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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 (November 2016-October 2019) that aimed 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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TIME TO SAY GOODBYE



CO-EVOLVE ended in October 2019!

After 3 years of rich, intense and fruitful collaboration to improve sustainable planning in Mediterranean touristic coastal areas, it is now time for partners to draw some conclusions and prepare for the future.

What have been the most recent developments?

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. The project's plan of transferability of results at pilot areas and at Mediterranean scale has also been released.

Moreover, up until now, a lot has 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).

Although the project did not have a capitalisation component, its partners decided, at an early stage, to ensure the durability of its results and their replication beyond the partnership at Mediterranean scale by seeking collaborations with other actors and other initiatives and funding opportunities. A project called "Med Coast for Blue Growth" retaking CO-EVOLVE's rationale and methodology was set up and labelled by the Union for the Mediterranean in December 2017. This project seeks to extend CO-EVOLVE's methodology to other Mediterranean territories, especially southern and eastern ones.

From January 2018 onwards, several initiatives were therefore carried out to involve partners from the southern and eastern rims of the Mediterranean, especially Tunisia, Lebanon, Morocco and Montenegro. Several encounters took place in parallel to internal meetings of the CO-EVOLVE project. A project called Co-Evolve4BG was submitted under the first call of the ENI CBC MED Programme in January 2018. It was approved and officially launched in September 2019.

Most of CO-EVOLVE partners are now involved in the Co-Evolve4BG project as partner or associated partner and are looking for other opportunities under other programmes and initiatives to further extend the methodology of the project. CO-EVOLVE will also be kept alive through new recently approved projects dealing with sustainable tourism, such as the new spin-off of BleuTourMed (the new Interreg MED Horizontal Project on Sustainable Tourism), as well as the strategic projects funded by the Interreg MED Axis 4 Project on Governance (PANORAMED), namely SMART MED and BEST MED. Besides, the Plan of Transferability of results at Pilot Areas and at Mediterranean scale will be disseminated as broadly as possible.

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

OUR FINAL CONFERENCE

1-2 October 2019 - Kavala



The final conference of CO-EVOLVE was held in Kavala, Greece on 2 October 2019. About 60 people, including CO-EVOLVE partners and representatives of the Co-Evolve4BG, representatives of the Region of East Macedonia and Thrace and of the town of Kavala, gathered to discuss the final results of the project and explore future actions.

As the strong focus of CO-EVOLVE was on the importance of properly managing the coastal zone in tourist destinations by implementing the ICZM, the conference was an ideal place to discuss in more detail about this approach with local stakeholders.

WE WERE THERE

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

The ENI CBC MED Co-Evolve4BG project, led by Tunisia's National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technology, which seeks to extend the methodology of CO-EVOLVE to Southern and Eastern Mediterranean (especially Tunisia and Lebanon), was officially launched in Tunis on 18-20 September 2019. It was the occasion for partners to discuss upcoming activities and start raising awareness among local stakeholders. Most of CO-EVOLVE partners are involved in this project.





CPMR General Assembly - Palermo, 16-18 October 2019

European cooperation projects took pride of place during the 47th CPMR General Assembly, which took place in Palermo, Sicily, on 17-18 October 2019, where a big stand dedicated to cooperation projects involving the CPMR and its members, including CO-EVOLVE. The stand was the occasion to promote the project. CPMR members had the opportunity to learn more about its main activities and results.

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Made for YOU - Athens, 24-25 October 2019

Many partners of CO-EVOLVE were represented during the capitalisation event of the Interreg MED Programme, Made for YOU, which took place in Athens on 24-25 October 2019. It was the occasion for the Programme to present the main outcomes of the 8 thematic communities and reflect on the future of European Territorial Cooperation.



MITOMED+'s Final Conference - Livorno, 2-3 December 2019

The final conference of the MITOMED+ project, another Interreg MED project dealing with Sustainable Tourism with which CO-EVOLVE had signed a memorandum of understanding, took place in Livorno, Italy, on 2-3 December 2019. On this occasion, its partners presented the project's [main outcomes](#), in particular MED M&C Tourism Management Model and the Policy recommendations that aim to better define a common framework for sustainable tourism development. Several representatives of CO-EVOLVE and Co-Evolve4BG took part in this event.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH



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