

# Interact Med Lab Group

## Briefing on the Southern Europe and Mediterranean area. December 2019.

### What happened in Southern Europe and the Mediterranean in 2019?

Recap on the activities and events and tools developed in this area.

- I. 2019 has been a year with a particular focus **post 2020**, in this context a [Map of EU cooperation Territorial Coverage](#). This map shows the 2013-2020 Interreg., ENI and IPA programmes territorial status quo.
- II. Coastal Tourism is one of the main topics of the EU cooperation programmes in the Med area. In order to highlight the projects achievements and capitalise results among the programmes operating in the Mediterranean, Interact organised a workshop on **Innovative Practices in Coastal Tourism**. To find the conclusions of this event click [here](#).
- III. **Fishing Tourism** as an example of Sustainable Coast tourism. *Tourismed* an Interreg Med project open their doors to us. See more in this [video](#).
- IV. Interact's Med Lab Group participates in two Mediterranean governance process as observer and associated partner respectively.
  - **WestMed Initiative**, which has organised national hubs in the 5+5 countries involved to promote Mediterranean north-south clusters and projects in Blue Economy. During last May in Palermo, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Hackathon WestMed Blue Economy also took place in order to prepare the Summit of the two Shores. To find more about the click [here](#).
  - **Panoramed** has launched and approved 4 Strategic projects on Maritime Surveillance and Coastal Tourism. 2020 will focus on innovation. To find more about Panoramed click [here](#)
- V. Interreg and ENI programmes share the challenges and meets contributes to the same objectives. Financing opportunities have different timing. Many Interreg projects are giving already results and most programmes have already allocated their financial resources with their last calls. On the other, ENI still launching calls and have some resources yet to be allocated. In this framework Interact also supported the WestMed Initiative on how EU cooperation projects share the same See [more](#).
- VI. In addition, Interact's Med lab Group participated in several events promoting the synergies among Interreg and ENI CBC programmes in the Mediterranean, as well as supporting North and South cooperation: European Week and Regions and cities (Brussels), Conference of the MSPglobal initiative, UNESCO Paris, France and Hackathons WestMED Blue Economy contribution to the Summit of the Two Shores.



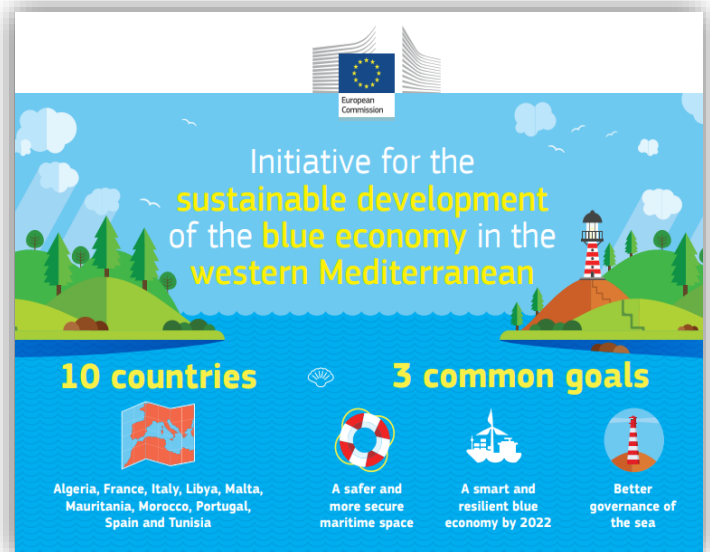
## West Med Initiative for the Sustainable Development of the Blue Economy.

More information:

<http://www.westmed-initiative.eu/>

In 2017, the [EU Communication](#) and the 'Framework for Action' document presenting the identified priorities, actions and projects on the development of the blue economy in the Western Mediterranean was adopted.

In 2018, the EU Commission and the 5+5 countries (1) involved in the initiative started its implementation in coherence, complementarity and coordination with all the EU programmes and national/international funding taking place in the region.



**EU Commission launched a Blue Economy Call 2018** (opening: 23.10.2018 - deadline for applicants: 31.01.2019). Focusing on 3 topics: Blue Labs, Blue Careers and Blue Economy <https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/news/blue-economy-call-187-million-available-funding>

The Declaration of Alger and the West Med Roadmap were adopted in Alger, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2018, during the **WestMed Stakeholders's Conference"** and the **Ministerial Meeting**,

## What happened?

<sup>1</sup> EU countries France, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain. Neighbour countries: Algeria, Lybia, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia



- Stressing the **added value** of Interreg and ENI programmes in the area (2) to fulfil the WestMed objectives. See more at: [Mapping cooperation across the WestMed](#).
- Informing about the **eligibility of operations in cooperation programmes for non EU countries** (art 20 ETC Regulation). See more at: [http://www.westmed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/181203\\_Interact\\_26.pdf](http://www.westmed-initiative.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/181203_Interact_26.pdf)

## 2 Interreg MED governance Platform PANORAMED. Enhancing Mediterranean Governance

**Panoramed** is a decision making governance platform launched in September 2017 by Interreg MED programme. 2018 was namely focused to disseminate the Platform and in particular to prepare the ToR of Panoramed Strategic calls in 2 main sectors **Coastal Tourism** and **Maritime Surveillance**. The first one, co-lead by Tuscany Region and Croatia, the second one by Secretariat de la Mer (France). The calls will be launched by mid 2019 with a budget of 12.993.252 € co-financed ERDF+IPA. 4 projects will be approved.



More information at <https://governance.interreg-med.eu/>

### Interact's role in Panoramed.

As an associated partner Interact's Med Lab Group supported Panoramed:

- Organised a meeting focused on the existing new initiatives in the Mediterranean. (see next point).
- [Provided relevant information about the state of play of Interreg and ENI programmes operating in the Mediterranean and the eligibility of operations for non EU partners.](#)
- Participated at the Mainstream pilot activity with the Valencian Region decision makers.
- The Migration Network supported Molise Region as leader of WP Migration.

## 3 New Initiatives in Southern Europe and Mediterranean. EU Cooperation Programmes meeting –

Last September 2018 Interact Med Lab Group, organised a meeting in Palermo (Italy), together with the following programmes Interreg V-A Italy - France (Maritime), Interreg TN Adriatic – Ionian, ENI CBC Mediterranean Sea Basin, Interact (Italian MC), Interreg MED, Interreg ADRION, Interreg TN Balkan – Mediterranean, Interreg V-A Italy – Malta, European Commission, ENI CBC Italy – Tunisia CRPM-CIM.

During this meeting we discussed about the programmes state of play, new calls, common topics and their possible alignment with WestMed Initiative, as well as their possible contribution to Panoramed.



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<sup>2</sup> Interreg Italy France, Interreg Italy Malta, Interreg MED, Interreg South West Europe, ENI CBC MED, ENI Italy - Tunisia

It was Marco Nobile from DG Mare who highlighted European Commission's proposal for post 2020 regulations.

Check on the [report and presentations](#)

Publication: "[Interreg and ENI investing priorities in Southern Europe and Mediterranean programmes](#)"



### What is coming next in 2019?

**Med Lab Group Community** will be relaunched, if you would like to be part of this community please let me know. In this community you will be able to upload relevant information and shared meetings and events.

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Interact Med Lab Group will organize a meeting on Coastal Tourism in Marseille.  
SAVE THE DATE**

#### More:

4 February 2019 - Barcelona

International Seminar on the Future of the Mediterranean Region after 2020

From 8 to 12 April 2019 - Brussels

Europe, let's cooperate! Interregional cooperation forum

16 and 17 May 2019 - Lisbon

European Maritime Days

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