

B-Blue

*Building the blue biotechnology community in the
Mediterranean*

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List of Abbreviations and Acronyms

Acronym	
Mediterranean Innovation Alliance for Sustainable Blue Bioeconomy	MedIA-SSB (MedIA)

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About B-Blue project

10 partners with proved experience in the Blue Bioeconomy field from 8 Med countries and more than 300 Med stakeholders from universities, research centres, public authorities, business support organizations and Med multilateral organizations, working together for 22 months to create the Blue Biotechnologies (BBt) community in the Mediterranean. The exploitation of marine bio-resources through biotechnological solutions is a field with massive potential for innovation and economic growth. This field is a relatively young discipline, so opportunities and key enabling factors need a coordination. **B-Blue** project aims at gathering the key actors of the Med BBt sector and increase their innovation capacity and their coordination in order to unlock the innovation potential in the field through joint transnational initiatives, involving also organizations from the Southern Shore of the Mediterranean. The transnational coordination framework, the project aims to create, is based on an inclusive quintuple-helix approach always including the socio-environmental perspective in the decisional process and building on a common knowledge ground selected on the basis of its potential of addressing the SGDs at Med level. The **B-Blue** work towards to the implementation of a transnational coordination mechanism for the BBt community through the mutual interconnection the digital BBt community platform and a Med network of territorial based-collaborative space on selected BBt value chains (BBt HUBs).

1. Introduction

The Mediterranean Innovation Alliance for Sustainable Blue Bioeconomy (MedIA-SBB or MedIA) is a B-Blue outcome shared with Blue Bio MED project, including both the preparation and activation / follow-up phase.

As detailed in D6.3.2 ‘Strategic action plan for BBT innovation community cooperation mechanism definition in view of the Med Alliance’, during 9 months throughout 2021 and 2022 this community - formed by public bodies, research and university, companies and business entities, civil society representatives, international / European organisations - gathered 5 times, in-person and online, to explore, discuss and converge on the main features of the MedIA. This document reports the B-Blue founding member of MedIA, as results of co-design workshops, with particular reference to Blue biotechnologies working groups.

2. The MedIA governance

The governance model of the MedIA is detailed in the Chapter 5 of Blue Bio MED D6.3.2 ‘MED Innovation Alliance mid-term action plan’ and summarized in B-Blue D6.3.2 ‘Strategic action plan for BBT innovation community cooperation mechanism definition in view of the Med Alliance’. The one proposed is a 3-body governance model: a strategic committee with decision-making powers, a technical office as a support body with some executive powers and working groups as promoters of projects and initiatives (executive power).

In the initial phase the working groups leverage existing initiatives and in general they will be completely free in terms of self-organisation, intensity of effort and type of actions they want to carry out, even if the MedIA-SBB labelled actions will have to be communicated to the Coordination Group, that need to be updated by working groups.

2.1 The contribution of B-Blue to the MedIA governance

B-Blue will be part of the Coordination Group, formed by a person nominated by each of the following partners, as follows:

- ART-ER, Italy
- Area Science Park, ASP, Italy
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, CPMR, France
- Center for Agrofood Economics and Development, CREDA, Spain
- National Centre For Scientific Research Demokritos, Greece

- Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development, ENEA, Italy
- Andalusian Institute for Research and Training in Agriculture, Fishery, Food and Ecological Production, IFAPA, Spain
- Malta Council for Science and Technology, MCST, Malta
- Portuguese Directorate-General for Maritime Policy, DGMP, Portugal
- Ruder Boskovic Institute, Croatia
- Technopolis, Montenegro
- Technology Park Ljubljana, Slovenia

Furthermore, three working groups were established:

- Sustainable Aquaculture
- Blue Biotechnologies
- Digitalisation of the Blue Bioeconomy

The Blue Biotechnologies working group will be coordinated by ENEA and the members (based on the participation to the 5th co-design workshop) are listed here below:

ENEA	National Agency, Research Org.	Italy
National Institute of Biology of Slovenia	Research Org.	Slovenia
UBE Corporation Europe	Company	Spain
University of Murcia	University	Spain
University of Foggia (STAR Facility Centre)	University	Italy
Portuguese Directorate-General for Maritime Policy	National public body	Portugal

Hellenic Centre for Marine Research	Research Org.	Greece
WestMED National Hub Algeria	Network	International
Hamag-Bicro	Business support organization	Croatia
Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn	University	Italy
MEDSEA Foundation	Non for profit org.	Italy
Center for Agrofood Economics and Development, CREDA	Research Org. / Univ.	Spain
Pôle Mer Méditerranée	cluster	France

The Media is expected be fully operative within 2 years.