

Improving Synergies across the Mediterranean in 2021-2027: From Programming to Implementation



12 of April 2022.

Online Meeting_ 9.00 - 13.00 CET

Please note that this is a technical meeting where no decisions are taken but allows programme bodies to exchange on their visions



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Introduction and meeting objectives.

After a long period of Task Force meetings, most programmes would submit their Cooperation Programme to the Commission by the first week of April 2022, therefore this meeting will be one of a series of events passing from the programming, exercise to the first steps of the programme's implementation.

In particular, during this event we will be setting the context based on their draft Operational Programmes and reflect on the next steps to start working effectively on the implementation to improve synergies and complementarities in the whole Mediterranean area.

Nevertheless, the support to other initiatives and methodologies in the area for this purpose, being sub geographical or thematic are consider.

Participants will be engaged through polls and the questions in the chat for an active exchange.

Target group

This meeting will be prior invitation and it will be mainly focus on MA and/or JS

1. TN Med
2. TN Adrion
3. TN Sudoe
4. CBC Italy France Maritime,
5. CBC Italy Malta
6. CBC Italy Croatia
7. CBC Italy Slovenia
8. CBC Italy Greece
9. CBC Spain France Andorra
10. CBC Greece Cyprus
11. CBC Greece Bulgaria
12. CBC IPA Croatia Bosnia Montenegro
13. CBC IPA Italy Albania Montenegro
14. CBC IPA Macedonia
15. CBC IPA Greece Albania
16. NEXT TN MED
17. NEXT CBC Italy Tunisia.

- Observers:
 - Member States, Partner and IPA countries members of TF meetings.
 - EUSAIR and WestMed representatives. (WestMed Assistance Mechanism on behalf of the Initiative)
 - EC: DG Regio, DG Mare



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- 9.00 - 9.05** **Welcome and technicalities.**
Interact/Tesim.
- 9.05 - 9.15** **Introduction. What after the submitting the Operational Programme?**
- Objective: Framing the situation regarding Synergies with other programmes.
 - Interact/Tesim.
- 9.15 - 9.40** **Commission Updates**
- Objective: Commission will update on the most recent news for Interreg programmes
 - Speakers: Pascal Boijmans Head of Unit D2 and Jean Pierre Halkin Head of Unit D1. DG Regio. European Commission.
 - Moderation: Interact and Tesim
- 9.40 - 10.10** **What is Interreg financing in the Mediterranean for 2021-2027? Mapping and clustering: Thematic overview in the Mediterranean. Which topic would you work jointly?**
- Objective: Snapshot on programmes choices in SO and themes provided by the MA based on TF meetings, based on latest version of OP and January-February's bilateral meetings. After the session, participants would know where to identify who is financing each theme and what actions are foreseen per theme. This information would allow to decide with whom to work what.
 - Moderation: Interact/Tesim
- 10.10 - 10.25** **Learning from previous experiences of Inter-programme Coordination in Interreg. The Artic case.**
Speaker: Kirsti Mijnhijmer from Interreg Northern Periphery and Artic programme.
- 10.25 - 11.30** **What are the Mediterranean programmes planning to do jointly? Why? How?(Part 1).**
- Objective: Informative session, updates and discussions on methodologies aiming at improving synergies in the Mediterranean area. One, under the EUSAIR framework and embedding process. The other based on the initiative of 3 programmes (Interreg Euromed, Interreg NextMed and Interreg IT-FR maritime).
 - Multi-programme coordination mechanism in the Mediterranean Sea Basin. Aldo Puleo from Interreg NEXT MED.
 - EUSAIR thematic clustering and embedding process by Battistina Cugusi from Department of Cohesion Policy, Presidency of the Council of Ministers. Italy.
 - Moderation: Interact/Tesim
- 11.30 -11.35** **Break**



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What are the Mediterranean programmes planning to do jointly? Why? How? (Part 2) Discussion on other possible actions.

- Objectives: Exercise to extract those activities that the programmes have foreseen in their Ops to do jointly or in a complementary way. From communication activities, joint visibility, joint gap analysis, etc. After the session, participants would have a clearer idea what and in which level of collaboration they would like to work together.
- Breakout rooms discussions based on their OP and the suggested [template for 1.2 of the OP regarding synergies and complementarities within the Mediterranean area](#)
- Moderation: Interact/Tesim.

12.35 -12.50

Synergies with other funds.

EMFAF call for flagship projects on blue economy with a sea basin perspective has Focus on WestMed area and the topic of sustainable tourism by Manuel Pleguezuelo. DG MARE
Moderation: Interact/Tesim

12.50 -13.00

Conclusions and next steps.

After the meeting, participants will understand the journey to be walked together to improve synergies and collaboration in the Mediterranean.

*Note.- All sessions will have a Q&A

Practicalities

Online meeting and meeting times

All times indicated in this agenda are CET (Brussels time).

We will meet online using the video conferencing tool Zoom. Together with your registration confirmation, you will receive the link and further information how to access the virtual meeting room.

This meeting will be recorded but not published.

Other information

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