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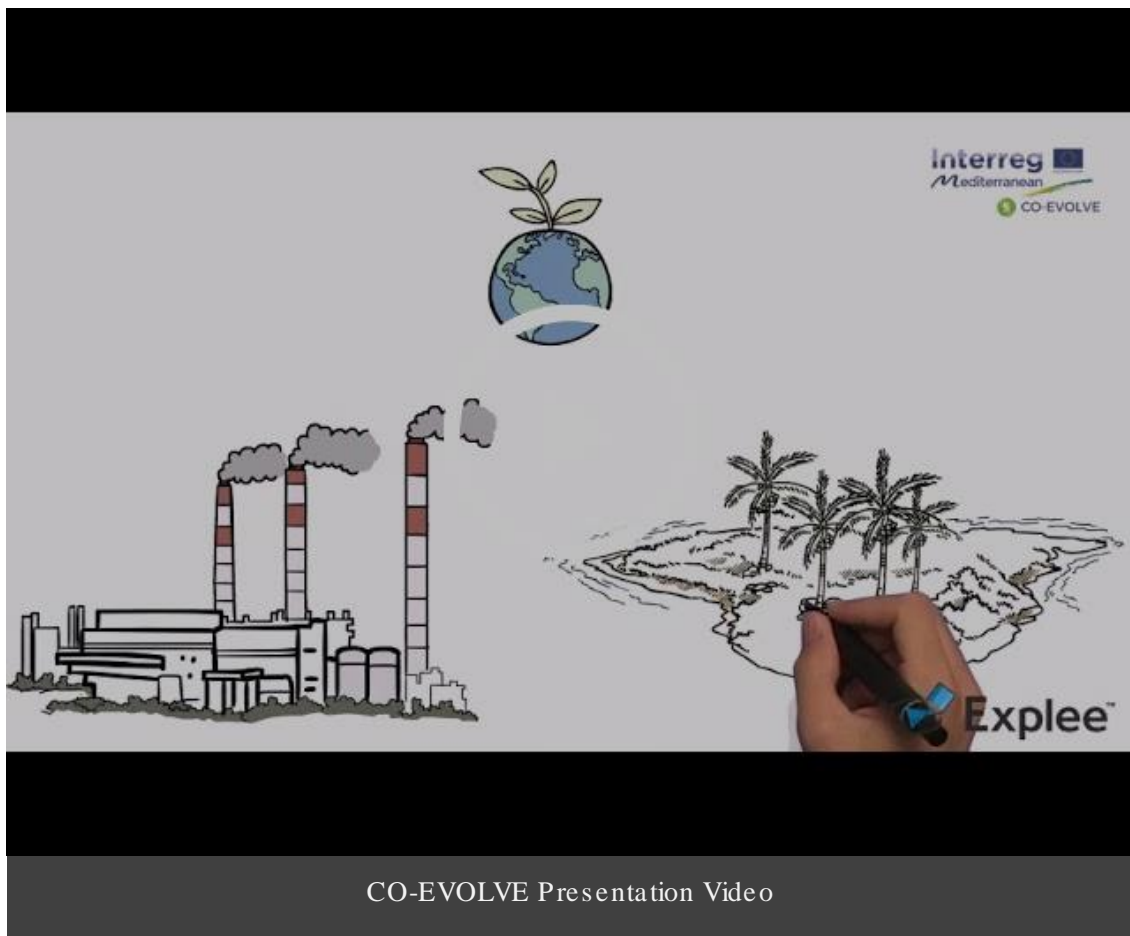
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Promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems for the development of sustainable coastal and maritime tourism

CO-EVOLVE is an Interreg MED three-year project that aims at analysing and promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems in touristic coastal areas, allowing sustainable development of touristic activities based on the principles of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP).

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CO-EVOLVE Presentation Video

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

The project's studying phase -which started in November 2016- is coming to an end. Since the launch of the project, partners have been working on analysing principal threats to and enabling factors for the development of sustainable coastal tourism at Mediterranean scale and pilot areas scale.

Most of the deliverables related to the studying phase of the project have already been produced, including all reports on threats and enabling factors at Mediterranean scale and all analyses on threats and enabling factors at pilot areas scale. They will soon be all available on [CO-EVOLVE's website](#).

The tourism sustainability toolkit, which is one of the key tools that will be used for the upcoming testing phase was also released. Remaining deliverables -including the threats and enabling factors syntheses, the tourism sustainability at local scale (pilot areas analyses) and the tourism-driven strategic planning on pilot areas- will be published in January 2018.

Partners are now preparing for the testing phase that will begin in February 2018. Testing activities will be implemented in the project's seven pilot areas. Each area will focus its actions on specific pre-identified challenges.

OUR EVENTS

CO-EVOLVE 1st Infoday – 7 November 2017 (Rimini)



The Emilia-Romagna Region (RER) -together with the Region of East Macedonia and Thrace (REMTH), CNR-ISMAR and the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission-organised the project's first information day entitled "sustainable maritime and coastal tourism and Blue Growth in the Mediterranean" on 7 November in Rimini (Italy), in the frame of the ECOMONDO set of events. It gathered local, regional, national and Mediterranean stakeholders.

First, several key initiatives, programmes and projects related to Blue Growth and sustainable tourism were presented. Programmes and projects included the [Interreg MED](#) Programme and related Axis 4 [PANORAMED](#) project on Governance (which Work Package 5 is dedicated to Maritime and Coastal tourism); the [BleuTourMed](#) project and its MED 'Sustainable Tourism' community made of all 3.1 Modular projects and associated stakeholders; as well as the Interreg MED [MITOMED+](#) and [Blue Islands](#) projects, which are part of the MED 'Sustainable Tourism' community.

Then, CO-EVOLVE's partners presented the projects and its last developments.

Other Infodays will be organised in Greece, France, Spain and Croatia in the coming months.

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CO-EVOLVE 3rd Steering Committee – 16/17 November 2017 (Valencia)



The 3rd Steering Committee of CO-EVOLVE project was organised on 16 – 17 November in Valencia (Spain) by the Valenciaport Foundation. The partners involved *discussed the project's progress and next steps, and met* with other projects addressing sustainable tourism and transport issues to explore opportunities for collaboration.

The meeting was held at a crucial period in the development of the project. During the first day of the meeting, partners discussed the project's progress and next steps, particularly the upcoming testing phase, which will be coordinated by the Emilia-Romagna Region.

The progress of the communication activities as well as an update on ongoing euro-med key initiatives related to the project -including the EU [WestMed](#) initiative, the [Union for the Mediterranean](#) agenda on Blue Economy, the Interreg MED [PANORAMED](#) project- were presented during the second day.

The second day was dedicated to an exchange with Representatives from other Interreg

MED projects – [ALTER ECO](#), [SIROCCO](#) and [SUMPORT](#) – which were invited to present their projects so as to explore synergies with CO-EVOLVE.

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WE WERE THERE



International Water Symposium - Marseille, 2 October 2017

The "Société Eau de Marseille Métropole" (Marseilles Metropolitan Water Society) organised the International Water Symposium on "Water preservation: Solutions for sustainable water service management", in partnership with the Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), Mediterranean network of water professionals. On this occasion, the Département of Hérault presented the first results of activity 3.10 ("Enabling factors for sustainable co-evolution in touristic areas - Mediterranean scale: Water cycle and depuration"). [Read more](#)

'Sustainable Tourism' thematic community event - Athens, 4-6 October 2017

Representatives of CO-EVOLVE participated in the second community building event of the MED 'Sustainable Tourism' thematic community. It brought together partners from all Modular Projects (MPs), as well as stakeholders involved in the community.

On this occasion, the members of the community signed a common [Declaration](#) setting out the common objectives of the community, as well as guidelines for future cooperation and collaboration between the projects. [Read more](#)



'Final MSP for Blue Growth' conference - Brussels, 11-12 October 2017

The CO-EVOLVE project was represented by the National Research Council - Institute of Marine Sciences of Italy (CNR-ISMAR) on the occasion of the 'Final MSP for Blue Growth' Conference organised by the European Commission, gathering many EU stakeholders active in the fields of Blue Growth and MSP. On this occasion, the CNR-ISMAR presented CO-EVOLVE focusing on synergies between tourism and other sectors. [Read more](#)

39th edition of SETT - Montpellier, 7 November 2017

Representatives from the Hérault department participated in the 39th edition of SETT®, Salon des Équipements et Techniques du Tourisme (Tourism Equipment and Techniques Trade Fair) on behalf of CO-EVOLVE.

It was the occasion to present CO-EVOLVE's first results and explore synergies with local, regional, national and EU stakeholders. The Interreg MED CASTWATER project was also represented on this occasion. [Read more](#)





'COAST Bordeaux 2017' symposium - Bordeaux, 9 November 2017

The National Research Council - Institute of Marine Sciences of Italy (CNR-ISMAR) participated in the [COAST Bordeaux 2017](#) event on behalf of CO-EVOLVE. On this occasion, the CNR-ISMAR made a presentation entitled 'Developing proper indicators of tourism sustainability to protect Mediterranean coastal ecosystems'. The core of the talk addressed the challenge of developing indicators for expressing pollution and other pressures to coastal ecosystems (THREATS) and indicators for measuring coastal ecosystem protection (ENABLING FACTORS) which can be adequate at MED and at pilot area scale. [Read more](#)

UfM Regional Stakeholder Conference on Blue Economy - Naples, 29-30 November 2017

Several partners of CO-EVOLVE took part in the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) Conference on Blue Economy on behalf of the project. This two-day international and multi-stakeholder Conference aimed to: i) consolidate the Mediterranean blue economy community through the exchange of ideas and views among key stakeholders; ii) capitalise on the experiences and lessons learned so as to stimulate cross-fertilization and foster large partnerships; iii) discuss the opportunities and challenges of the various blue economy sectors in terms of jobs creation and investments potential. [Read more](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

'Sustainable Tourism' community mid-term event - Rome (May/June 2018)



The MED 'Sustainable Tourism' Community's mid-term event will take place towards the end of May/beginning of June 2018 in Rome. It will be the occasion for modular project's to exchange results, stronger community message for the capitalisation activity and meet with new Interreg MED modular projects from 3.1 thematic community.

More information coming soon on the ['Sustainable Tourism' Community's website](#).

CO-EVOLVE 3rd Steering Committee - Valencia (October 2017)



The Interreg MED Programme is organising its mid-term event in Rome on 18-19 April 2018. All partners from all MED projects are expected to attend this event, which will consist of plenary sessions, networking activities, exhibitions and side events.

More information coming soon on the [MED Programme's website](#).

CO-EVOLVE 4th Steering Committee - Bologna (6-7 March 2018)



CO-EVOLVE's 4th Steering Committee will take place in Bologna (Italy) on 6-7 March 2018, at the invitation of the Emilia-Romagna Region. It will be the opportunity to take stock of the project's studying phase (module 1) and discuss the first steps of the testing and phase (module 2).

More information coming soon on [CO-EVOLVE's website](#).

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Become an observer of CO-EVOLVE

If you want to become an observer of the CO-EVOLVE project and monitor/get involved in its activities, we invite you to fill in this [form](#). It was developed in order to ensure the results of the project are being disseminated as broadly as possible and capitalised on, but also to engage as many stakeholders as possible in its activities.

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