrofood regional productive systems to enhance innovation and market value)

Short description: The project aims to test the applicability of the EU Environmental Footprint method over some regional agrofood systems and within specific testimonial product groups, tailoring it to the geographic context, thus going beyond the efficiency analysis so as to account for the different functions the food and the production systems provide. The final aim is to foster targeted systemic interventions to green the agrofood supply chain, promote the market uptake of eco-innovative patterns and maintain the competitiveness in the frame of the regional Smart Specialization Strategy.

Project's Partners: ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development), FEDERALIMENTARE - The Italian National Association of Agrofood Industries, ANIA - The French National Association of Food and Drink Industries, FIAB- The Spanish Food and Drink Industry Federation, FIPA - Portuguese Agrofood Industry Federation, CRITT - Agrofood Regional Innovation and technology Transfer Center, DNV GL - Business Assurance Espana S.L., Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia - Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises, Federation of Hellenic Food Industries.

Objectives: The overall objective of the PEFMED project is to test the applicability of the new EU Product Environmental Footprint method (PEF) for some specific product groups in 9 Mediterranean agrofood regional systems (clusters & supply chains), with the final aim to foster targeted systemic ecoinnovation interventions to green the agrofood sector, raise the market value of PEF-compliant productions and galvanize the regional Smart Specialization Strategies (RIS3) goals related to innovation in agrofood and industrial production.

EU Program: INTERREG MED 2014-2020

Relevant Activities: A series of PEF case-studies will take place in order to verify the performance of the **agrofood clusters** towards PEF requirements are implemented in in nine product chains and clusters located in different Mediterranean regions over the following product groups: dairy, meat, olive oil, wine, feed, packaged water.

Name of the partner/organization collaborated with: ENEA

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Project acronym: CAMARG (Clusters of innovative zero-km Agrofood MARKETplaces for Growth)

Short description: High-quality zero-km agrofood products directly on your table at the same price of standard-quality mass retail stuff. This is the CAMARG aim, pursued by the testing and validation of an advanced eCommerce solution suited to support small producers in any MED territory characterized by agrofood excellences. The web-



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based service will support clusters of small local producers in organizing self-sustaining supply networks able to deliver daily the selected food to the consumer locations.

Project's Partners: Lead partner: Consorzio IB Innovation (Italy), BISI srl (Italy), Confragricoltura Emilia-Romagna (Italy), Andalusia Smart City (Spain), Cluster of agro-food Innovation in Granada (Spain), Regional Development Agency of Slavonia and Baranja (Croatia), Association for Creative Development Slap (Croatia), Agrofood Regional Innovation and technology Transfer Center (France) and Regional Chamber of Agriculture OACA (France). Associated partners are Region Emilia-Romagna (Italy), Municipality of Huetor-Tajar (Spain), Coop de France (France), Centre for applied life sciences Healthy Food chain Ltd (Croatia).

Objectives: CAMARG project is guided by one key message: „High-quality zero-km agrofood products directly on your table at the same price of standard-quality mass retail stuff“.

This message is also a main CAMARG objective related to testing a new and easy web-based service which support cluster of small local food producers in organizing their self-sustaining networks able to deliver daily the selected food right on the consumers' doorsteps. CAMARG is all about:

- Introducing novel technologies and reducing the distance between demand for 0 km and high quality products and the offer given by the agrofood local producers;
- Developing links and synergies between enterprises connecting the different actors;
- Promoting business investments in research and innovation both on ICT and business modeling;
- Involving citizens as final users in the decisional process for new/updated e-services generating demand stimulation.

EU Program: INTERREG MED 2014-2020

Relevant Activities: Clustering enlarged programme for innovation in km-zero agrofood sector: After the test phase, CAMARG prepares a set of portability guidelines including methodology for setting the eMarket place and stakeholder involvement, how to evaluate the pilot experiments and define hints to plan the future enlarged programme innovation wanting to enlarge the users, the innovation services and the business & governance sustainability model.

Name of the partner/organization collaborated with: Consorzio IB Innovation



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1.4 Photo Gallery





1.5 Key points- Conclusions

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2. MADE in MED – Crafting the future Mediterranean

2.1 Participants List & Agenda/Invitation







Dear Madam or Sir,

The Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy, holding the 2018 presidency of the **Interreg MED Programme**, the Italian Agency for the Territorial Cohesion and the Region of Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur of France, Managing Authority of the Programme have the pleasure of inviting you to the **"MADE in MED - Crafting the future Mediterranean"** event on 18th and 19th April 2018, in Rome, Italy.

Built on the concept of Fablab: "Fabrication Laboratory", this event will present the first results of our 90 projects through a conference and an exhibition. These two days will be an opportunity to convey the idea and values of co-working, knowledge sharing and innovation but also to look towards the future of cooperation in the Mediterranean.

Come and join us in an innovative event where you will have the opportunity to feel, test and taste the Mediterranean territorial cooperation. Sign up for a discovery journey through the Interreg MED world, get inspired and connect with people!

What is awaiting you?



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Wednesday, 18th April

PRODUCTION AREA

Showcasing projects & ideas

Event Moderator: Karen Coleman, Journalist, broadcaster, author, editor of EuroPariRadio which covers stories from the European Parliament

08.30 REGISTRATION

09.15 Performance

REPAIR-A-THON by Saša NEMEC
 RED DRESS by Claudia DI GANGI
 Music by Giuseppe LOMEO
 Featured by the CreativeWear project

09.30 Opening and welcome

Beatrice COVASSI
 Head of the Representation of the European Commission In Italy
Maria Ludovica AGRÒ
 Director General of the Agency for Territorial Cohesion, Italy
Tarja RICHARD
 Head of the Managing Authority - Provence-Alpes Côte d'Azur South Region, France

10.00 An expert's word on our common challenges

Contextualisation given by experts outside the cooperation world

Georges KREMLIS
 Honorary Director, In charge - Inter alla - of circular economy In the Islands and of transboundary environmental assessments

Prof. Abdelhamid EL-ZOHEIRY
 President of the Euro-Mediterranean University of Slovenia (EMUNI)



10.30 **Our idea factory - Climate change department**

Thematic contributions on climate change challenges, based on our projects' results, and panel discussion with a variety of cooperation actors, from project partners to experts and European representatives.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS RESULTS:

Ana Maria PALADUS, Societal Responsibility Activator, Fondazione Ecosistemi (Green Growth)

Cynthia ECHAVE, Project Manager, Urban Ecology Agency of Barcelona (Renewable Energy)

Maxime CACCIUTOLO, Project Manager - General Secretary, Réseau des Villes Euromed (Efficient Buildings)

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Barbara SARNARI, Vice-president of Svimed (Euromediterranean Center for the Sustainable Development) - nonprofit association.

Arnau QUERALT, Chair of the European network of Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) / Director of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS)

Gianmaria SANNINO, ENEA Head of the Climate Modelling Laboratory ASS Partner Greencap project

Pedro MARÍN COTS, Director Observatorio de Medio Ambiente Urbano OMAU (Urban Planner)

Ameer ABDULLA, IUCN WCPA World Commission on Protected Areas (International Institution)

12.30 **LUNCH** **Visit of our Lab Area: Tasting and testing MED**

14.00 **Our idea factory - Blue economy department**

Thematic contributions to the blue economy in the MED area based on our projects' results and panel discussion with a variety of cooperation actors, from project partners to experts and European representatives.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS RESULTS:

prof. Diego VICINANZA, Professor of Coastal Engineering, CONISMA - Università degli studi della Campania "Luigi Vanvitelli" (Blue Growth)

prof. Spyros NIAVIS, University of Thessaly - UTH - Department of Planning and Regional Development (Sustainable Tourism)

prof. Yannis CHATJIGEORGIOU, School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, National Technical University of Athens (Blue Growth)



PANEL DISCUSSION:

Dania ABDUL MALAK, Director of ETC-UMA, University of Malaga

Ferdinando BOERO, Professor of Zoology, Università del Salento - CoNISMa - CNR-ISMAR

Željka ŠKARIČIĆ, Director of PAP/RAC - the Regional Centre of UNEP/MAP responsible for Integrated Coastal Zone Management

Lisandro BENEDETTI CECCHI, Professor of Ecology, Vice-Rector for European and International Research, University of Pisa and CoNISMa

16.00 Our idea factory - Inclusive growth department

Thematic contributions to support inclusive growth based on our projects' results and panel discussion with a variety of cooperation actors, from project partners to experts and European representatives.

PRESENTATION OF PROJECTS RESULTS:

Adriana AGRIMI, Head of Research, Innovation and Institutional Capacity Section, Department of Economic Development, Innovation, Education, Training and Employment, APULIA REGION

Luca SANTAROSSA, Project Manager of the "fishing governance in MPAs: potentialities for Blue Economy 2 - FishMPABlue2" project

Francesco MOLINARI, International researcher and free-lance consultant, Italy

PANEL DISCUSSION:

Tuija HIRVIKOSKI, President of ENoLL

Marco DI CIANO, Responsible of Research and Innovation Department, InnovaPuglia, Apulia Region

Damiano PETRUZZELLA, Responsible for Youth&Innovation sector - CIHEAM, Bari

Sergio ANDREIS, Director of Kyoto Club (NGO) - Energy & Citizens' Awareness

Enrique DE VILLAMORE Director of UNEP-MAP Regional Activity Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production



17.30 **Wrap up of the Interreg MED FabLab**

Climate Change: Cynthia ECHAVE, Project Manager - Urban Ecology Agency of Barcelona

Blue Economy: Elodie NUNES, Policy & Programme Officer, CRPM

Inclusive Growth: Jesse MARCH, Consultant at Formez - Ateller Studio Associato Williams College - Palermo Area

Closing words, Georges KREMLIS, Honorary Director, In charge - Inter alla - of circular economy in the Islands and of transboundary environmental assessments

PANORAMED bridge: Antonio DEL PINO, Vice Head of Unit of European Territorial Cooperation, General Direction of Community Funds - Ministry of Finances and Public Administration, Spain

18.00 **UN ESPRESSO E VIA Visit of our Lab Area: Tasting and testing MED**



Thursday, 19th April

THINKING AREA

From projects to public policies

08.30 REGISTRATION

09.15 **Performance**

REPAIR-A-THON by Saša NEMEC
 RED DRESS by Claudia DI GANGI
 Music by Giuseppe LOME0
 Featured by the CreativeWear project

Welcome

09.30 **Briefing on our FabLab's capacities**

Bridging key conclusions from day 1 thematic round tables with institutional multilevel dialogue and capacity building processes, synergies among programmes/initiatives and reinforced territorial impact.

Mislav KOVAČ, Head of Service for Transnational and Interregional Cooperation at Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

Manuela BIGI, Manager of Strategic Planning Office, The Economic Promotion Agency of Tuscany, Italy

Claude WOHRER, Special advisor on Integrated maritime policy, Secretariat general for the Sea

Sergio PONSÁ, Director of BETA Technological Center and Coordinator of BETA Research Group

Dania Abdul MALAK, Director of the ETC-UMA, and senior environmental researcher

Roberto GRASSI, Project Manager, Arco Latino



10.30 Brainstorming between Programmes

Discussion on the conclusions of the previous thematic panels from the perspective of other ECT Programmes

- Moderator: Mercedes ACITORES**, Programme Officer at Interact
Member of Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat for Interreg Balkan-Mediterranean
- Member Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat European Territorial Cooperation Programme ADRION**
- Member of Managing Authority/ Joint Secretariat Interreg IVB SUDOE**
- Vincent ERNOUX**, Coordinator of the ENI CBC MED Branch Office for the Western Mediterranean
- Jean-Marc VENINEAUX**, Quality Management Officer – Macroregional strategies, EC Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), Desk Officer Interreg Europe
- Curzio CERVELLI**, Head of Joint Secretariat Interreg MED

11.30 COFFEE BREAK - Fuel for thoughts

12.00 High-level capitalisation with PANORAMED project

Debate facilitated by the actors of INTERREG MED initiative on governance, PANORAMED, and focusing on priority actions high-level capitalisation challenges and opportunities demand for.

- Antonio DEL PINO**, Vice Head of Unit of European Territorial Cooperation, General Direction of Community Funds – Ministry of Finances and Public Administration, Spain
- Mercedes ACITORES**, Programme Officer at Interact
- Michele COLAVITO**, Agency for Territorial Cohesion, Italy
- Eleni HATZIYANNI**, Directorate of Environment and Spatial Planning, Region of Crete, Greece
- Guillaume HUET**, Head of the Territorial Cooperation Department Directorate for International and Mediterranean Relations at Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur South Region, France
- Jean-Marc VENINEAUX**, Quality Management Officer – Macroregional strategies, EC Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), Desk Officer Interreg Europe
- Alessandra SENSI**, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
- Davide STRANGIS**, Executive Secretary of the Intermediterranean Commission – Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

13.00 LUNCH
Visit of our Lab Area: Tasting and testing MED



14.30 Crafting the future of the Mediterranean: our way forward post-2020

Roundtables framing priority actions into a wider Mediterranean context of strategies, initiatives, programmes with a post-2020 perspective.

Round table 1 – Territorial impact

Marco D'ABBRACCIO, European External Action Service – Cooperation coordinator responsible for CBC

Georges KREMLIS, Honorary Director, In charge – Inter alla – of circular economy in the islands and of transboundary environmental assessments

Maria PREZIOSO, ESPON Contact Point Italy

Ángel Luis SÁNCHEZ MUÑOZ, CPMR – Secretary General for external actions of Region Andalucía, Spain

Alessandra SENSI, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean

Andrea BARBANTI, Research Manager, Coordinator of the Policy Platform – Bluemed CSA – National Research Council of Italy – Institute of Marine Sciences

15.30 Round table 2 – Synergies

Hugo BEVORT, Director for Territorial Strategies – General Commission for Territorial Equality – Ministry for Territorial Cohesion, France

Laura CAVALLO, Head of Department for Cohesion Policies – Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Christos ECONOMOU, Head of Unit Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security – EC Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)

Carmen HERNANDEZ MARTIN, Deputy Director General for European Territorial Cooperation – Ministry of Finances and Public Administration – Spain

Agnès RAMPAL, President of the Euromediterranean Commission – Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur South Region, France

Jean-Marc VENINEAUX, Quality Management Officer – Macrorregional strategies, EC Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO), Desk Officer Interreg Europe

17.00 Closing of the Interreg MED FabLab

Maria Ludovica AGRÒ, Director General of the Agency for Territorial Cohesion, Italy



Agnès RAMPAL, President of the Euromediterranean Commission –
Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur South Region, France

Beatrice COVASSI, Head of the Representation of the European
Commission in Italy

17.30 HAPPY HOUR
Visit of our Lab Area: Tasting and testing MED

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Mrs.	Miriam	NAVARRO ESCUDERO	Valencia Institute of Building	IMPULSE	Spain	X	0158	
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Mrs.	Saša	NEMEC	Project partner for CreativeWear, Creative and Social Community	Social & Creative HP	Slovenia	X		
Mr.	Mário	NEVES	APREDIN	4helix+	Portugal			
Mr.	Spyros	NAVIS	Panteion University	Sustainable Tourism HP	Greece	X	156	
Mr.	Panayota	NICOLAREA			Greece			
Mrs.	Yolanda	NICOLAU	Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces (FVMP)	LOCALAGREEN	Spain	X	0320	
Mrs.	Irene	NICOTRA	PROVINCIA DI LIVORNO		Italy	X		
Mr.	Nikitas	NIKITAKOS	University of the Aegean	PROteuS	Greece			
Mrs.	Konstantia	NIKOPOULOU	MedCities	Biodiversity Protection HP	Spain	X		
Mr.	Silvio	NOCERA	Università Iuav di Venezia	MOBILITAS	Italy	X	0168	
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Mrs.	Joana	ORTIZ	IREC	Efficient Buildings HP	Spain	X	302	
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Mrs.	Ivana	OSTOIC	IQ Consulting - partner with Municipality of Preko	Green Growth HP	Croatia				
Mr.	Severino	OSTORERO	ETCP PARIS		Italy				
Mrs.	Maria del Mar	OTERO	IUCN	Biodiversity Protection HP	Spain				
Mr.	Johan	OTHENIN-GIRARD	EnvirobatBDM	IMPULSE	France	X			
Mr.	Maurizio	PAFFETTI	ARSIAL	Biodiversity Protection HP	Italy	X			
Mrs.	Anina	PAJARON	Chamber of Commerce and industry of Terrassa	Social & Creative HP, CHIMERA, GRASPINNO	Spain	X			
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M.	Pigliacelli	PAOLO	Federparchi Europarc Italy	DestIMED	Italy	X			
Mr.	Edoardo	PAPA	CoNISMa	Blue Growth HP	Italy	X			
Mrs.	Helena	PAPA	NA		Cyprus	X			
Mr.	Alexandros	PAPACHATZIS	Technological Educational Institution (TEI) of Thessaly	MED Greenhouses	Greece				
Mr.	Christos	PAPACHRISTOU	UNION OF HELLENIC CHAMBERS OF	TALIA	GREECE	X	226		
Mr.	Dimosthenis	PAPAKONSTANTINOU	CRETHIDEV	CreativeWear	Greece	X	188 ✓		
Mrs.	Ines	PAPES	Agency for regional development of the Republic of Croatia		Croatia				
Mr.	Orlando	PARAIBA	ENA - Energy and Environment Agency of Arrábida	COMPOSE, EnerNETMob, ESMARTCITY	Portugal	X			
Mrs.	Caterina	PARLANTE	REGIONE DEL VENETO - DIREZIONE TURISMO	CASTWATER	Italy				
Mrs.	Parthena	PARTSALIDOU	Pieriaki Anaptixiaki S.A.-O.L.A.	EMbleMatic	Greece				
Mr.	Ramón	PASCUAL PASCUAS	IREC	Efficient Buildings HP	Spain	X	68		
Mrs.	Letizia	PASCULLI	ANCI		Italy				
Mrs.	Lena	PASINOVIC	Municipality of Kotor	SUMPORT	Montenegro	X			
Mr.	Anton	PAVLIN	Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy		Slovenia	X	0122		
Mr.	Fabrizio	PEDERCINI	PARCO REGIONALE DEL MINCIO	EcoSUSTAIN	Italy	X	0244		
Mrs.	Stavroula	PELEKASI	MINISTRY FDF ECONOMY AND DEVELOPMENT	PANORAMED	Greece	X	0247		

2.2 Minutes

The event “MADE in MED – Crafting the future Mediterranean” was held in Rome, Italy on April 18-19, 2018, to present the first results of 90 INTERREG MED projects through a conference and an exhibition. The event provided an opportunity to its more than 800 participants to promote synergies between projects and encourage knowledge sharing and innovation, looking towards the future of cooperation in the Mediterranean. The event was organized by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of Italy, holding the 2018 presi-dency of the Interreg MED Programme 2014-2020 Programme, the Italian Agency for the Territorial Cohesion and the Region of Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur of France, Managing Authority of the Programme. The event carried out a mid-term review of the programme, which is co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and involves thirteen North Mediterranean shore countries.

The event was articulated around three transversal themes: climate change, blue economy and inclusive growth, outlining the projects' achievements. The projects illustrated how they contribute to these three major challenges: partners, public authorities and experts engaged in debate to see how they can have a positive impact

on them. Throughout the day, participants had the opportunity to discover the exhibition or Lab Area: Tasting and testing MED, where the display of projects' results was presented in a concrete, visual form.

After a first day dedicated to discovering and experiencing the projects' achievements, the second day focused on the Interreg MED vision and the post-2020 perspective. The future of cooperation in the region was discussed on a political level, first with PANORAMED, the programme's governance project, then with national and European high-level officials and decision-makers. A networking cocktail gave participants the chance to connect with each other but also to discover our exhibition.

2.3 Collaborations with other project

N/A

2.4 Photo Gallery





2.5 Key points- Conclusions

How to find the most efficient organization? How to ensure that successful projects and experiments in the field lead to strategies and decisions that can be adapted (and co-opted) at the Mediterranean level? These questions formed a recurring theme throughout discussions at the Made in MED event held in the Auditorium del Massimo on 18-19 April 2018.

Beatrice Covassi, head of the European Commission's representation in Italy commented on the need to demonstrate the benefits projects bring to citizens' daily lives and increase their impact by improving the strategic dimension of programmes for the Mediterranean and simplifying their management and monitoring.

A total of €275M has been set aside to finance projects in three priority areas covering eight themes: blue growth, green growth and social and creative innovation for the first, efficient buildings, renewable energy sources and urban transport for the second and sustainable tourism and protecting biodiversity for the third. Ninety projects have so far been approved for a global sum of €176M. A fourth area has produced a 91st project, Panoraméd, focusing on efficient governance. A host of studies, experiments and initiatives have emerged which have already had concrete effects and results. These "idea factories" were examined from the very first day of Made in MED. Maria Ludovica Agro, director-general of the Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion, commented that the results obtained show that the Programme's foundations and framework are a success, and stressed the need to capitalize on these advances, reinforce their cohesion and ensure this strategic policy is carried forward.

Tarja Richard, director of the Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region Managing Authority for her part underlined the need to enhance their visibility and explained that they are all working towards the same goal.

During the second, more politically-oriented day, deliberations turned to the synergies to be created with other European programmes, the implementation of a common approach with the South shore countries and post-2020 perspectives. The Italian Minister for Territorial Cohesion expressed his ardent wish for the cooperation programmes to be confirmed, from regional up to European level, and for a more explicit framework for linking them to European policy. Agnès Rampal, chairwoman of the Euro-Mediterranean Commission at the Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, pointed out that Interreg MED had generated a "de facto Mediterranean solidarity" between all the stakeholders that is turning challenges into opportunities.

3. Empowering territories for a sustainable Mediterranean

3.1 Agenda



Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund

Empowering territories for a Sustainable Mediterranean

#innovation #competitiveness #circularbioeconomy #sustainablelifestyle

Agenda

Conference Chairman
Alexia Boulanger
 Environment Park Renewable Energy Community

14.00 - 14.10 Registration
 14.10 - 14.20 **Welcome and Introduction**
Interreg MED programme
Eleni Papazacharopoulou, Interreg MED programme Joint Secretariat

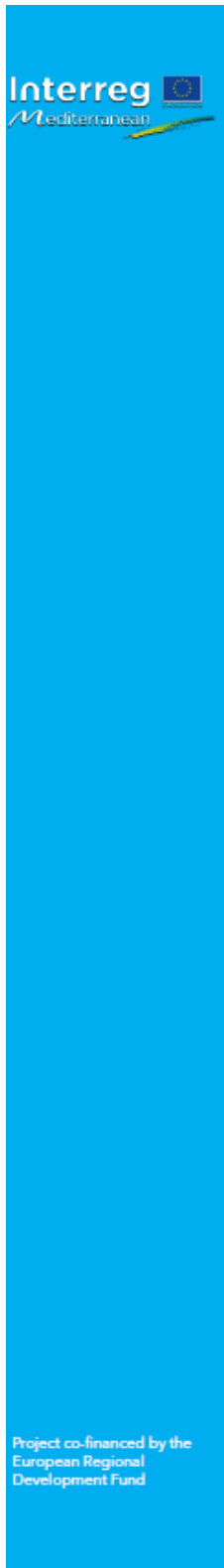
14.20 - 15.00 **Interreg MED Communities for a Sustainable Mediterranean**
Cynthia Echave, BCN Ecologia - Renewable Energy Community
Ermete Mariani, UNIMED - Urban transports, Sustainable Tourism and Biodiversity Protection Communities
Mercè Boy Roura, BETA Tech Center - University of Vic / Central University of Catalonia - Green Growth Community

15.00 - 16.00 **First panel** 
Circular economy opportunities and challenges in the MED area
 This panel will make a debrief on the state-of-the-art of waste management and circular economy initiatives in sectors such as agrifood, manufacturing, energy production, transportation and tourism and will answer questions such as:
How can various actors overcome regional challenges such as marine litter?
How can circular economy principles and approaches be used to construct the resilience of the MED area facing climate change challenges?
How can the further development of marine renewable energies support the circular economy effort in the Mediterranean?

Moderator
Ana-Maria Paladus, Fondazione Ecosistemi, Green Growth Community

Panelists
Giacomo Copani, STIIMA-CNR (Italy) - GREENOMED project
Federica Barbera, Legambiente - MEDSEALITTER project
Paolo Castrignanò, Sicily Region - ForBioEnergy project
Giulia Goffetti, University of Siena - MAESTRALE project
Paolo Marengo, ACR+ - Bluelslands project
Federica Appiotti, IUAV and Delta Po Park, Co-Evolve project

First Line
ENEA representatives (Italy) - PEFMED project
Nikolaos Katsoulas, University of Thessaly (Greece) - MED Greenhouses project
Maria Grazia Zucchini, Aster cluster (Italy) - REINWASTE project



16.00 - 17.00 **Second panel** 

Innovation for sustainability in the MED Area

This panel will highlight the technical and organisational sustainability innovation potential of the MED area and will provide heterogeneous perspectives on questions such as:

What are the water, energy and other resources challenges for the MED area? What are the managerial innovative approaches of SMEs and public authorities? What technical innovation measures are currently deployed by clusters and industry? What are the most dynamic sectors from a sustainability innovation perspective?

Moderator

Mirko Djurovic, University of Montenegro - Blue Growth Community

Panelists

Giacomo Copani, STIIMA-CNR - GREENOMED project

Alexandros Papachatzis, TEI - MED Greenhouses project

Marco Caponigro, Energy expert Municipality of Potenza - PEGASUS project

Dario Bertocchi, Ca' Foscari University, ShapeTourism

Andrea Bardi, IITL - Institute for Transport and Logistics - SUMPORT project

Federica Foglini, CNR - AMARE project

Attilio Raimondi, Emilia-Romagna region - MISTRAL project

First Line

ENEA representatives - PEFMED project

Maria Apostolidou, CERTH - CrealInnovation project

Chiara Cervigni, ALOT s.r.l. - ECOSUSTAIN project

17.00 - 18.00 **Third panel** 

Governance, citizens awareness and participation for a Sustainable Mediterranean

The third panel will analyze new governance models and how changing behaviours can have a relevant impact for better lifestyles in the Mediterranean cities and will answer questions such as:

What are the sustainability governance and citizens awareness challenges in the MED area? How can we improve the participation of citizens in the elaboration and deployment of sustainability policies? What best practices exist in the MED cities and Regions in sectors such as energy management?

Moderator

Ermete Mariani, UNIMED - Urban transports, Sustainable Tourism and Biodiversity Protection communities

Panelists

Michele Colavito, Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion, PANORAMED project

Francesca Villani, Metropolitan City of Bologna - MADRE project

Francesco Filippi, Mussol - Local4Green project

Francesca Liguori, ARPA Veneto - REMEDIO project

Claudio Perin, Veneto Region - WETNET project

Antonio Dell'Anno, Università degli Studi di Ancona - 4helix+ Project

First Line

Valentina Ridolfi, Rimini Strategic Plan Agency, Mobilitas project

Eugenio Barchiesi, Kyoto club - COMPOSE project

3.2 Minutes

N/A

3.3 Collaborations with other project

N/A

3.4 Photo Gallery



3.5 Key points- Conclusions

The conference was organized by the Interreg MED Green Growth, Blue Growth, Renewable Energy, Urban Transports, Sustainable Tourism and Biodiversity Protection Communities in the Ecomondo Tiglio Room – Pavilion A6 in Rimini, on November 6th 2018.

There is a belief that sustainable development for the Mediterranean region is achievable if we succeed in making the proactive attitude of multiple stakeholders converge to tackle strategic challenges on a given territory. However, nurturing the interregional cooperation dimension is essential to **share knowledge and to keep a more holistic approach** to tackle global issues such as climate change, depletion of non-renewable resources, as well as land, water and sea pollution.

Since November 2016, more than 800 private and public organisations have joined forces in the framework of the Interreg MED programme to promote a **sustainable lifestyle and competitiveness, a more participative governance, circular bioeconomy and innovation** for sustainability in the Mediterranean region.

Representatives from six Interreg MED thematic communities presented their achievements and shared their challenges with private organisations, local public authorities and international organisations, involving them in a discussion on three strategic axes for the future of the Mediterranean region: **“Circular Bioeconomy opportunities and challenges in the MED area”**; **“Innovation for sustainability in the MED Area”**; and **“Governance, citizens awareness and participation for a Sustainable Mediterranean”**.

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4. 3rd MED Green Growth Community Transnational Event

4.1 Agenda/Invitation

3rd MED Green Growth Community Transnational Event

Role of regional & local policy makers in enhancing Green Innovation

We cordially invite you to the 3st MED
Green Growth Transnational Event
to be held at the Adriatik Hotel, Durrës

We look forward to seeing you there!

Boosting green growth in the MED countries

15 - 16 November 2018
Durrës, Albania

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GREEN GROWTH

Project co-financed by the European
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AGENDA

Thursday 15th November

09:00 - 13:00	Community building - Green Growth living lab Launch of the Thematic Working Groups (Scanderbeg Room)
13:00 - 14:30	Light lunch
14:30 - 15:00	Conference - Registration of participants (Albania Room)
15:00 - 15:15	Official opening of the conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Welcome from the President of the Regional Council of Durrës, Mr. Alfred Mullaraj ● Welcome from Prefect of Durrës, Mr. Roland Nasto ● Welcome from the Mayor of Durrës, Mr. Vangjush Dako ● Welcome from AIE - Adriatic Ionian Euroregion, vice President, Mr. Aldrin Dalipi ● Welcome from the Interreg MED JS, Ms. Maria Groueva
15:15 - 16:15	Panel 1 - General considerations on green policymaking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interreg MED Green Growth, Mr. Sergio Ponsá, Director BETA Tech Center, UVic-UCC ● National Investment Council, Ms. Diana Leka, Chair ● Albanian Development Fund, Mr. Blendi Bushati, Vice Director ● University of Gjakova Kosovo, Mr. Shaban Buza, Rector ● Government of Catalonia, International Relations Department ● Climate Alliance, Mr. Giustino Piccolo, Project Coordinator
16:15 - 16:45	Open discussion with all MPs and public (moderator + BETA Tech Center - UVic/UCC)
16:45 - 17:15	Coffee break
17:15 - 18:15	Panel 2 - Green Growth financing and procurement tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● finMED project: Centre for Research & Technology Hellas (CERTH), Chrysovalantis Ketikidis ● GRASPINNO project: General Secretariat for Commerce and Consumer Protection ● Ministry of Economy and Development (Greece), Ms. Anastasia Zacharopoulou ● National Institute of Transport, Ms. Blerina Tare, Director ● Environment Monitoring System & Protected Areas Financing Mechanism, Ms. Odeta Cato, Project Coordinator ● Fondazione Ecosistemi, Ms. Ana Maria Paladus
18:15 - 18:45	Open discussion with all MPs and public (moderator + Fondazione Ecosistemi)
20:30 - 23:00	Traditional dinner and music: Restaurant "Dy Kitarat" (30 Euro per person)



Friday 16th November

09:00 - 10:00	Welcome, and recap of the 1st day conclusions
10:00 - 11:00	<p>Panel 3: MED experiences in enhancing green innovation and policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GREENOMED project: Lombardy Region (Italy), Mrs. Valentina Pinna, Delegate in Brussels for Research and Innovation ● REINWASTE project: Andalusia Agency for Agriculture & Fisheries Development (Spain), Mrs. M^a Antonia Cobacho Vargas, Head of International Relations Department ● Creainnovation project: Industry, Services and Navigation, Barcelona Chamber of Commerce (Spain), Mrs. Georgina Padilla, Project manager ● Ministry of Environment & Spatial Planning Kosovo, Environment Policy Department, Mr. Muhamet Malsiu, Director ● Ministry of Tourism Montenegro, Tourism Planning Department, Mr. Ardijan Mavriq, Director
11:00 - 11:30	Open discussion with all MPs and public (moderator + CUEIM)
11:30 - 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 - 13:00	<p>Panel 4 - Green cities for a greener Mediterranean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MADRE project: Agricultural University of Tirana, Mr. Fatmir Guri, Lecturer ● ESMARTCITY project: Abruzzo Region (Italy), Mr. Gino Verrocchi, Executive Manager ● GREENMIND project: Sipro Development Agency-Ferrara (Italy), Chiara Franceschini, Project Manager ● Albanian National Rural Development Network, Ms. Evelina Hazizaj, Executive Director ● Municipality of Durres, Directorate of Policy Development, Ms. Ina Xhakoni, Director
13:00 - 13:30	Open discussion with all MPs and public (moderator + Dynamic Vision)
13:30 - 15:00	Light Lunch
15:00 - 16:30	<p>Roundtable: Defining a national and regional analytical framework for policy coherence for sustainable development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Interreg MED Joint Secretariat, Ms. Maria Groueva ● Member Parliament of Albania, Ms. Milva Ekonomi ● Cross Border Cooperation Programmes, EU Office in FyROM, Ms. Irena Ivanova, Manager. ● Regional Council of Durrës
16:30 - 17:00	Conference conclusions and closure





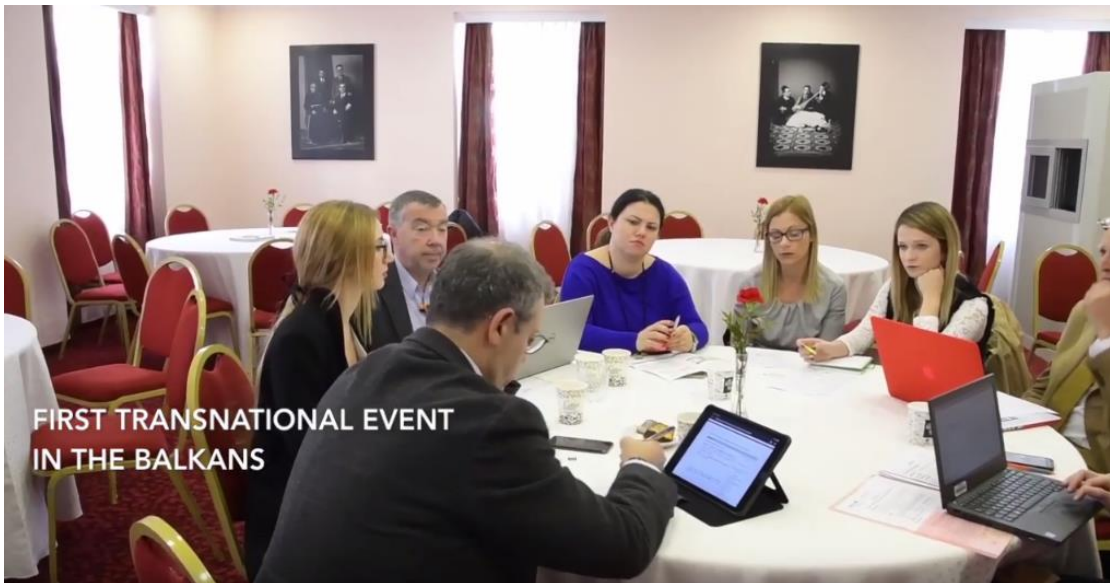
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4.3 Collaborations with other project

N/A

4.4 Photo Gallery



4.5 Key points- Conclusions

The 3rd transnational event of the Interreg MED Green Growth Community took place in Durrës, Albania, between 15 and 16 November 2018. It was the first time the MED Green Growth Community organized such an event in a Balkan country. The 3rd transnational event of the Community analyzed the role of policy makers in enhancing the Green Growth innovation and policies and created contexts of exchanges on the impact of several key players in boosting Green Growth economies.

The MED Green Growth Community 3rd transnational event offered its participants a tailor-made programme with participation from key stakeholders and participatory sessions to debate about the significant role of policies and green growth interventions in domains such as funding, public procurement, rural revitalization and resilience, urban development, sustainable agriculture and industries. The event benefited from the participation of a large number of MED stakeholders, such as national, regional and local authorities, companies, professional associations and research centres coming from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania. Various institutional actors (ministries, national institutes of statistics, international and regional development agencies, and municipalities) from different regions and countries presented their initiatives and vision on green growth innovation and policies and analyzed their consistency and complementarities with those of other MED countries.

The 3rd transnational event kicked-off with a community building session organized with the representatives of the 14 modular projects belonging to the Interreg MED Green Growth community (the participation at this session is restricted to project partners only). The event represented the first technical working meeting of the Community that was enlarged with 8 new projects in 2018. It aimed to create a functional framework for the next year within which the modular projects closely work together in thematic groups, both online and face-to-face, to strengthen their capitalization and policy inputs activities, as well as to develop joint political statements.



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5. CirCIE 2018 “Challenges for the islands in the era of Circular Economy”

5.1 Invitation



INVITATION

CirCIE 2018 “Challenges for the islands in the era of Circular Economy”

Dear Guest,

We have the pleasure to cordially invite you to the forthcoming international Conference CirCIE2018 "Challenges for the Islands in the era of Circular Economy", organized under the auspices of the European Commission. CirCIE2018 will be held in Chania, Crete, Greece from 20-22 September 2018; it is aiming at promoting circular economy in the islands, identifying good practice, highlighting cross-border cooperation, enhancing bilateral & multilateral relations, strengthening economic & business opportunities and promoting green and blue growth, sustainable development and implementing circular economy practices in the islands of the Mediterranean by building capacity to that effect.

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- Renewable Energy Sources
- Water resources
- Waste management and plastics' strategy
- Blue growth
- Insularity issues
- EU co-financing and relevant instruments
- IT and smart islands initiatives

During the dedicated business forum session, institutions, businesses and policy-makers will meet to exchange their views for transforming ideas into business opportunities, supported by innovative funding - financing tools fostering Circular Economy business models and eco-innovation.

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The overall target is to bridge knowledge gaps by exchanging ideas between EU officials and policy-makers, EU funds and programs' national managers, financial institutions, large enterprises and SMEs, academic and research institutions and EU co-financing instruments.

Thanking you in advance for your availability and looking forward to our fruitful cooperation.

Your Sincerely,



Georges Kremlis
 Honorary Director
 European Commission
 In charge of circular economy in the islands on behalf of DGENV
 Chair of the Organising Committee



Stavros Arnaoutakis
 Regional Governor of Greece

<https://circle2018.eu/>

Please register [here](#)



5.2 Minutes

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5.3 Collaborations with other project

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5.4 Photo Gallery







5.5 Key points- Conclusions

The 3-day International Conference **CirCIE2018 “Challenges for the Islands in the era of Circular Economy”** took place between 20 and 22 of September 2018, in Chania, Crete, Greece, at the premises of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania. Under the auspices of the European Commission and the Region of Crete, CirCLE2018 aimed at promoting circular economy in the islands and coastal areas of the Mediterranean, sharing good practice and boosting capacity building by improving cross border cooperation, enhancing bilateral & multilateral relations, strengthening economic & business opportunities as well as promoting green and blue growth and sustainable development.

EU representatives from DG ENV, DG MARE, DG REGIO, DG MOVE, as well as important networks such as CPMR, Greening the Islands, INSULEUR and DAFNI were represented together with regional and local authorities from 21 countries. IFIs and financial instruments and programmes, such as EBRD, Innovation Norway, EASME and Interreg MED, have linked the Circular Economy objectives to the real market offering innovative financing and funding opportunities and schemes to various enterprises/SMEs and stakeholders. During the Business forum, organized by the Interreg MED Green Growth Community, more than 40 B2B and B2G meetings were held. In the projects’ exhibition area, more than 20 different co-financed projects had

the opportunity to present their ideas to the public. The field visit at the DEDISA Mechanical and Composting plant has demonstrated a good practice that was developed with EU co-financing to remedy a past bad practice; in parallel, the company ONFLOW demonstrated a new eco-innovative electrolysis technology.

More than 280 participants from 21 different countries, including North Africa, were registered to the conference.

The following conclusions can be drawn from the presentations and interactive discussions, together with some key recommendations:

- 1) A European Commission **Communication for Circular Economy** (CE) and islands. Use the Outermost Regions Strategy as a model with regard to the insularity issues.
- 2) CE is a **key priority of the EU** that will be supported by EU Funds and programmes in the current and, in particular, in the next programming period. The transition to the CE needs to be supported through capacity building and awareness raising actions, as well as identification of best/good practices to be spread across the EU, in particular as regards the island states, islands regions and islands. Peer to peer and TAIEX can be useful tools.
- 3) **The development of a Macro regional strategy** for the islands of the Mediterranean; the reinforcement of the islands dimension of the Adriatic, Ionian Macro regional strategy.
- 4) CE should be conceived **lato sensu**, i.e. covering not only waste and water, but also eco-innovation, green jobs, electro-mobility, RES and smart cities.
- 5) **Holistic CE plans for each island**. The need to treat insular areas and regions as special areas with particular features/characteristics has emerged, requiring the development and implementation of specific circular economy plans at island level.
- 6) Build **synergies among networks** of islands. A need for synergies and cooperation between islands was arisen, requiring the implementation of strategic plans related to energy, waste management, water, transport, at a **cross-islands scale**.
- 7) **EGTC for CE & islands**. Meeting to be conveyed at islands' services level. Update the Declaration signed in Heraklion (2016). New contacts with islands' representatives for a draft document regarding the establishment of the EGTC in Heraklion, Crete.

- 8) Join forces to **increase islands' visibility in the next MFF** and its implementation. Positive advocating through the national governments, the CoR, the European Economic and Social Committee, the European Parliament and MEPs to communicate the message that the islands must **be covered**, together with the Outermost Regions already covered. New **Interreg** to be enlarged to cover **inter-island initiatives**.
- 9) Promote **insularity clause** so that islands are covered in all EC **impact assessments** and specific provisions or derogations are foreseen, as appropriate.
- 10) Next IGC with the view to a new Treaty, and dialogue for the future of Europe: ensure stronger wording on islands and hopefully a **special regime** for islands, mountain and remote areas.
- 11) **Capacity building & awareness raising** on a permanent basis as technologies and Know-how develop rapidly.
- 12) Sufficient EU funds & programmes to be earmarked for islands' purposes. The resources of the available funding and financial instruments for the implementation of projects related to the circular economy are expected to increase in the coming years and we need to be prepared. **Circular economy project pipelines!** Use of newly created financing platforms (EIB, EBRD). It is necessary to improve the conditions of the exploitation of know-how and reliability of administrative and governance systems. Creation of bonds of trust between citizens, investors and the public sector.
- 13) Use of **new technologies**. Move to a new generation machinery to boost and improve sorting of recyclables, supported by funding- financing instruments.
- 14) **Digital economy** at the service of circular economy. Tailored Apps for the citizens.
- 15) Empower the role of **private sector**. Enhance the establishment of PPPs and provide incentives to the private sector so as to develop circular economy initiatives and in particular use clean recyclables for the benefit of the EU economy.
- 16) Islands' **task force** within EC DGs; stronger contacts with the EP Intergroup; **CE Committees for Islands per country**.
- 17) **Over tourism** and its footprint. Implementation of food waste projects in the hotels and restaurants to produce high quality compost, biogas or food to feed.
- 18) Circular Economy as a new **business model**, including several sectors. CE becomes an economic driver and creates **green jobs**.

19) With regards to **Solid Waste Management**, the following additional recommendations were drawn:

- At islands' level and as regards their local/traditional products – to start with - re-design such products and their packaging, so as, on the one hand, to extend their life cycle, and on the other hand, to be easily repairable, reusable and recyclable before their final disposal as waste.
- Focus on the prevention- minimization of waste generation by developing specific, mandatory programs, for all levels of education, through *inter alia* "pay as you throw" schemes.
- Increase the recovery of materials by sorting at source and boost the recovery of organic matter, essential for the soil fertility of the southern European territories, and in particular the islands, which are under desertification threat.
- Focus on waste to energy projects, using the residues prior to landfilling.
- Manage properly the construction and demolition waste that can provide useful resources for the islands.

All the above conclusions and recommendations are indicative and express the general feeling of the conference and its participants.