

# Forest Bioenergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas

Report on the external events



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Activity 2.5 – ForBioEnergy contribution to Programme communication activities  
Deliverable 2.5.2 – Programme events' reports

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| <i>Responsible partner</i>     | PP7 Zadar County  |
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## BRIEF EVENT DESCRIPTION

Following the approval of the 1st call for projects in 2016 Interreg MED Programme organized on May 17, 2017 in Alicante, Spain eight Interreg MED Community building event thematic event "WE ARE MED" - Going beyond thematic communities. AMUFOR-PP5 together with Zadar County-PP7 participated in the event as representative of the ForBioEnergy project.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Apart for introducing within each thematic community the most importance goal of the event was inducing synergies and transversal cross debates by creating a joint work dynamic sense of belonging to the Interreg MED community of stakeholders.

The event was organized Interreg MED Programme following the approval of the 1st call for projects in 2016. Apart from working within each thematic community, the most important highlight was to induce synergies and transversal cross debates between community, right from the start by creating a joint work dynamic and a sense of belonging to the Interreg MED community of stakeholders.

The key point of the event was to emphasise the inherent knowledge of each thematic community, in order to acquire a greater degree of self-awareness and certainty on methodologies and aims by sharing practices between each other.

The event also aimed at preparing the capitalisation process that will be highlighted later in the mid-term transnational event. This will be reached through mutual learning among the thematic communities of projects and by extracting and harvesting common ideas, tools and methods which will improve the results of the Programme.

Objectives:

Enhance the capitalisation process of the upcoming April 2018 mid-term trans-national event;

- ✓ Present and share plans and ideas;
- ✓ Identify synergies between projects belonging to different thematics and further develop them; identify potential links with internal and/or external platforms;
- ✓ Point out potential problems, solutions and good practices;
- ✓ Create a team dynamics between all thematic communities, fostering a team spirit.

### 1.1. Location

Interreg MED Community building event thematic event "WE ARE MED" was held on May 17, 2017 in Alicante in Museo de la Universidad de Alicante, Spain.

## 1. 2. Who attended

The conference hosted by one-hundred-plus representatives of 68 projects within MED Thematic Communities that includes representatives of each Horizontal and Modular projects. The attendees were consisted of one representative of each partner of the Horizontal projects (including 2 moderators) and two representatives of each Modular project: one capitalisation officer, one communication officer or one community building officer.

## BRIEF OUTLINE OF KEY ISSUES AND CHALLENGES ADRESSED IN THE EVENT

The event was a full day of strongly interactive activities among the representatives of the various projects under the MED thematic communities. The most important goal of the event was to induce synergies and transversal debates between communities.

Key activities of this event were:

- Team building activity;
- Presentation of each thematic community;
- World café cross-cutting discussion.

The objective of team building activities were to create a work dynamics group between thematic communities, by mixing partners. Activities symbolising the Programme thematic axis were organised for the same groups, created for the tables.

The objective of the 10 min presentation of each thematic community was to give useful information and tips to the other communities. Every community gave an overview about practices and state of the art of their implementation. It stressed out the importance of joint action among the thematic communities and allowed mutual learning and the building of self-awareness.

The objective of World café was to identify synergies between projects, harvest common ideas, tools and methods which will contribute to the 2018 mid-term results and to share and exchange on each other's examples. All participants were mix in 16 discussion groups. The groups in the rooms were assorted by Axis, which means that the projects of each Axis were mixed between each other avoiding groups composed of partners of the same thematic and the same project. Debated topic were following:

- Methodology for work between Modular and Horizontal projects;
- Capitalisation and Communication.

The conclusions of the event activities and world café were presented by JS and Horizontal projects. After conclusions the event provided also the occasion for a significant symbolic moment: the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding by the modular projects, horizontal projects and the Joint Secretariat, which marked officially the commitment to the goals of the Programme and to their respective tasks.

## Conclusions

One of the most important conclusions was to work together on the same policy recommendation report in order to strength its impact at political level. This event was therefore the best occasion to start building the basis for this joint process and to identify transversal themes in addition to bringing together projects from different thematic. This fruitful interaction aimed at improving the transfer of results and at preparing the capitalisation process to be highlighted later during the midterm Transnational event in April 2018.

## AGENDA



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Working language: English

| 8h30  | REGISTRATION  |
|-------|---|
| 09h00 | ⇒ Opening   |
| 09h15 | ⇒ What is at stake  |
| 09h30 | ⇒ Building the MED team (team building)                               |
| 11h00 | COFFEE BREAK  |
| 11h30 | ⇒ Thematic communities present themselves                             |
| 13h00 | LUNCH   |
| 14h00 | ⇒ Methodologies between Horizontal projects and Modular projects      |
| 14h15 | ⇒ Axis 4 and synergies with Interreg Europe                           |
| 14h45 | ⇒ What we have in common (World café)                                 |
| 16h15 | ⇒ Signature of the memorandums of understanding between JS, HP and MP |
| 17h00 | ⇒ Wrap up and closing words by the Horizontal projects                |
| 17h20 | ⇒ Cocktail  |

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## Photos



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