Blue Growth







Horizontal Communication & Capitalization project for Innovation in Blue Growth at Mediterranean level

After laying the foundations of a strong community during the project's first phase (InnoBlueGrowth, 2016-2019), the Interreg MED Blue Growth Community (BGC) project assists and coordinates the Interreg MED so-called "modular projects" dealing with Blue Growth issues in their communication and capitalization activities. More specifically, the BGC creates and ensures internal and external synergies and knowledge sharing, with a view to supporting the transfer and capitalization of project recommendations for policy-making and their take-on by multilevel stakeholders (projects, SMEs, decision-makers, technicians, researchers, etc.). Within this network, among the closed and ongoing modular projects, we have 3 study projects, 9 testing projects and 4 capitalisation projects. Besides, the Blue Growth Community also integrates three strategic projects, one in Maritime Surveillance and two on Innovation. In order to mobilise this broad community, the BGC carries out stakeholder events, trainings, associates peer reviews, policy recommendations documents and supports the transfer and capitalization of the most innovative tools developed by the MED Blue Growth Projects. Its ultimate goal, coincidental with that of the WestMED initiative, is to keep contributing to the sustainable socioeconomic development of the Mediterranean region through innovative investments and entrepreneurship in the Blue Economy.



Caterina Praticò (Project coordinator/ CoNISMa)

The Blue Growth Community, this is I the occasion for consolidating the existing community. We worked for three years already and now we welcome the new projects, which means that we have new members, and new projects, new topics and also new associated partners."

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Project - responsible

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Partners **LEAD: Consorzio Nazionale**

Interuniversitario per le Scienze del Mare - CoNISMa (IT)

- Association of the Mediterranean Chambers of Commerce and Industry -ASCAME (ES)
- Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions – CPMR (FR)
- Plan Bleu for Mediterranean environment and development (FR)
- National Technical University of Athens - School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (GR)
- University of Montenegro Institute of Marine Biology (ME)
- IrRADIARE, Science for evolution®, Lda. (PT)

WestMED Initiative Alignment

With an innovative approach, the Blue Growth Community has integrated dynamics between projects and transnational stakeholders, which draws parallels with the WestMED efforts to bring together key stakeholders from both sides of the Mediterranean Sea around topics such as Sustainable Aquaculture and Green Shipping.

Additionally, among its main results, the BGC has decisively supported Mediterranean clusters active in Blue Economy, which is a key priority for the WestMED initiative.



Maritime cluster

development



Strategic research and innovation

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