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# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GREEN GROWTH VALUE CHAINS ACTIVATION IN THE INTERREG MED COUNTRIES AND THEIR REGIONS

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## 0. Introduction

The second phase of the Green Growth horizontal project<sup>1</sup> (2019-2022), hereinafter referred to as Green Growth (GG) project, is focused on the capitalisation of the knowledge and results generated by the Green Growth modular projects funded by the European Union (EU) in the green growth field in the Interreg MED countries and their regions. It aims at promoting and transferring knowledge and best practices and integrating them into mainstream policies.

The Interreg MED countries and their regions include 10 EU Member States and 3 countries from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance and 57 NUTS2 level regions in the Interreg MED cooperation area<sup>2</sup>, namely Albania (entire country), Bosnia-Herzegovina (entire country), Croatia (entire country), Cyprus (entire country), France (Corsica, Occitanie, Région Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, Auvergne Rhône-Alpes), Greece (entire country), Italy (Abruzzo, Puglia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmont, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Valle D'Aoste, Veneto), Malta (entire country), Montenegro (entire country), Portugal (Algarve, Alentejo, Lisbon), Slovenia (Vzhodna Slovenija (Eastern Slovenia) and Zahodna Slovenija (Western Slovenia), Spain (Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic Islands, Murcia, Valencia), and the UK (Gibraltar).

With this report, the Green Growth project provides recommendations for Green Growth value chains activation. More specifically, this report includes a list of useful information that will guide GG SMEs looking for business partners and opportunities in the Interreg MED cooperation area, namely:

- 1) Business networks active in Green Growth, especially clusters,
- 2) Events and platforms gathering startups, SMES and networks in the field of Green Growth
- 3) Sectors with strong development potential in the field of Green Growth.

This report is based on the knowledge and results generated by the Green Growth Modular Projects funded by the Interreg MED Programme, as well as additional inputs and bibliographical research from the GG project partners and ANIMA Investment Network, the author of this report.

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<sup>1</sup> Green Growth project website. Available [here](#).

<sup>2</sup> In line with the Interreg MED programme, the Green Growth project focuses on NUTS2 level regions in the Interreg MED cooperation area. Interreg Mediterranean website. Available [here](#).

# 1. Business networks active in Green Growth

This chapter provides a list of the major business networks in the field of Green Growth on EU, Mediterranean, national and regional levels: clusters, as well as reference website supporting companies engaged in green growth initiatives.

## 1.1. EU business networks active in Green Growth

Name	Type	Description / Website
Green Growth Partnership	Business Network	The Green Growth Partnership regroups ministers from European governments, businesses, and members of the European Parliament. Its goal is to encourage the discussions and debate about political and business actions to overcome the different challenges.  <a href="http://www.corporateleadersgroup.com/corporate-leaders-group-europe/green-growth-partnership/about">www.corporateleadersgroup.com/corporate-leaders-group-europe/green-growth-partnership/about</a>
GrEEn Innovation Network	Business Network	This network works as a hub whose objective is to provide information for start-ups and companies aiming at becoming more sustainable and who wish to invest in new technologies and digitalisation for their sectors.  <a href="http://greeninnovationnetwork.com/">greeninnovationnetwork.com/</a>
CSR Europe	Business Network	CSR Europe is the leading European business network for Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility. Corporate members, National Partner Organisations (NPOs) and Associated Partners support over 10,000 enterprises at local, European, and global levels in their transformation and collaboration towards practical solutions and sustainable growth.  <a href="http://www.csreurope.org/">www.csreurope.org/</a>

## 1.2. Mediterranean business networks active in Green Growth

Name	Type	Description / Website
SwitchMed	Business Network	This initiative, funded by the EU and implemented by UNIDO, aims at promoting circular economy. It encourages the economies of 8 Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine and Tunisia) to take measures to change the way goods and services are produced.  <a href="http://switchmed.eu/">switchmed.eu/</a>

### 1.3. National and regional business networks active Green Growth

This section presents the main national and regional business networks active Green Growth in the Interreg MED cooperation area, namely clusters working in green sectors and/or technologies identified by the [European Cluster Collaboration Platform \(ECCP\)](#); which is the reference online hub for industry clusters in European countries. National networks and reference websites supporting companies engaged in green growth initiatives are also presented in this section.

#### 1.3.1. Albania

Name	Type	Description / Website
AgriNet Albania	Cluster	The purpose of AgriNet is to promote and support the development of clusters with agri-based focus in Albania while creating awareness to producers to cooperate between them through cluster organization in order to improve their production and marketing. <a href="http://www.euvitacluster.com/">www.euvitacluster.com/</a>

#### 1.3.2. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Name	Type	Description / Website
Akta.ba	Web portal	Akta.ba is the business portal in Bosnia and Herzegovina that provides information on current economic developments in the region of Southeast Europe. In addition to reviewing the latest news and reports from the country and the region, Akta also provides economic analysis, stock market reports, announcements of new investments, review of the latest tenders and tender winners. <a href="http://www.akta.ba/">www.akta.ba/</a>
American Chamber of Commerce B&H	Business association	AmCham BiH was established to advance the interest and views of U.S. and other foreign businesses in Bosnia and Herzegovina, to assist in improving the business environment in BiH and to promote high standards of commercial practice. <a href="http://amcham.ba/">amcham.ba/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Association of Business Women in BiH	Business association	Association of Business Women in BiH points out the importance of the role and contribution of BiH women entrepreneurs, their networking and promotion. Association works on creating better conditions for the economic environment in BiH, and improve the business environment for women entrepreneurs.  <a href="http://upzbih.ba/">upzbih.ba/</a>
eKapija	Web portal	eKapija is the business portal in Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition to the latest current news and reports, eKapija provides its customers with economic analysis, announcements of new investments, changes in the business environment and regulations, stock market reports, review of the latest tenders, awarded contracts, and a comprehensive catalogue of companies currently containing more than 200,000 business and legal subjects.  <a href="http://ba.ekapija.com/">ba.ekapija.com/</a>
Eko online	Web portal	Environmental protection and pollution monitoring in Bosnia and Herzegovina through support to civil society.  <a href="http://eko.ba/">eko.ba/</a>
Employers' association of Federation of BiH	Business association	The Union of Employers' Associations of Federation of BiH is an organization that voluntarily brings together employers from the private and public sectors with the aim to represent their interests, provide appropriate services, and to establish and improve business connections in Federation of BiH.  <a href="http://www.upfbih.ba/">http://www.upfbih.ba/</a>
Foundation 787	Community	Their mission is to empower women and youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina to create and exploit primarily economic opportunities with the goal of improving the overall quality of their lives and increasing their influence in society.  <a href="http://fondacija787.ba/en/business-stories/">fondacija787.ba/en/business-stories/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Greenline Western Balkan Cluster	Cluster	The cluster wishes at raising awareness among decision-makers both in private business and in public sector to ensure the sustained use of resources through the encouragement, advancement and implementation of future-oriented climate, environment and energy policies in the Western Balkans, mainly in Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Monte Negro and Serbia.  <a href="http://www.up-running.eu/adherent-countries/greenline-western-balkan-cluster-bosnia-herzegovina/">www.up-running.eu/adherent-countries/greenline-western-balkan-cluster-bosnia-herzegovina/</a>
Zamisli2030	Web portal	SDG Roll-Out and Private Sector Engagement aims to capacitate and prepare private and public sector partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the SDGs implementation.  <a href="http://zamisli2030.ba/">zamisli2030.ba/</a>

### 1.3.3. Croatia

Name	Type	Description / Website
EUVITA Cluster	Cluster	Euvita Cluster is organised on the territory of Northwest Croatia with the purpose of achieving programme aims of rural development and to connect small and medium enterprises in programmes of development of production and processing of agricultural products and rural tourism in accordance with the notion of sustainable development  <a href="http://www.euvitacluster.com/">www.euvitacluster.com/</a>
Klaster poljomehanizacije d.o.o.	Cluster	This cluster's objective is to achieve profitable growth in the production of innovative, high-quality specialized products of agricultural machinery and equipment, as well as services for sustainable and environmentally conscious approach to agricultural production.  <a href="http://www.klaster-poljomehanizacije.hr/">www.klaster-poljomehanizacije.hr/</a>
Wood Cluster SLAVONIAN OAK	Cluster	Its mission is the sustainable and efficient use of unique natural forest resources for smart growth and competitiveness raising of forest-based industries.  <a href="http://slavonski-hrast.com/en/">slavonski-hrast.com/en/</a>



### 1.3.4. Cyprus

Name	Type	Description / Website
EZKOOP (Shopkeepers Artisans and Production Marketing Cooperative)	Cluster	EZKOOP is an umbrella cooperative with the aim of supporting micro-producers through regional producer cooperatives, in marketing their products.
Green Cluster	Cluster	The Green Cluster aims to utilize the potential arising from dynamic inter-firm collaboration by bringing together professionals from sectors seemingly unrelated, in a cluster that is continuously expanding. <a href="http://www.greenclustercy.org/">www.greenclustercy.org/</a>
Smart Cities in the Mediterranean Cluster	Cluster	The “Smart Cities in the Mediterranean” Strategic Partnership aims to work for ‘smartening’ cities in the Mediterranean region by sharing resources, knowhow and experience. It is formed between multidisciplinary organizations; research centers, industry, innovative SME’s, civil society actors and other stakeholders. <a href="http://www.smartcitiesmed.com/">www.smartcitiesmed.com/</a>

### 1.3.5. France

France has four regions included in the Interreg MED cooperation area: Corsica, Occitanie (previously the two regions of Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénées), Région Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

Name	Type	Description / Website
Aerospace Valley	Cluster	Aerospace Valley is the most significant innovation competitiveness cluster in France in the field of Aeronautics, Space and Unmanned Systems. <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/content/aerospace-valley">clustercollaboration.eu/content/aerospace-valley</a> <a href="http://www.aerospace-valley.com/en">www.aerospace-valley.com/en</a>
AFPG - GEODEEP	Cluster	GEODEEP is the French cluster for geothermal equipment and solutions for heat and power production <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/afpg-geodeep">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/afpg-geodeep</a> <a href="http://www.afpg.asso.fr/">www.afpg.asso.fr/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
AQM Normandy	Cluster	AQM's mission is to support companies and organizations in their efforts to achieve excellence and to boost the regional economic and social fabric by being an idea incubator for Global Performance Management <a href="http://www.aqm-normandie.fr/">www.aqm-normandie.fr/</a>
Atlansun	Cluster	Atlansun is the cluster gathering all the professional actors of the solar sector in the West of France. Its objective is to promote synergies, to contribute to the emergence of projects to develop the share of solar energy in a sustainable energy mix <a href="http://www.atlansun.fr/">www.atlansun.fr/</a>
AXELERA	Cluster – Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Axelera implements a five-pronged strategy designed to accelerate the transition of the chemicals and materials industries to low-carbon, circular industries. <a href="http://www.axelera.org/fr">www.axelera.org/fr</a>
Cap Digital	Cluster	Cap Digital is the French Digital Innovation Hub for digital and ecological transformation in the Paris Region, the first digital innovation ecosystem and the largest business cluster in Europe. <a href="http://www.capdigital.com/en/">www.capdigital.com/en/</a>
Capenergies	Cluster- Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur	Capenergies' goal is to promote sustainable business growth and job creation in the energy transition sector by supporting its members to deliver new ideas, products and services to market. <a href="http://www.capenergies.fr/en/">www.capenergies.fr/en/</a>
CD2E	Cluster	The cd2e is the expert centre fostering new environmental technologies through eco-enterprises support. The CD2E supports companies, territories and industries in the Hauts-de-France region and provides them with concrete solutions to today's economic and ecological challenges. <a href="http://cd2e.com/">cd2e.com/</a>
Cluster Montagne	Cluster – Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	Cluster Montagne is an association that represents and promotes, throughout the world, French know-how for sustainable mountain tourism development. <a href="http://www.cluster-montagne.com/en/">www.cluster-montagne.com/en/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Descartes Sustainable City cluster	Cluster	The mission of the Association consists in participating in the creation and development of start-ups and innovative business projects, primarily in the field of "sustainable cities", by operating the Descartes Incubator and entrepreneurship support programs. <a href="http://www.descartes-devinnov.com/en/">www.descartes-devinnov.com/en/</a>
France Water Team	Cluster - Occitania	France Water Team (FWT) is the national water competitiveness cluster promoting the emergence of collaborative R&D projects developing major innovations for water and aquatic environments. <a href="http://france-water-team.com/#">france-water-team.com/#</a>
HYDREOS	Cluster	HYDREOS' mission is to employ high-end solutions to speed up the growth of Eastern France's companies in the expanding global water markets. <a href="http://www.hydroeo.eu/">www.hydroeo.eu/</a>
INDURA	Cluster – Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	INDURA works mainly in the field of civil engineering covering all types of infrastructure, from roads and railways to canals, from hydroelectric dams and nuclear power stations to geothermal energy storage, from telecommunication networks to water treatment and distribution, not forgetting bridges and tunnels. <a href="http://www.indura.fr/">www.indura.fr/</a>
INNO'VIN	Cluster	INNO'VIN, the french wine & vine cluster, is taking place at the heart of the wine-growing ecosystem (companies, research center, institutions) and promotes their meetings. <a href="http://innovin.fr/en/">innovin.fr/en/</a>
MATERALIA	Cluster	Materialia focuses on the industrial markets of transports (aeronautics, automotive, ...), medical, energy and industry, and works on the challenges posed by the materials and processes of tomorrow. <a href="http://www.materialia.fr/">www.materialia.fr/</a>
MEDEE	Cluster	The Cluster MEDEE – Motors and Electrical Devices for Energy Efficiency - brings together companies and academics around collaborative Research & Development & Innovation (R&D&I) projects. MEDEE federates a community of actors specialised in electrical engineering: multinational companies, innovative SMEs, start-ups, laboratories and universities. <a href="http://www.pole-medee.com/welcome/">www.pole-medee.com/welcome/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Photonics Bretagne	Cluster	Photonics Bretagne is a Photonics Innovation Hub integrating a cluster supporting innovation in the field of Photonics and its applications and a research and technology organisation (RTO) expert in the development of specialty optical fibres and components. It aims at generating economic growth and create jobs in Photonics, in Brittany.  <a href="http://www.photonics-bretagne.com/en/homepage/">www.photonics-bretagne.com/en/homepage/</a>
Pôle Aqua-Valley	Cluster - Occitania	The objective of the Aqua-Valley cluster is to contribute to the development of small and medium-sized businesses by coordinating networks of players, pooling resources and implementing collective actions covering all aspects of the water cycle. It promotes all the sectors of the water sector, in a regional economic development approach. The cluster supports its members in market development, innovation, skills consolidation, partnerships and internationalization.  <a href="http://aqua-valley.com/">aqua-valley.com/</a>
Pole AVENIA	Cluster	POLE AVENIA's mission is to stimulate innovation, initiate collaborative research projects between industry & academia. It focuses on oil and gas, geothermal energy, geological storage, mines and quarries, hydrogeology and geotechnology.  <a href="http://www.pole-avenia.com/en">www.pole-avenia.com/en</a>
Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique	Cluster	Pole Mer Bretagne Atlantique is deeply involved in the cutting edge R&D activities of the maritime sectors and especially in topics related to Earth Observation.  <a href="http://www.pole-mer-bretagne-atlantique.com/en/">www.pole-mer-bretagne-atlantique.com/en/</a>
Polymeris	Cluster – Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	The main missions of POLYMERIS are to foster more innovation and to encourage the emergence of new R&D projects; to promote innovation in the service of Rubbers, Plastics and Composites and to open up business development to other industrial sectors and to the international cooperation.  <a href="http://www.polymeris.fr/en.html">www.polymeris.fr/en.html</a>
TEAM2	Cluster	The mission of the TEAM <sup>2</sup> competitiveness cluster is to develop collaborative innovation in the fields of recycling and recovery of materials for the transition towards a circular economy

Name	Type	Description / Website
TENERRDIS	Cluster – Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	TENERRDIS aims to promote sustainable business growth and job creation across the new-energy-technology industries by developing new technologies to drive the energy transition through R&D projects involving industrial, institutional, academic and scientific partners.  <a href="http://www.tenerrdis.fr/en/">www.tenerrdis.fr/en/</a>
Vegepolys Valley	Cluster	VEGEPOLYS VALLEY represents an innovation with its production capacity and expertise, and through the presence of all channels in the field of plants and of a high-level learning and research cluster. Throughout this territory, businesses grow, create jobs, deploy learning, research programs, and give birth to new production technology.  <a href="http://www.vegepolys-valley.eu/en/">www.vegepolys-valley.eu/en/</a>
Réseau PEXE	Network	Réseau PEXE, The French Cleantech network, is the leading network of French cleantech clusters.  <a href="http://ecoentreprises-france.fr/pexe-french-cleantech-network/">ecoentreprises-france.fr/pexe-french-cleantech-network/</a>

### 1.3.6. Greece

Name	Type	Description / Website
Cluster of Bioeconomy & Environment of Western Macedonia (CluBE)	Cluster	CluBE is developing R&D and business activities in the fields of bioeconomy, bioenergy and environment, in order to reinforce bio, green and circular economy in the region and the neighbouring area,  <a href="http://clube.gr/en/about/">clube.gr/en/about/</a>
Elevate Greece	Web portal	Elevate Greece is the official platform and leading resource for in-depth information on the Greek Startup Ecosystem, aspiring to help it grow and expand.  <a href="http://elevategreece.gov.gr/">elevategreece.gov.gr/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Federation of recycling and energy recovery industries and enterprises "SEPAN"	Business network	SEPAN established by companies operating in Greece and engage in industrial activity in the area of waste recycling and recovery of by-products and secondary raw materials in accordance with the rules of the private sector, provided that they maintain industrial facilities either a) recycling-waste recovery, by-products and secondary raw materials waste treatment, or b) waste treatment to the production of recoverable materials or c) energy recovery. <a href="http://www.sepan.gr/index.php/en/">www.sepan.gr/index.php/en/</a>
Hellenic Business Angels Network - HeBAN	Business network	HeBAN has been created to foster the implementation of a sustainable Business Angels network and functioning ecosystem for early stage investment in Greece. <a href="http://www.heban.gr/">www.heban.gr/</a>
Innovation Greece	Business network	Innovation Greece is an association of innovative companies with a common mindset which strives to integrate innovation into everyday practices, new products and services. <a href="http://innovationgreece.com/">innovationgreece.com/</a>

### 1.3.7. Italy

Italy has 19 regions involved in the Interreg MED cooperation area: Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmonte, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Valle D'Aoste and Veneto.

Name	Type	Description / Website
AFIL – Lombardy Intelligent Factory Association	Network - Lombardy	The goal of AFIL is to promote and facilitate research and innovation to support and develop the Lombard production system's leadership and competitiveness. <a href="http://www.afil.it/en/">www.afil.it/en/</a>
Basilicata Creativa CCI	Cluster - Basilicata	Basilicata Creativa is the cluster of the cultural and creative industries of the Basilicata Region. It includes two of the most important Italian research institutions, the CNR (national research council) and ENEA (National Agency for new technologies, energy and sustainable economic development). <a href="http://www.basilicatacreativa.it/en/">www.basilicatacreativa.it/en/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Circular Economy network	Business network	The Foundation for sustainable development, supported by a group of companies and organizations from different economic sectors, has created the Circular Economy Network, as a tool capable of promoting the development of the circular economy in Italy. <a href="http://circulareconomynetwork.it/">circulareconomynetwork.it/</a>
Cleantech and energy Innovation Cluster - CLEVER	Cluster- Piedmont	The mission of CLEVER (Clean Tech and Energy Innovation Cluster) is the technology transfer of innovation in the local green technologies sector, to stimulate and bring it to the global market. <a href="http://poloclever.it/en/polo-energy-and-clean-technologies/">poloclever.it/en/polo-energy-and-clean-technologies/</a>
Clust-ER Greentech- Emilia Romagna Associazione Clust-ER Energia e Sviluppo sostenibile	Cluster – Emilia Romagna	The Greentech Clust-ER regroups the main stakeholders of the value chains in the low carbon economy in Emilia-Romagna and in environmental sustainability and ecosystem services. <a href="http://greentech.clust-er.it/en/">greentech.clust-er.it/en/</a>
Consorzio Ecodomus	Cluster – Sicily	Ecodomus focuses on the fostering and the support of eco-innovation, research and technological development in the local building sector. <a href="http://www.ecodomus.com/">www.ecodomus.com/</a>
Fondazione Torino Wireless	Network	Torino Wireless was established in 2003, as a wide partnership between public and private Regional and National actors, to lead the foremost Italian hi-tech district focused on ICT, a shared and coordinated project for the knowledge-based development of the Piemonte Region. <a href="http://www.torinowireless.it/?lang=en">www.torinowireless.it/?lang=en</a>
Green Economy network	Business network	The network promoted by Assolombarda to stimulate new alliances between companies that offer products, technologies and services for environmental and energy sustainability, to give visibility to their skills. <a href="http://www.greeneconomynetwork.it/it">www.greeneconomynetwork.it/it</a>
Habitech – Trentino Technological District S.c.a.r.l.	Cluster	Habitech – the Energy and Environment District is the leading national center for green building, renewable energy and innovation. <a href="http://www.habitech.it/">www.habitech.it/</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
Home and Furniture Cluster FVG	Cluster – Friuli-Venezia Giulia	The Furniture and Home System Cluster is the consortium dedicated to achieve projects in favour of the companies in the furniture and home system sector, whose scope includes all the activities of planning, production and sale of products. <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/content/home-and-furniture-cluster-fvg">clustercollaboration.eu/content/home-and-furniture-cluster-fvg</a>
Italian Technology Cluster for SmartCommunities Tech	Cluster, Network – Piedmont	This cluster is also a national network of research, industry and public administration actors that collaborate in the development of solutions to problems of urban and metropolitan scale energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, cultural and tourism and government. <a href="http://www.smartcommunitiestech.it/en/">www.smartcommunitiestech.it/en/</a>
Lombardy Green Chemistry Cluster - LGCA	Cluster – Lombardy	LGCA aims at actively involving all regional players potentially involved in the bioeconomy. It aims at creating, in close cooperation with the regional authorities, the most favourable environment for the development of the bioeconomy in Lombardy. <a href="http://www.chimicaverdelombardia.it/en/">www.chimicaverdelombardia.it/en/</a>
National Energy Technology Cluster	Cluster – Lazio	The Cluster's mission is to combine the demand for innovation in the industrial sector with the scientific and technical outcome to support the energy transition. <a href="http://www.cluster-energia.it/il-ctne/">www.cluster-energia.it/il-ctne/</a>
Piattaforma Italiana degli attori per l'Economia Circolare	Web portal	ICESP is configured as a network whose goal is to create a national convergence point on the initiatives, experiences, critical issues, perspectives and expectations on the circular economy that Italy wants and can represent in Europe with a 'sole voice', promoting the Italian way of making the circular economy also through specific dedicated actions. <a href="http://www.icesp.it/">www.icesp.it/</a>
POINTEX – Textile Innovation Cluster	Cluster – Piedmont	The Textile Innovation Cluster includes and serves various members belonging to each part of the textile production and manufacturing sector such as textile machinery, automotive or chemical industries. <a href="http://www.pointex.eu/">www.pointex.eu/</a>
PROPLAST	Cluster – Piedmont	PROPLAST is a technological centre focused on research and innovation in the polymer and composite sector. <a href="http://www.proplast.it/en/">www.proplast.it/en/</a>
Rete Innovativa Regionale Foresta Oro Veneto	Cluster-Veneto	This consortium gathers around 50 companies from all Venetia, which represent every stage of the supply chain for wood products, in an optic of durability, ethic and environmental respect.



Name	Type	Description / Website
SPRING – Italian Circular Bioeconomy Cluster	Cluster - Lombardy	SPRING (Sustainable Processes and Resources for Innovation and National Growth) has the objective of triggering the development of biobased industries in Italy, aimed at revitalising Italian circular bioeconomy. <a href="http://www.clusterspring.it/home-page/">www.clusterspring.it/home-page/</a>
Torino Social Impact	Network - Piedmont	The mission of Torino Social Impact is to strengthen the local system and to do business and finance by pursuing economic goals along with social impact objectives, in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030. <a href="http://www.torinosocialimpact.it/en/">www.torinosocialimpact.it/en/</a>
Venetian Cluster	Cluster – Veneto	Venetian Cluster coordinates and supports multidisciplinary public-private partnerships (PPP) and all subjects interested in carrying out and promoting innovation projects, technological transfer and actions for the development of the Italian and international productive supply chain for the conservation, the restoration and the valorisation of the Cultural and Environmental Heritage in Italy and abroad <a href="http://www.venetiancluster.eu/en/">www.venetiancluster.eu/en/</a>

### 1.3.8. Malta

Name	Type	Description / Website
Malta Marittima Agency	Cluster	Malta Marittima Agency have the role of overseeing the maritime sector in an attempt to harmonise the various opportunities available whilst providing a one-stop shop and a first-contact point to the maritime sector in Malta, by offering the necessary support services required for the facilitation of marine and maritime activities. <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/aipqr-associacao-das-industrias-da-petroquimica-quimica-e-refinacao">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/aipqr-associacao-das-industrias-da-petroquimica-quimica-e-refinacao</a>

### 1.3.9. Montenegro

Name	Type	Description / Website
Wine cluster	Cluster	The cluster is an association of winemakers and growers of Montenegro and is representing the interests of growers and winemakers at national and international level and organize/manage their joint efforts to improve quality standards of produced wine and grapes.

### 1.3.10. Portugal

Portugal has three regions which are part of the Interreg MED cooperation area: Algarve, Alentejo and Lisbon.

Name	Type	Description /Website
APIQR - ASSOCIAÇÃO DAS INDÚSTRIAS DA PETROQUÍMICA, QUÍMICA E REFINAÇÃO	Cluster	The Cluster of the Petrochemical, Chemical and Refining aims at the development of strategies and programs for collective efficiency, infrastructural integration, promotion of enterprises with special focus on SMEs, and the sustainable integration of its target industries in Portuguese Society.  <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/aipqr-associacao-das-industrias-da-petroquimica-quimica-e-refinacao">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/aipqr-associacao-das-industrias-da-petroquimica-quimica-e-refinacao</a>
Chemical, Petrochemical and Refining Cluster - APQuímica	Association	The Cluster of the Petrochemical, Chemical and Refining Industries takes as its mission the development of strategies and programs for collective efficiency that facilitate the development of value chains, with special focus on SMEs.  <a href="http://www.apquimica.pt/">www.apquimica.pt/</a>
ASSOCIAÇÃO CLUSTER PORTUGAL MINERAL RESOURCES	Cluster	The cluster Portugal mineral resources promotes knowledge and sustainable economic value for mineral resources, boosting the export capacity and the added value.  <a href="http://www.clustermaneralresources.pt/">www.clustermaneralresources.pt/</a>
Cluster Habitat Sustentável	Cluster	The entities forming this Cluster intend to create synergies for the development of new products, technologies and building systems, leading to an attitude of innovation through the built environment sustainability, aiming to generate competitiveness.  <a href="http://www.centrohabitat.net/en">www.centrohabitat.net/en</a>
EnergyIN - the Competitiveness and Technology Cluster for Energy	Cluster	EnergyIN cooperates with the companies linked to the energy sector established in Portugal, including equipment manufacturers and service providers, aiming to foster partnerships and improve their competitiveness in the global market (with emphasis on Renewable Energies and Energy Efficiency).  <a href="http://ecoentreprises-france.fr/pexe-french-cleantech-network/">ecoentreprises-france.fr/pexe-french-cleantech-network/</a>

Name	Type	Description /Website
Fórum Oceano - Association of Maritime Economy	Cluster	Fórum Oceano gathers members from the whole country, covering different key sectors of the blue economy, among them companies, business associations, R&D centres, higher education institutions, local authorities and other associative organisations. Fórum Oceano main priorities are innovation, entrepreneurship and internationalisation in Blue Economy and to promote ocean literacy.  <a href="http://www.forumoceano.pt/">www.forumoceano.pt/</a>
InovCluster - Agroindustrial Cluster Association of Centro Portugal	Cluster	The mission of InovCluster is to act as a mobiliser platform for the agro-industrial sector of the Centre Region of Portugal, by reinforcing the development of initiatives and offering services in the fields of R&DI, internationalization and capacity building of the business.  <a href="http://sectorwww.inovcluster.pt/">sectorwww.inovcluster.pt/</a>
PRODUTECH - Production Technologies Cluster	Cluster	PRODUTECH's mission is to promote the sustainable development and internationalization of the Portuguese industry of manufacturing technologies – such as providers of capital goods, machine-tools, industrial equipment and systems, system integrators, software houses and developers of industry-oriented computer applications, engineering and consultancy companies.  <a href="http://www.produtech.org/?set_language=en&amp;cl=en">www.produtech.org/?set_language=en&amp;cl=en</a>

### 1.3.11. Slovenia

Slovenia has two regions on NUTS2 level: Vzhodna Slovenija (Eastern Slovenia) and Zahodna Slovenija (Western Slovenia).

Name	Type	Description /Website
CONSTRUCTION CLUSTER OF SLOVENIA	Cluster – Western Slovenia	The main goal of the cluster is to improve the domestic and international competitiveness of its members through commercial cooperation and networking, R&D and innovation, education, training, and policy action. SGG is aimed at the broad scope of companies with a wider field of building and construction, especially for energy-efficient and sustainable construction and renovation of buildings, new materials, products and services, and business models.  <a href="http://www.sgg.si/en/">www.sgg.si/en/</a>

Name	Type	Description /Website
GIZ ACS Automotive cluster of Slovenia	Cluster- Western Slovenia	The main goal of the cluster is to improve the domestic and international competitiveness of its members through commercial cooperation and networking, R&D and innovation, education, training, and policy action.  <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/content/construction-cluster-slovenia">clustercollaboration.eu/content/construction-cluster-slovenia</a>
ITC - Innovation Technology Cluster Murska Sobota	Cluster – Eastern Slovenia	ITC's vision is to become internationally recognised and leading Slovenian cluster in the areas of bio economy, smart agriculture, innovative food production and food distribution systems and similar smart specialization areas.  <a href="http://itc-cluster.com/">itc-cluster.com/</a>
SiEnE, Slovenian Energy and Environment Partnership in Defence	Cluster – Eastern Slovenia	The Slovenian Energy and Environment Partnership in Defence was established to provide a strategic and comprehensive approach for responding to energy and environmental challenges in defence.  <a href="http://siene.teces.si/en/about-us/">siene.teces.si/en/about-us/</a>
SRIP PSIDL, Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership on Smart Buildings and Home with Wood Chain	Cluster - Eastern Slovenia	The Strategic Research and Innovation Partnership on Smart Buildings and Home with Wood Chain mission is to enable comprehensive solutions for building a smart, sustainable, healthy, environmentally and user-friendly, connectable and energy self-sufficient
Wood Industry Cluster Slovenia	Cluster – Western Slovenia	The mission of the Wood Industry Cluster Slovenia is promotion of the integration of companies and research institutions, aiming at improving the knowledge transfer into the companies, facilitating their participation in international development projects and implementing projects of common interest, resulting in knowledge-based competitiveness.  <a href="http://www.lesarski-grozd.si/en/">www.lesarski-grozd.si/en/</a>

### 1.3.12. Spain

Spain has six regions included in the Interreg MED cooperation area: Andalusia, Aragon, Catalonia, Balearic Islands, Murcia and Valencia.

Name	Type	Description /Website
Aclima – Basque Environment Cluster – Asociacion Cluster de Inds	Network	Aclima aims to increase the competitiveness of the Basque environmental sectoral 'at local and international markets) and to develop competitive advantages through cooperation.  <a href="http://aclima.eus/en/">aclima.eus/en/</a>
AERA – Asociacion aeronuticaragonesa	Association - Aragon	AERA wishes to improve the development of the aerospace industry by assisting its members for the access to business opportunities and new markets and facilitating development of key relationships.  <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/aera-asociacion-aeroanuticaragonesa#section-2">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/aera-asociacion-aeroanuticaragonesa#section-2</a>
AMUEBLA	Cluster - Murcia	The purpose of AMUEBLA is to facilitate innovative practices to improve the competitiveness of their members to defend its general business interests and promote its projection and international visibility.  <a href="http://amuebla.es/">amuebla.es/</a>
APIDIT CTCR	Association	The association for the Promotion, Research, Development and Technological Innovation of the Footwear Industry is a hub of research, experimentation and dissemination and offers one of the best facilities in the north of Spain and counts 110 associated companies.  <a href="http://www.ctcr.es/es/">www.ctcr.es/es/</a>
AVAESEN	Regional association	AVAESEN is the Valencian Region Energy Association encompassing more than 100 business partner.  <a href="http://www.avaesen.es/en/">www.avaesen.es/en/</a>
AVEBIOM Biomass Spanish Cluster	Cluster	AVEBIOM is the Spanish union of biomass value chain actors which contributes to the continued promotion and development of the biomass utilization in Spain.  <a href="http://www.avebiom.org/en">www.avebiom.org/en</a>

Name	Type	Description /Website
Canary Islands Maritime Cluster Clúster Marítimo de Canarias	Cluster	This cluster aims to promote the development and international competitiveness of the Maritime Sector of the Canary Islands, in turn raising the business, economic and social fabric of the Canary Islands.  <a href="http://www.clustermc.es/?lang=en">www.clustermc.es/?lang=en</a>
Chemical Industry Cluster of the Balearic Islands - CliQIB	Cluster - Balearic Islands	The objective is to consolidate the knowledge of companies in the chemical sector through academic and technology research, to promote the implementation of Industry 4.0 throughout the value chain of the companies  <a href="http://cliqib.org/">cliqib.org/</a>
CLENAR – Cluster de la energia de Aragon	Cluster - Aragon	CLENAR works to offer solutions to efficiently address the entire value chain of the Aragonese energy sector to boost green and digital transition, working under the principles of Green Deal areas.  <a href="http://en.clenar.com/">en.clenar.com/</a>
Cluster Construcción Sostenible	Cluster	The goal of this cluster is to contribute to the creation of a sustainable economic model for the construction sector.  <a href="http://clusterccs.org/">clusterccs.org/</a>
Cluster de turismo de montaña	Cluster - Aragon	This cluster aims at coordinating efforts to improve business competitiveness and mountain sustainability.  <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/cluster-de-turismo-de-montana">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/cluster-de-turismo-de-montana</a>
Cluster IDiA – Asociacion Investigacion, Desarrollo e Innovacion en Aragon	Cluster - Aragon	IDiA focuses on the ICT technologies and the promotion of cross-sectoral, horizontal projects is at the core of its activities.  <a href="http://www.idia.es/">www.idia.es/</a>

Name	Type	Description /Website
CYLSOLAR - Cluster of Renewable Energy and Energetic Solutions of Castilla and Leon	Cluster	CYLSOLAR is the cluster of the renewable energies and energetic solution in Castilla and Leon.  <a href="http://www.cylsolar.com/#pll_switcher">www.cylsolar.com/#pll_switcher</a>
CTA Energy and Environment	Partnership - Andalusia	CTA is a strategic partner for innovation. It helps businesses, universities, public authorities and other bodies to successfully achieve their R&D objectives and valorise the results.  <a href="http://www.corporaciontecnologica.com/en/">www.corporaciontecnologica.com/en/</a>
Empleaverde programme	Web portal	The Empleaverde Programme (Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge) is the initiative for the promotion and improvement of employment, entrepreneurship and the environment.  Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment and sustainability are the basis for better jobs and more competitive companies.</li> <li>• Employees and companies are key players in improving the environment.</li> </ul> <a href="http://www.empleaverde.es/en">www.empleaverde.es/en</a>
Energy Cluster of the Valencia Region - CECV	Cluster - Valencia	The Cluster's goal is to contribute to the positioning of the Valencia Region as one of the European references in the energy, water, environment, technology and innovation fields.  <a href="http://www.clusterenergiacv.com/">www.clusterenergiacv.com/</a>
Energy Technology Consortium of Asturias	Consortium	The goal of the consortium is to develop different innovative projects in the energetic sector in the Asturias and enhance the cooperation between companies.  <a href="http://www.ainer.es/">www.ainer.es/</a>
Engineering Cluster of the Canary Islands	Cluster	This cluster aims to create a common space to facilitate collaboration and resource sharing among professionals, companies, training centres, institutes, and public and private research centres.  <a href="http://www.clustars.eu/regionalclusters/canary-islands/cc_edit_data/22">www.clustars.eu/regionalclusters/canary-islands/cc_edit_data/22</a>

Name	Type	Description /Website
Eraikune – Construction Cluster of the Basque Country	Cluster	Eraikune is specialised in the construction industry, and wishes to contribute to the economic, social and territorial transformation of the Basque Country.  <a href="http://www.eraikune.com/language/en/home/">www.eraikune.com/language/en/home/</a>
Extremadura Energy Cluster	Cluster	The Energy Cluster of Extremadura aims to offer a large range of products, services, technologies, and expert knowledge from associated entities around the energy value chain.  <a href="http://www.energiaextremadura.org/">www.energiaextremadura.org/</a>
FEDACOVA	Cluster	The Federación Empresarial de Agroalimentación de la Comunidad Valenciana represents the agrifood industry and its interests in the region.  <a href="http://www.fedacova.org/">www.fedacova.org/</a>
GEOPLAT	Collaborative platform	GEOPLAT mainly aims at identifying and developing sustainable strategies for the promotion and marketing of geothermal energy in Spain.  <a href="http://www.geoplat.org/">www.geoplat.org/</a>
Grupo Español para el Crecimiento Verde	Business network	The Grupo Español para el Crecimiento Verde (Spanish Green Growth Group) is an Association created to foster public-private collaboration and to jointly advance in the environmental challenges we currently face. The solutions in terms of mitigation and adaptation to climate change, the decarbonisation of the economy or the promotion of a circular economy will undoubtedly come from the hand of the business fabric, and are key to a prosperous society.  <a href="http://grupocrecimientoverde.org/">grupocrecimientoverde.org/</a>
Habic Basque Habitat, Wood office & Hospitality cluster	Cluster	Habic's goal is to help companies from habitat, wood, office and contract sector to develop new competitive advantages through cooperation and innovation.  <a href="http://habic.eus/default.aspx">habic.eus/default.aspx</a>



Name	Type	Description /Website
Iberian Sustainable Mining Cluster (ISMC)	Cluster	The ISMC regroups companies in the extraction of mining resources and raw materials, engineering, training, transportation, associated services and commercialisation while promoting technological innovation in the field of R+D+I.  <a href="http://www.ismc-iberiamine.com/">www.ismc-iberiamine.com/</a>
Madrid Sustainability and Renewable Energies Cluster	Cluster	This cluster aims to develop and implement the concept of energy saving and efficiency in Madrid and its region.  <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/madrid-sustainability-and-renewable-energies-cluster">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/madrid-sustainability-and-renewable-energies-cluster</a>
Malaga TeckPark	Cluster – Andalusia	Malaga TeckPark is a cluster working for and with innovative high-tech companies while aiming at the success of the UN SDGs for 2030.
New Hydrogen Technologies (NTH)	Cluster	The mission of the AEI NTH is to carry out the organization, management and execution of a wide range of actions with the purpose of generating, storing and transporting hydrogen, for its use in fuel cells, in transport applications or for the generation of distributed energy  <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/new-hydrogen-technologies-nuevas-tecnologias-del-hidrogeno-nth">clustercollaboration.eu/cluster-organisations/new-hydrogen-technologies-nuevas-tecnologias-del-hidrogeno-nth</a>
TSAC – Sustainable tourism cluster of Aragon	Cluster- Aragon	TSAC gathers companies of the sector of tourism and entities whose objective is the promotion, the formation and the innovation of the touristic sector.  <a href="http://tsac.es/">tsac.es/</a>
Turisfera – Cluster of Tourism Innovation of the Canary Islands	Cluster	Turisfera mission is to generate and channel the innovative initiatives of companies in the tourism sector, and to create a network of tourism companies that undertake innovative projects.  <a href="http://turisfera.org/">turisfera.org/</a>

Name	Type	Description /Website
Zinnae	Cluster - Aragon	Zinnae focuses on the efficient use of water and its security, with the goal to work under the principles of the circular economy.  zinnae.org/

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Name	Type	Description /Website
Amec urbis	Cluster	Amec Urbis is a cluster that wishes to generate new business opportunities, strengthen the competitiveness of the sector of urban technologies and to contribute to the promotion of Catalonia.  www.amec.es/es/
Catalan Bioenergy cluster	Cluster	The Catalonia Bioenergy Cluster is a non-profit association that represents the professional bioenergy sector in Catalonia and aims to promote its sustainable use.  www.clusterbioenergia.cat/ca/
Catalan Energy Cluster	Cluster	The Energy Efficient Cluster of Catalonia (CEEC) is an entity whose purpose is to promote the field of energy efficiency through collaboration between companies and associated entities from areas such as technology, research, institutional, regulatory, industrial, informational and business.  clusterenergia.cat/?lang=en
Catalan Water Partnership (CWP)	Cluster	CWP is the Catalan Cluster of the sustainable use of water, located in the Northeast of Spain.  www.cwp.cat/en/
Cluster Digital Catalunya	Cluster	The Digital Cluster is a meeting space formed by a group of companies, entities, and research groups with a connecting link " ICT".  It brings together start-ups, SMEs and large companies, and other entities to boost the competitiveness of the Catalan ICT sector, promoting a new business culture based on collaboration and open innovation.  www.clusterdigital.cat/?lang=en

Name	Type	Description /Website
FEMAC	Cluster	FEMAC actively encourages the collaboration between its members in the field of a sustainable global agriculture system. <a href="http://www.femac.org/introduction/">www.femac.org/introduction/</a>
Barcelona Design centre's / BcD	Network	The BcD focuses on the innovation and sustainability of organisations especially companies and entities in the industrial design sector while tackling the challenges exposed by the United Nations sustainable development goals.
INNOVACC	Cluster	INNOVACC's mission is to promote the competitiveness of the pig meat sector to face globalization favorably, by promoting the innovation of the associate companies. <a href="http://clustercollaboration.eu/content/innovacc">clustercollaboration.eu/content/innovacc</a>
Secpho deep tech innovation cluster	Cluster	Secpho's goal is to address some global challenges by providing cutting-edge solutions based on Deep Tech. <a href="http://www.secpho.org/en/">www.secpho.org/en/</a>
Smartech Cluster	Cluster	Smartech gathers all the actors of the value chains in the sectors of domotic, infrastructures and smart cities and digital transformation in industry and other economic sectors. <a href="http://smartechcluster.org/es/">smartechcluster.org/es/</a>
Solartys Spanish Solar Energy & Energy Efficiency Cluster	Cluster	Solartys works alongside the entire solar energy value chain, manufacturers and distributors of materials and components, engineering, installers and promoters of solar energy projects. <a href="http://www.solartys.org/en/">www.solartys.org/en/</a>

### 1.3.13. United Kingdom: Gibraltar

No relevant business network was identified in Gibraltar, a British Overseas Territory, which is part of the Interreg MED cooperation area.

## 2. Events and platforms gathering startups and SMES in the field of Green Growth

This chapter provides a list of the major events gathering startups, SMES and business networks in the field of Green Growth. At the European and Mediterranean level, such events are usually conferences and forums rather than fairs directly involving SMEs. A list is available at [ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoap/events\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ecoap/events_en). This chapter therefore focuses on GG events and platforms at the national and regional levels.

### 2.1. Albania

Name	Type	Description / Website
International Forum on Smart City in Albania	Event	Eco Wave deals with all the major topics regarding green growth, from waste management, to environmental technologies, involving all the key players.  <a href="http://www.ifema.es/en/genera">www.ifema.es/en/genera</a>

### 2.2. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Name	Type	Description / Website
Sarajevo Business Forum	Event	Largest International Business & Investment Conference of the South-East Europe.  <a href="http://www.sarajevobusinessforum.com/">www.sarajevobusinessforum.com/</a>
Sarajevo Unlimited	Event	Largest Festival on innovation, technology and entrepreneurship in the region of SEE, combining versatile stakeholders to showcase the best of SEE.  <a href="http://www.weareunlimited.ba/ba/">www.weareunlimited.ba/ba/</a>

## 2.3. Croatia

Name	Type	Description / Website
Conference on Sustainable development of energy, water and environment systems - SDEWES	Event	SDEWES is dedicated to the advancement and dissemination of knowledge on methods, policies and technologies for increasing the sustainability of development by de-coupling growth from the use of natural resources and by a transition to a knowledge-based economy. All taking into account the economic, environmental and social pillars of sustainable development. <a href="http://www.dubrovnik2021.sdewes.org/">www.dubrovnik2021.sdewes.org/</a>
Global Conference on Global Warming	Event	The GCGW is a multi-disciplinary international conference on all aspects of global warming including its causes, impacts and potential solutions. The conference aims to provide a forum for the exchange of technical information, dissemination of high-quality research results, presentation of new policy and scientific developments and promoting future priorities for a more sustainable development and energy security. <a href="http://www.gcgw.org/gcgw2021/">www.gcgw.org/gcgw2021/</a>

## 2.4. Cyprus

Name	Type	Description / Website
Eastern Mediterranean Conference & Exhibition - EMC	Event	The EMC 2021 is the leading Eastern Mediterranean Conference & Exhibition for the energy value chain. The event is open to companies, start-ups, entrepreneurs, research institutions, universities, local authorities, and other organizations that are actively engaged within the fields of renewable energy, environment and emissions reduction among other things. <a href="https://events.b2match.com/events/emc-eastern-mediterranean-conference-exhibition">events.b2match.com/events/emc-eastern-mediterranean-conference-exhibition</a>

## 2.5. France

France has four regions included in the Interreg MED cooperation area: Corsica, Occitanie (previously the two regions of Languedoc-Roussillon and Midi-Pyrénées), Région Sud-Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur and Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes.

Name	Type	Description / Website
Pollutec	Event	The reference meeting place for French environmental professionals <a href="http://www.pollutec.com/en-gb.html">www.pollutec.com/en-gb.html</a>
Produrable	Event	A trade fair of actors and solutions for a sustainable economy, organised in collaboration with the French Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition and the main professional networks. <a href="http://www.produrable.com/">www.produrable.com/</a>
Forum national des éco-entreprises	Event	A business and innovation innovation day for cleantech SMEs, start-ups, public and private decision makers, investors, research institutes and clusters <a href="http://forum.ecoentreprises-france.fr/">forum.ecoentreprises-france.fr/</a>
Agir pour la transition	Web portal	Support to companies committed to ecological and energy transition; managed by France's national ecological transition agency ADEME. <a href="http://agirpoulatransition.ademe.fr/entreprises/">agirpoulatransition.ademe.fr/entreprises/</a>

## 2.6. Greece

Name	Type	Description / Website
Building Green – Building Sustainable Environment	Event	Since 2002, BUILDING GREEN – Building Sustainable Environment has been a well-established exhibition for professionals in the fields of sustainability, green buildings, energy-saving technologies in existing and new buildings and the built environment, sustainable transportation and renewable energy sources. <a href="http://buildinggreenexpo.gr/en/">buildinggreenexpo.gr/en/</a>
Cretan Energy Conferences – International Energy Exhibition of Greece	Event	Cretan Energy Conferences comes to meet the needs for innovation and project production, as a good conduit of knowledge and networking, through the organization of International Conferences. The themes of the conferences mainly concern energy at the local and global level. <a href="http://cretanenergyconferences.org/">cretanenergyconferences.org/</a>

## 2.7. Italy

Italy has 19 regions involved in the Interreg MED cooperation area: Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Emilia-Romagna, Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Lazio, Liguria, Lombardy, Marche, Molise, Piedmonte, Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany, Umbria, Valle D'Aoste and Veneto.

Name	Type	Description / Website
Ecomondo	Event – Emilia-Romagna	Ecomondo is an event for technological and industrial innovation in the green and circular economy sector. It brings together in a single platform all the sectors supporting energy transition: waste, water, reclamation, integrated services, energy, energy efficiency, sustainable cities, mobility and green infrastructure, models for the circular economy and the safeguarding of natural resources for sustainable <a href="http://en.ecomondo.com/">en.ecomondo.com/</a>
Festival dello sviluppo sostenibile	Event	The Festival was created to raise awareness among growing segments of the population on social, economic and environmental sustainability. <a href="http://festivalsvilupposostenibile.it/2021/il-festival/">festivalsvilupposostenibile.it/2021/il-festival/</a>
Key Energy	Event – Emilia-Romagna	Key Energy is an exhibition and conference showcasing technologies, services and integrated solutions that promote and accelerate the transition towards a carbon-neutral economy based on cleaner energies. <a href="http://en.keyenergy.it/">en.keyenergy.it/</a>
Stati generali della green economy	Event	A multi-stakeholder process involving all relevant actors of green economy in Italy. The initiative is promoted by the National Council of the Green Economy, which brings together 69 business organizations (the full list is available <a href="#">here</a> ), in collaboration with the Ministry for the Environment and the European commission. The event, now at its 9th edition, aims to promote a shift in the Italian economy towards a green economy, so to develop opportunities for a sustained and sustainable development, recovering from the economic and climate crisis. <a href="http://www.statigenerali.org/">www.statigenerali.org/</a>

## 2.8. Malta

Name	Type	Description / Website
Malta Sustainability Forum	Event	The main objective of the Malta Sustainability Forum is to raise awareness on the topic of sustainability with the aim to empower citizens in making conscious decisions towards a more sustainable life. <a href="http://maltasustainabilityforum.com/">maltasustainabilityforum.com/</a>

## 2.9. Montenegro

Name	Type	Description / Website
Green Days	Event	Green Days exhibition is placing climate action at the heart of mainstream business discussion aiming to enable greater cooperation among public & private-sector organizations to drive real change. It is designed to inspire local, national, & regional action letting us transition from risk to resilience <a href="https://greendays.me/">.greendays.me/</a>

## 2.10. Portugal

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Name	Type	Description / Website
Greenfest	Event	Greenfest is the largest sustainability event in Portugal with a large wide of topics (circular economy, food, green entrepreneurs etc.), with two editions in two different cities per year. <a href="http://www.greenfest.pt/?lang=en">www.greenfest.pt/?lang=en</a>
Portugal Smart cities summit	Event	The Portugal Smart Cities Summit is the physical marketplace for the creation of business opportunities between companies, universities, associations, startups and municipalities. There is a strong focus on knowledge transfer and Innovation dynamics in the relationship between the academic and scientific world with companies and society in general. <a href="http://portugalsmartcities.fil.pt/">portugalsmartcities.fil.pt/</a>

## 2.11. Slovenia

Slovenia has two regions on NUTS2 level: Vzhodna Slovenija (Eastern Slovenia) and Zahodna Slovenija (Western Slovenia).



Name	Type	Description / Website
Eco Wave	Event	Eco Wave deals with all the major topics regarding green growth, from waste management to environmental technologies, involving all the key players. <a href="http://www.ifema.es/en/genera">www.ifema.es/en/genera</a>
GREEN, International Fair of Sustainable Technology and Green Lifestyle in combination	Event	This event brings together construction, municipal services, energetics and trade. Beside the enterprises with products for construction, municipal services and energy, tradesmen offered their products, knowledge and services <a href="http://www.pomurski-sejem.si/">www.pomurski-sejem.si/</a>

## 2.12. Spain

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Name	Type	Description / Website
Genera - Energy & Environment International Fair	Event	GENERAQ gather all the key players of the energetic sector. <a href="http://www.ifema.es/en/genera">www.ifema.es/en/genera</a>
Ecofira Valencia	Event	ECOFIRA is the international trade fair for environmental solutions and energies, the meeting point where companies and public bodies present the latest advances in efficient environmental management <a href="http://ecofira.feriavalencia.com/">ecofira.feriavalencia.com/</a>

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Name	Type	Description / Website
ACCIÓ - Events	Event	ACCIÓ - Agency for Business Competitiveness from the Catalan Government, it aims to promote the competitiveness and growth of the Catalan business fabric by promoting innovation, internationalization and by attracting investment. <a href="http://www.accio.gencat.cat/en/activitats/index.html">www.accio.gencat.cat/en/activitats/index.html</a>

Name	Type	Description / Website
BforPlanet	Event	BforPlanet is the global event to boost sustainability and SDGs within corporate and institutional leaders.  <a href="https://tomorrow.city/bforplanet">tomorrow.city/bforplanet</a>
Circular Economy Hotspot Catalonia 2021	Event	The Circular Economy Hotspot Catalonia 2021 promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences between policymakers, entrepreneurs, researchers and industrialists. The globetrotting event aims at highlighting the circular economy practices in different cities every year.  <a href="http://www.cehotspot.cat/">www.cehotspot.cat/</a>
International Conference on energy economics and Energy Policy – ICEEEP	Event	The aim of ICEEEP is to present the latest research and results of scientists related to Energy Economics and Energy Policy topics. It provides opportunities to attendees from different areas to exchange new ideas and application experiences and to establish business or research relations and to find global partners for future collaboration.  <a href="http://www.iceeep.com/">www.iceeep.com/</a>
MedaWeek BCN	Event	The Mediterranean Week of Economic Leaders is an iconic economic conference dedicated to promoting the Mediterranean region worldwide. This event endorses the key economic sectors and the cultural values of this region through a wide variety of forums. Serves as the main meeting point for voicing the interests of the private sector in the socio-economic development of the Mediterranean countries  <a href="http://www.ascame.org/new/15th-edition-of-medaweek-barcelona-will-highlight-the-importance-of-driving-mediterranean-economies-towards-a-more-sustainable-future/">www.ascame.org/new/15th-edition-of-medaweek-barcelona-will-highlight-the-importance-of-driving-mediterranean-economies-towards-a-more-sustainable-future/</a>

## 2.13. United Kingdom: Gibraltar

No relevant GG event or platform was identified in Gibraltar, a British Overseas Territory, which is part of the Interreg MED cooperation area.

### 3. Sectors with strong development potential in the field of Green Growth

A specific list of sectors for GG SMEs can hardly be defined since the greening of the economy can apply to turning to sustainable production and consumption patterns in almost any industry: less greenhouse gas emissions, less consumption of natural resources, less pollution. The United Nations<sup>3</sup> however provide a list of **10 key economic sectors** driving the defining trends of the transition to a green economy: **1. Buildings, 2. Agriculture; 3. Fisheries; 4. Energy supply; 5. Forestry; 6. Tourism; 7. Transport; 8. Waste; 9. Water; 10. Manufacturing & industry.** Of course, opportunities vary a lot in each Interreg MED country, but the following table provides a list of promising subsectors in Europe that can guide SMEs in the whole Interreg MED cooperation area. The main sources used to establish this list include:

- A paper commissioned by the European Climate Foundation that identified 2,000 climate-positive investment projects that have the potential to create significant social, environmental and economic value, including 1,000 that are “shovel-ready”: “Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY. [assets.ey.com/content/dam/ey-sites/ey-com/en\\_gl/topics/assurance/assurance-pdfs/ey-green-recovery-report.pdf](https://assets.ey.com/content/dam/ey-sites/ey-com/en_gl/topics/assurance/assurance-pdfs/ey-green-recovery-report.pdf)
- OECD Work on Green Growth 2019-20: [issuu.com/oecd.publishing/docs/gg\\_brochure\\_2019\\_web](https://issuu.com/oecd.publishing/docs/gg_brochure_2019_web)
- Resources of the Global Green Growth Institute such as “The Promise of Green Growth: A Pathway to Prosperity while Achieving National and Global Ambitions », November 2020. [gggi.org/site/assets/uploads/2020/12/The-Promise-of-Green-Growth\\_WEB\\_page-view\\_1DEC.pdf](https://gggi.org/site/assets/uploads/2020/12/The-Promise-of-Green-Growth_WEB_page-view_1DEC.pdf)
- Resources of the Green Policy Platform, available at <https://www.greengrowthknowledge.org/guidance/search>

Main GG sectors	Relevant subsectors
Buildings	<b>Building renovation/ energy efficiency improvement</b> account for 11% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects”  <b>Innovative building material</b>  <b>Construction process</b>  <b>Smart cities, domotic (Information technology in the home)</b>

<sup>3</sup> Towards Green Economy: Pathways to Sustainable Development and Poverty Eradication, 2011, UNEP

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Agriculture	<p>Sustainable production and processing of agricultural products allowing to meet increasing demands for food and fibre and to <b>increase resource efficiency</b> in terms of:</p> <p><b>Productivity</b></p> <p><b>Water use</b></p> <p><b>Carbon capture</b></p> <p><b>External inputs like nutrients and pesticides</b></p> <p><b>Ecosystem resilience</b></p>
Fisheries	<p><b>Improved monitoring tools</b> for fishery and aquaculture</p> <p><b>Innovative technologies</b> in aquaculture: domestication of new species, vaccine, feed ingredients, feeding, rearing material and system</p>
Energy supply	<p><b>Renewable energy generation</b> (electricity or heat) accounts for 36% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Transmission and distribution</b> account for 9% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Energy storage and system services</b> account for 4% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>District heating and cooling</b></p> <p><b>Smart grid efficiency</b></p>
Forestry	<p><b>Afforestation, reforestation and sustainable forest management</b></p> <p><b>Agriculture technologies (AgTech)</b></p> <p><b>Land remediation</b></p> <p><b>Biodiversity and natural capital</b></p>
Tourism	<p>Greening of tourism in terms of:</p> <p><b>Reducing tourism footprint: energy use, saving water, efficient &amp; eco-friendly waste disposal, Staying local &amp; seasonal, Minimising food miles</b></p> <p><b>Increasing tourism positive impacts and spillovers: Ethical buying, Promoting biodiversity, etc.</b></p>

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Transport	<p><b>Public transport</b> accounts for 12% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Low carbon mobility</b> accounts for 5% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Electrification of transport</b></p> <p><b>Recharge infrastructure</b></p> <p><b>Autonomous vehicles MaaS (Mobility as a Service)</b></p> <p><b>Low-carbon logistics</b></p>
Waste	<p><b>Waste management technologies</b></p> <p><b>Recycling processes</b></p>
Water	<p><b>Increasing water use efficiency:</b> new technologies related to better water management / smart water systems</p> <p><b>Increasing water quality:</b> fighting water pollution, innovative water treatment technologies</p> <p><b>Water powered energy</b></p>
Manufacturing & industry	<p><b>Circular economy</b> accounts for 7% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Industrial process efficiency</b> accounts for 7% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Green hydrogen for industry</b> accounts for 7% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Manufacturing of low-carbon technologies</b> accounts for 4% of the 1,000+ green projects selected as “shovel-ready climate-positive investment projects” (“Perspectives on a European green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic”, April 2021, EY)</p> <p><b>Carbon capture and storage</b></p>