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CO-EVOLVE NEWSLETTER #5 JULY 2019



*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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Results of the participatory process of CO-EVOLVE explained by its partners



WHAT IS NEW?



CO-EVOLVE to end in October 2019!

The project's Testing phase, which had started in February 2018, ended in May 2019. It consisted in translating in practice the findings of WP3 in order to implement Pilot Actions (plans, concrete actions and measures), setting the conditions for a sustainable tourism in coastal areas and related maritime space and promoting robust and transparent decision-making processes in the project's 7 pilot areas.

All [Pilot Areas](#) coordinators (Region of East Macedonia and Thrace; Po Delta Veneto; Regione Emilia-Romagna; Port of Valencia; Hérault Department; RERA SD; DUNEA) successfully completed their pilot actions.

Partners are now involved in the Transferring phase (WP5), which intends to guarantee the long-term impact of the project activities and results, through their continuation, share and replication at local/regional scales (beyond the territorial/administrative limits of the pilot areas) and at Mediterranean level (national authorities).

Moreover, up until now, a lot has also been done in terms of communication and enhancing CO-EVOLVE's visibility. For instance, the consortium has established strong interactions with the 'Sustainable Tourism' thematic community and monitors several Euro-Mediterranean initiatives and strategies of interest i.e. the [UfM](#) agenda on the Blue Economy, the [WestMED](#) initiative, the Interreg MED [PANORAMED](#) project, the [Bologna Charter](#), the [BLUEMED](#) Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

All the project's deliverables are available on [CO-EVOLVE's website](#).

THE SHOW MUST GO ON



Since the launch of the UfM-labelled [MedCoast4BG](#) project in January 2018, a lot has been done to ensure the durability of the project and its extension to other territories. For instance, a project proposal (Co-Evolve4BG) that had been submitted under the ENI CBC MED first call for standard projects, was recently selected for funding. This project consists in extending CO-EVOLVE's methodology in new pilot areas, including Tunisian and Lebanese ones.

After the first meeting of MedCoast4BG, which took place in Barcelona on 31 October, back-to-back with CO-EVOLVE's 5th Steering Committee and Second Training Course, two other meetings were organised by both projects' partners and observers, including representatives from Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries i.e. **Tunisia** (National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies); **Morocco** (Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries, Rural Development, Waters and Forests; as well as the L'Oriental Region) and **Lebanon** (Ministry of Works and Public Transport). Further potential partners and observers have been identified in the Southern Adriatic-Ionian area, especially in **Albania** and **Montenegro** (Puglia Region, University of Bari, Municipality of Herceg Novi, Auleda).

Another proposal was submitted under the Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro Programme to cover the Southern Adriatic-Ionian area.

Additional Pilot Areas -which will complement the existing ones in the frame of CO-EVOLVE- have been identified in all these countries. These are complementary as they are different both in geographical and characteristics (problems encountered and peculiarities) terms.

OUR EVENTS

CO-EVOLVE 6th Steering Committee – 9/10 April 2019 (Montpellier)



The 6th Steering Committee was organised in Montpellier on 9-10 April by the Département de l'Hérault. It coincided with the closing of the Testing phase. On this occasion, key internal issues were discussed, in particular the final report of the project's [7 pilot areas](#), the

interaction with local stakeholders and the transferring phase, which started one month after the meeting, in May. It was organised back-to-back with a meeting of the CPMR-IMC 'Economic and Social Cohesion' Working Group, which focused on youth, social and solidarity economy and sustainable tourism.

The event included a joint session of the CO-EVOLVE and MedCoast4BG project, which was the occasion for partners and observers of both projects to exchange on the project's advancement and explore further funding opportunities and synergies with other relevant initiatives i.e. [MUSES](#) project, BLUEMED Coordination and Support Action ([BLUEMED CSA](#)), the [Bologna Charter](#), [West MED](#) and [PANORAMED](#). In addition to this, potential new pilot areas located in Mediterranean Partner Countries were presented by delegates -partners of MedCoast4BG- that were invited for the occasion.

"Ti porto nel cuore" – 19 March 2019 (Cattolica)



The Emilia Romagna Region organised a public meeting entitled "Ti Porto nel Cuore" ("I hold you close to my heart") in the frame of CO-EVOLVE at the Palazzo del Turismo in Cattolica. This meeting aimed to present the results of the participatory process conducted for about a year as part of CO-EVOLVE.

In Cattolica, over the past twelve months, four laboratories have been set up, involving different stakeholders: public bodies, universities, associations and companies. The "Ti Porto nel Cuore" initiative was the occasion to present the ideas and proposals that emerged during the meetings.

In particular, Marco Pellegrini (UniBo-DIN) and Giovanni Preda (Trevi SpA) illustrated the feasibility project for the construction of an overall system for remodelling and managing the seabed with the use of ejectors. Carlo Albertazzi (Emilia-Romagna Region SDSCB) and Alessandro Costa (Municipality of Cattolica) presented the information gathered on a possible agreement protocol aimed at regulating a "special consultation" for the needs of the port complex. Maria Vittoria Prioli (Municipality of Cattolica) reported on the indications for a separate waste collection in the port area. Finally, Leonardo Marotta and Cesarino Romani (Cetacea Foundation) focused on possible actions to reduce the contribution of fine sediments from the basins upstream of the port area.

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CO-EVOLVE Dissemination Event – 3-5 June 2019 (Barcelona)



On the occasion of the [Mediterranean Sustainable Tourism Convention 2019](#) -organised by the Interreg MED Sustainable Tourism community- which took place on 5-7 June in Barcelona, CO-EVOLVE partners organised a series of conferences linked to the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) labelled [MedCoast4BG](#) and the ENI CBC MED Co-Evolve4BG.

These conferences aimed to take stock of the activities carried out so far by CO-EVOLVE and share its [main related outcomes](#) (Syntheses of Threats and Enabling Factors to Sustainable Tourism; Sustainability toolkit; Strategic planning at pilot areas scale; conclusions of the pilot actions in the 12 pilot sites) as well as to present the planned transferring/capitalising activities in collaboration with MedCoast4BG and Co-Evolve4BG. They brought together partners of the three projects as well as delegated from other partner countries (i.e. Morocco) and representatives from other projects.

Most CO-EVOLVE partners also took part in the [Mediterranean Sustainable Tourism Convention 2019](#) to exchange on the outcomes of the projects of the Community.

MedCoast4BG/Co-Evolve4BG/CO-EVOLVE partners are now exploring other opportunities and initiative to further expand the project's methodology, especially in Morocco and the southern Adriatic area.

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WE WERE THERE

Towards policy recommendations on Sustainable Tourism: shaping the results of the MED community - Split, 27-28 March 2019

Many partners of CO-EVOLVE took part in this meeting which consisted in working towards the drafting of the policy recommendations.

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Mediterranean Sustainable Tourism Convention - Barcelona, 5-7 June 2019

Many partners of CO-EVOLVE were represented during the final event of the [Interreg Med Sustainable Tourism community](#) in Barcelona. Project partners and other stakeholders had the chance to take stock of all the Modular Projects' results and discuss the best ways to transfer their results to specific target groups (e.g. European and Mediterranean stakeholders) in order to mainstream them into tourism policies, and create policy messages.

CPMR Intermediterranean Commission General Assembly - Marseille, 20-21 June 2019

CO-EVOLVE was represented on the occasion of the [General Assembly](#) of the Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR), during which its members approved key **strategic policy documents**, among which the General Assembly's [Final Declaration](#), including a section on Sustainable Maritime and Coastal Tourism and Culture, as well as the [Mediterranean Cooperation Alliance](#)

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ALTER ECO conference: "Helping destinations improve the sustainability of tourism" - Valencia, 12 July 2019

CO-EVOLVE was represented in the Interreg MED ALTER ECO's conference "Helping destinations improve the sustainability of tourism" in Valencia, which was the occasion to learn more about the outcomes of the Interreg MED Programme's projects on Sustainable Tourism, more specifically as regards Carrying Capacity, Offer Diversification and urban regeneration. CO-EVOLVE had the chance to share its knowledge and present its [Tourism Sustainability toolkit](#).

SAVE THE DATES!

Co-Evolve4BG kick-off meeting - Tunis, 18-20 September 2019



The kick-off meeting of the Co-Evolve4BG project (ENI CBC MED) will take place in Tunis on 18-20 September 2019.

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

CO-EVOLVE Final Conference - Kavala (Greece), 1-2 October 2019 (tbc)



Region
of East Macedonia & Thrace

CO-EVOLVE's Final Conference will take place in Kavala (Region of East Macedonia and Thrace, Greece) during the week of 30 September-4 October 2019, (dates *tbc*).

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

Capitalisation Conference promoted by the MITOMED+ project:

TOWARDS IMPROVED GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE MARITIME AND COASTAL TOURISM

7 October 2019
Espai Catalunya Europa (BRUSSELS)

 Tuscany Region - Lead partner - ITALY	 ANCI Toscana - Association of Tuscany Municipalities - ITALY	 National Research Council - Institute of Biomaterials - ITALY
 Institute of Agriculture and Tourism - CROATIA	 CPMR - Conference of peripheral maritime regions of Europe - FRANCE	 Lamaca-Farmaguetta District Development Agency - CYPRUS
 Girona University - SPAIN	 Public Enterprise for the Management of Tourism and Sport of Andalusia - SPAIN	 NECSTOUR - Network of European Regions for a Sustainable and Competitive Tourism - BELGIUM

The Intermediterranean Commission (IMC) of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of Europe (CPMR), which is partner of MITOMED+, is organising the project's Capitalisation conference on Monday 7 October 2019 in Brussels, at the Delegation of the Generalitat de Catalunya.

The event aims to present the main outcomes of the project mainly through the presentation of the MED M&C Tourism Management Model and the on-going experiences of implementation into MITOMED+ pilot destinations and beyond. It is aimed to EU policy

makers, destination managers, professionals in the tourism sector and regional and local policy makers, among others. On this occasion, Memorandum of Understanding will be signed by the destinations to commit themselves for the implementation of the integrated MED M&C tourism management model.

It also intends to discuss the implementation of a joint Mediterranean Maritime and Coastal tourism management model, its reflection in the policy of regional authorities in the field of sustainable tourism and in the EU agenda. On this occasion, policy recommendations will be addressed to the policy makers in order to better defined a common framework for sustainable tourism development.

This conference will be organised in the margins of the [European Week of Regions and Cities](#), during which are organised [PANORAMED Participatory Lab](#) (8 October at 14h30-17h00), [Interreg MED Piazza](#) (9 October at 11h30-13h00), [Empowering territories for a sustainable future for the Mediterranean](#) - Interreg MED Horizontal projects' event (9 October at 14h30-16h00) and CIVITAS DESTINATIONS Working Group to address mobility and tourism challenges at site level.

[More information and registration](#)

Europe 2030 Laboratory (European Week of Regions and Cities) - Brussels, 8 October 2019



PANORAMED will participate in the European Week of Regions and Cities 2019 in Brussels. The Region of Crete, as Liaising Leader, submitted a proposal for a 'PANORAMED Participatory Lab' in the thematic cluster 'The future of the EU and the roles of the Regions and Cities' which has been approved.

'Europe 2030 Laboratory' is an interactive session aiming to simulate an informal EU lively debate on Maritime Coastal Tourism, Maritime Surveillance and Innovation, critical topics for the future of the Mediterranean region. The main objective of the 'Europe 2030 Laboratory' is to involve policymakers at local, regional and European level in a wide multi-level debate on the topics of PANORAMED from the northern and southern shore of the Mediterranean, about the prospects in the region. To illustrate the multi-level dimension, the session will count, as key participants, on representatives of:

- PANORAMED project partners
- Associated partners
- Horizontal projects
- The accompanying DGs, EU Parliament, Committee of the Regions
- Institutional representatives of south shore countries

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The MED Sustainable Tourism Community organises the "Fostering sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean region" event in Brussels on 9 October 2019.

This event, organised in the framework of the European Week of Cities and Regions, has the objective of triggering the discussion on the importance of a sustainable approach in European tourism, with a special focus on the Mediterranean area and the next programming period.

This is the occasion for the MED Sustainable Tourism Community to showcase the achievements of its territorial cooperation projects in fostering sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean area, as well as to present important policy paper and factsheets.

The event is open to EU institutions, policy-makers, tourism public actors at European, national, regional level, and will gather representatives of the MED Sustainable Tourism Community.

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MED FOR YOU - Athens, 24 October 2019



Since 2014, Interreg MED has been continuously working to trigger real policy change in the territories. It is to this end that the Programme designed an innovative approach never implemented so far in Interreg.

This approach coordinated by a specific type of projects, the Horizontal projects, integrates capitalisation from the start and at all levels of the Programme and of the projects. It is at the core of everything we and they undertake.

The results will be presented around 2 questions directly linked to hot topics on the European Commission agenda but also to the objectives of the European cohesion policy:

- How to survive climate change, the Mediterranean way?
- Which drivers for a sustainable and inclusive growth?

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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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