



New Initiatives in Southern Europe and Mediterranean.

EU Cooperation Programmes overview

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Outline

Currently, several initiatives in the Southern Europe and the Mediterranean are at stake, on the one side there is the *Initiative¹, for the development of the Blue Economy in the West Mediterranean*, on the other a pilot governance platform acting in the whole Mediterranean *Panoramed²*. In addition, the EU financial perspectives for the next programming period is under discussion.

Currently, while rethinking the EU policies, those cooperation programmes operating in the area will discuss on their complementarities, developments as well as on the alignment within the West Med Initiative, Panoramed or other initiatives possible in this area.

It is to mention that Interact is acting as observer in the West Med Initiative and as associated partner in the Panoramed Platform project.

Objectives

The proposed meeting will bring together cooperation programmes operating in the same geographical area and dealing with the same topics or complementary ones. The meeting has a threefold aim:

1. To share information and seek for complementarities among the Cooperation Programmes.
 - Programmes' state of play. Priorities, budget engaged and project examples, if existing.
 - Programmes' calls to be developed in the coming future.
2. To foster awareness about the new initiatives in the area: West Med Initiative and Panoramed platform and to spot their contribution to these.
3. Commission will update on the financial perspectives 2021-2027, namely for Interreg and ENI CBC MED.

As a main output, the meeting will come up with a synthesis of the complementarities among the EU Cooperation Programmes and possible alignment within the West Med Initiative and Panoramed.

It was in February 2017 when the [Med Lab Group](#) met last, an exchange of information, where programmes showed their complementarity to the West Med objectives. Now

¹ Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy is based on the Union for the Mediterranean process and its Ministerial declaration, adopted on 17 November 2015 and endorsed on the Conference on Blue Economy, on the 29-30 November 2017.

² Panoramed is the Interreg MED Governance platform for the Mediterranean



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programmes have already launched their calls and in some cases not only projects are running but even showing results. Now it is the right time to get back together and check the latest activities and achievements!

Target Group.

Interreg Programmes, mainly: Interreg MED, Italy France Maritime, Italy Malta, Adriatic, Balkan Mediterranean, Sudooc.

ENI Programmes, mainly Italy Tunisia, ENI CBC Med.

EC Commission: DG MARE and DG REGIO.

Others: CPMR_CIM, Panoramad Coordinator/liaising/ thematic coordinator. Italian representative at Interact MC

The meeting is open to MA, STC and Monitoring Committee Members, however due to this is a hands on meeting, we will ask a maximum of 2 people per Cooperation programme to participate, in order to make the discussions feasible



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Day one **6 September 2018**

14.00 – 15.00 **Registration and Welcome Lunch**

15.00 – 15.45 **Welcome and Introduction to the meeting.**

- Welcome by Mr. Dario Tornabene. Regional Government of Sicily.
- Objectives and expectations Interact.

15.45 – 16.30

New initiatives in Southern Europe and Mediterranean. What are they about?

- Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy, in the Western Mediterranean. Luca Marangoni. DG Mare (tbc)
- Panoramed. Eleni Hatziyanni: Region of Crete.

16.30 – 16.45

Coffee break

16.45 – 17.30

New financial perspectives post 2020. Updates from the Commission.

- Maria Soumela. DG Regio

17.30

Wrap up and conclusions for next day.

20.00

Networking Dinner on own expenses

At the end of the day the participants should better understand those initiatives that are being developed in the Mediterranean, as well as the new financial perspective's proposal by the Commission.



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Day two

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09.00 – 9.15

Welcome again.

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Introduction to day 2.

9.15 – 11.15

EU Cooperation Programmes sharing experiences.

- Programmes' state of play. Brief presentation about: Priorities, budget engaged and project examples, if existing and future calls to be developed.
- Open discussion.

11.15 – 11.45

Coffee Break.

11.45 – 12.30

Synergies between the EU cooperation Programmes and Western Mediterranean Initiatives and Panoramed.

- Open discussion.

12.30 – 13.30

Wrap up and next steps.

13.30

Conclusion by Michele Colavito. Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale

Farewell lunch

At the end of the day the programmes will have improved their knowledge about their state of play and expectations for the next coming calls. They will discuss about their common priorities and possible contribution to the Western Mediterranean Initiative, Panoramed or others (if the case).

Based on the debate raised along the sessions, future meetings could be established to support the programmes operating in the area, mainly from a governance perspective and thematic.

A final output will be developed presenting the main conclusions of the meeting. This chart will illustrate the programmes specific objectives, the budget already engaged per objective, type of calls launched or expected ones and 1 project example for each objective. Links to the Western Mediterranean Initiative and Panoramed will be shown if relevant.