

Med Lab Group's evolution.

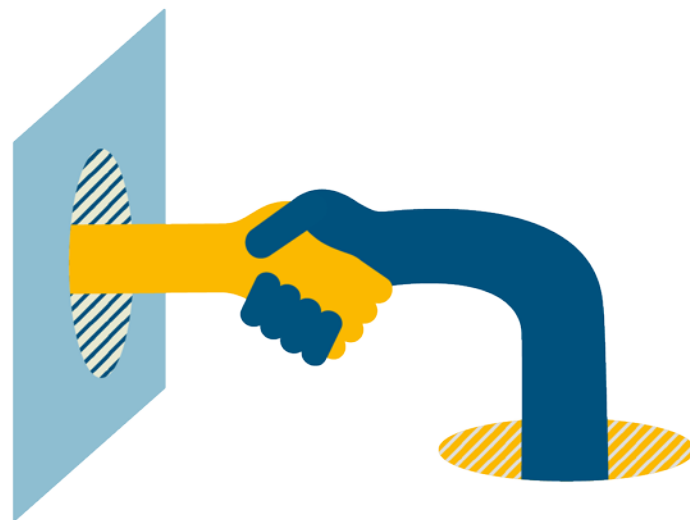
From 2010 to 2020. Existing initiatives in the Mediterranean.

Med Lab Group Meeting.

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Med Lab's Group Evolution from 2010 to 2020

From a Thematic and Geographical capitalisation Network. (2010-2013)

- Capitalisation and dissemination of results among relevant stakeholders .

Natural risks and climate change, Maritime risks, Transport, Energy Efficiency in Public Buildings.

Meeting of 4 Transnational Mediterranean programmes + ENPI CBC MED. (2015)

- Ambitious approach: “A say” in the Mediterranean dialogue.
- Identification of a common theme and shared challenges.

Conserving, protecting, promotion and developing natural and cultural heritage. Migration, Coastal Tourism, ICMZ...

- General consensus of reactivating the platform for more strategic issues: West Med Initiative, Interreg Med Pilot Axis 4, others....



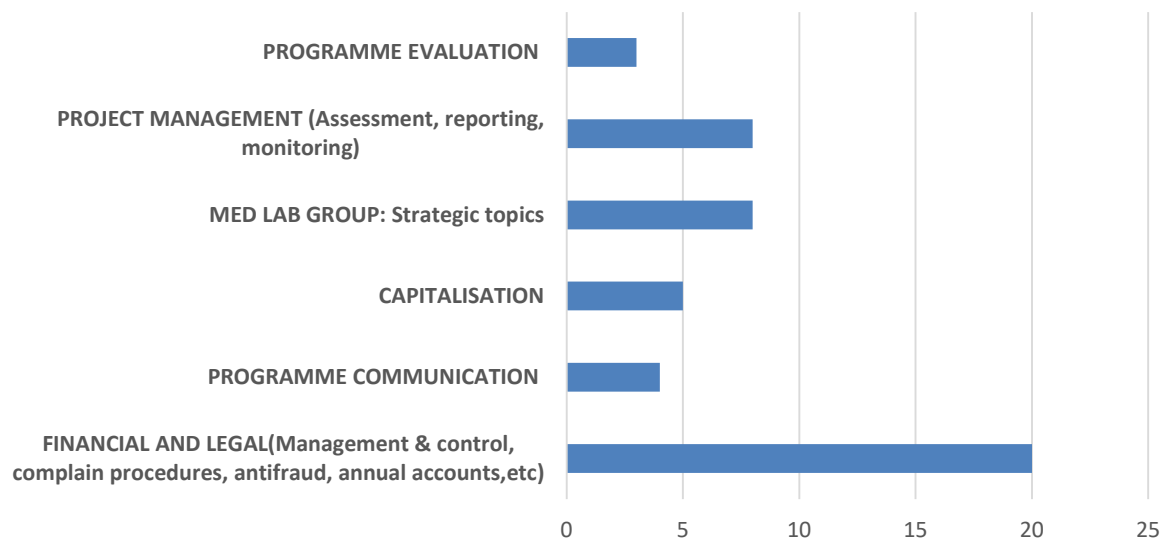
Why to we need an Interreg and ENI programmes platform in the Mediterranean?

- ★ 1. To exchange [daily programme management](#) issues among other programmes?
- ★ 2. To discuss together EU Institutions and programmes of the area [for strategic purposes](#) in the Mediterranean.
- 3. To be a permanent group „Think Tank“ of Mediterranean issues.
- 4. To work on future [harmonisation of ToR](#) to set the same requirements for the future calls.
- 5. To provide [specific training](#) needs not yet covered by Interact.
- 6. [More ideas...](#)



What is coming today in the Med Lab Group?

1. Platform to exchange **daily programme management** issues among other programmes?



2. Platform of **discussion** bringing together EU Institutions, Mediterranean organisations and programmes of the area **for strategic purposes** in the Mediterranean:
 - a) West Med initiative ,
 - b) Axe 4 Pilot action of the Interreg Med.
 - c) Union for the Mediterranean branding.



Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western mediterranean.

WEST MED Initiative.

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



WEST MED initiative.

Objectives and geographical scope

The specific objectives

- a) [Assessing](#) the needs and opportunities for maritime policy coordination and project-based cooperation in the Western Mediterranean;
- b) Involving the most relevant [stakeholders](#) in the process and ensure that their interests and concerns are properly taken into account in the drafting of the Strategy and the Action Plan;
- c) Supporting the drafting of a [Strategy and an Action Plan](#) for the Western Mediterranean.

Geographical scope

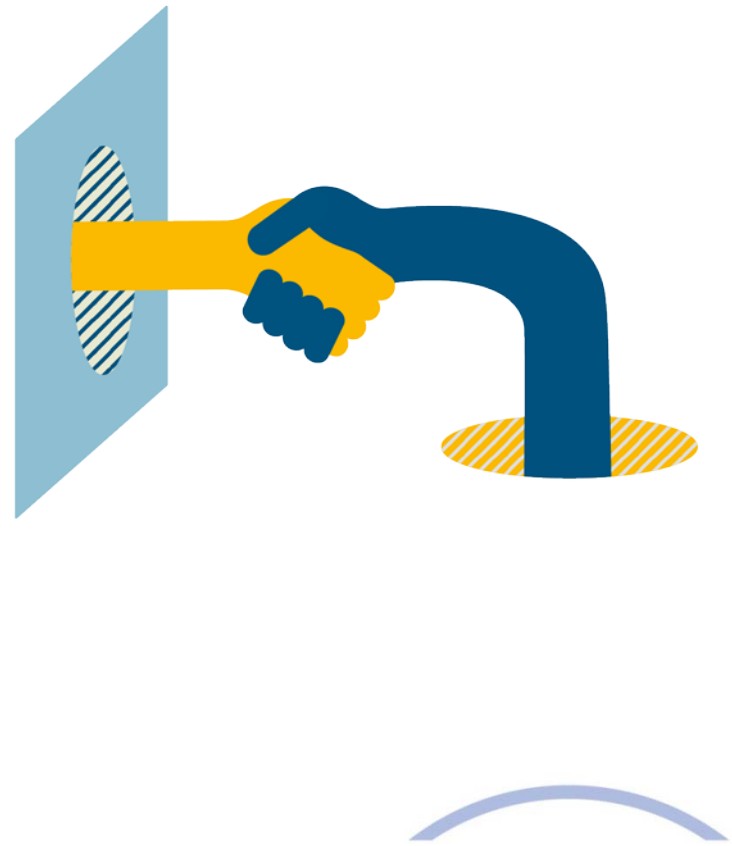
The services to be delivered will focus primarily on the Western Mediterranean Sea of Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Malta, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania.



WEST MED initiative.

What are we aiming with this initiative?

- Create a [stakeholders platform](#).
- Such platform should lead to define viable, joint and coordination of actions and initiatives addressing challenges and opportunities with transnational and cross sectorial dimension: The strategy should be established under the umbrella of the UfM.



WEST MED initiative.

Who were present in the discussions?

- EU - France, Malta, Italy, Portugal, Spain. South Mediterranean – Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia. Libya.
- Observers: UNEP MAP, MED Programme and DG NEAR. ENI CBC MED Programme and Med Lab Group (Interact)

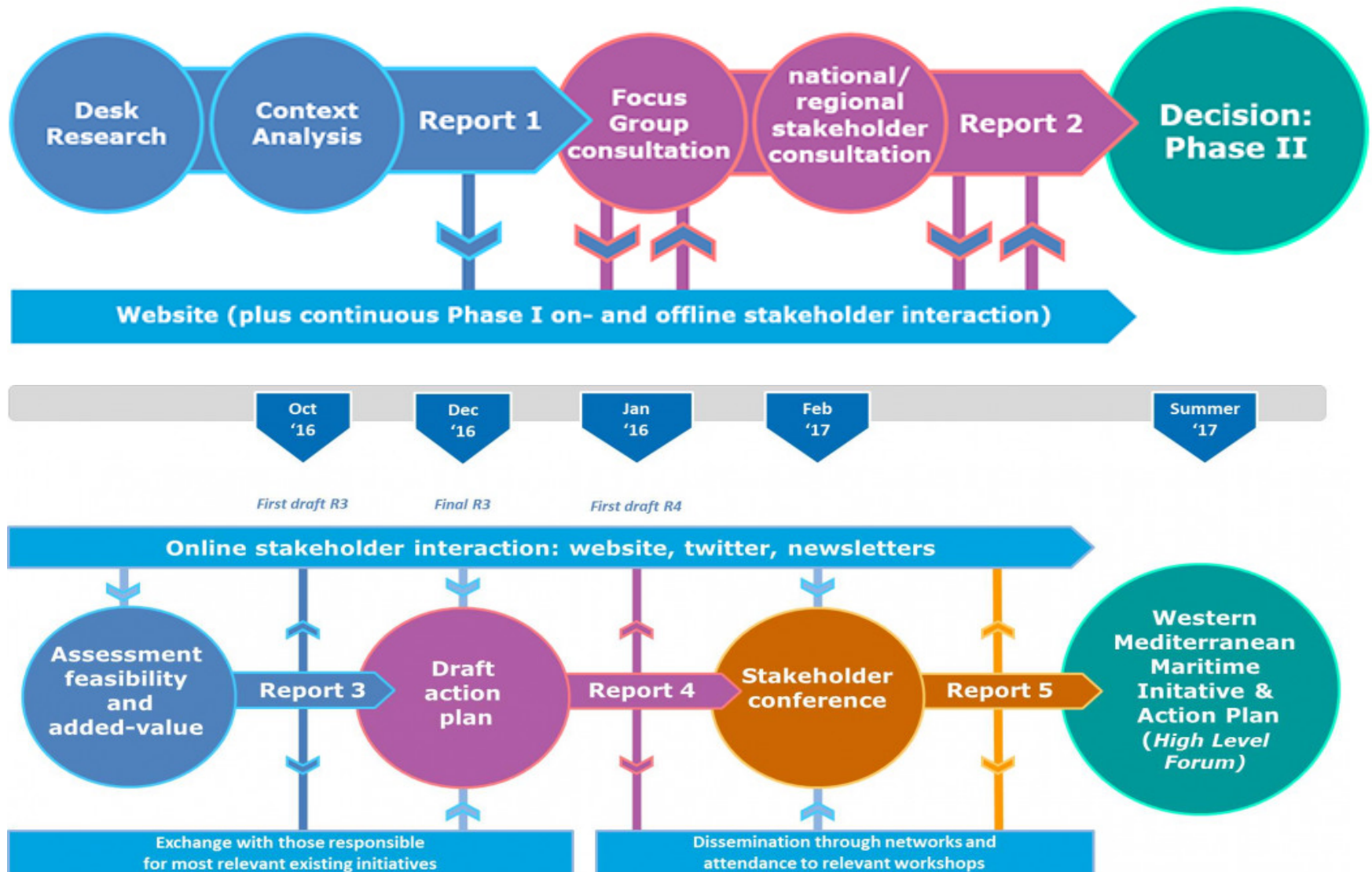
What areas have been identified?

1. **Sufficiently future-proof Blue Economy** (This theme includes coastal and maritime tourism as well as blue bio-tech innovation);
2. **Safer and more secure sea** (This theme includes maritime surveillance and migration);
3. **Environmentally sustainable activities**;
4. **Maritime education and training** (This theme includes Blue skills which is cross cutting aspect of coastal and maritime tourism, maritime surveillance and innovation).



WEST MED initiative.

2 Phases Process



Interreg Mediterranean



EUROPEAN UNION

Programme presentation

Focus on

Axis 4 - Enhancing Mediterranean governance