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An Overview of the WestMed Initiative

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The Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean

The WestMED Initiative

An innovative cooperation instrument between nations, regions and people of the western Mediterranean to facilitate the blue economy

COUNTRIES

ALGERIA MAURITANIA

FRANCE MOROCCO

ITALY PORTUGAL

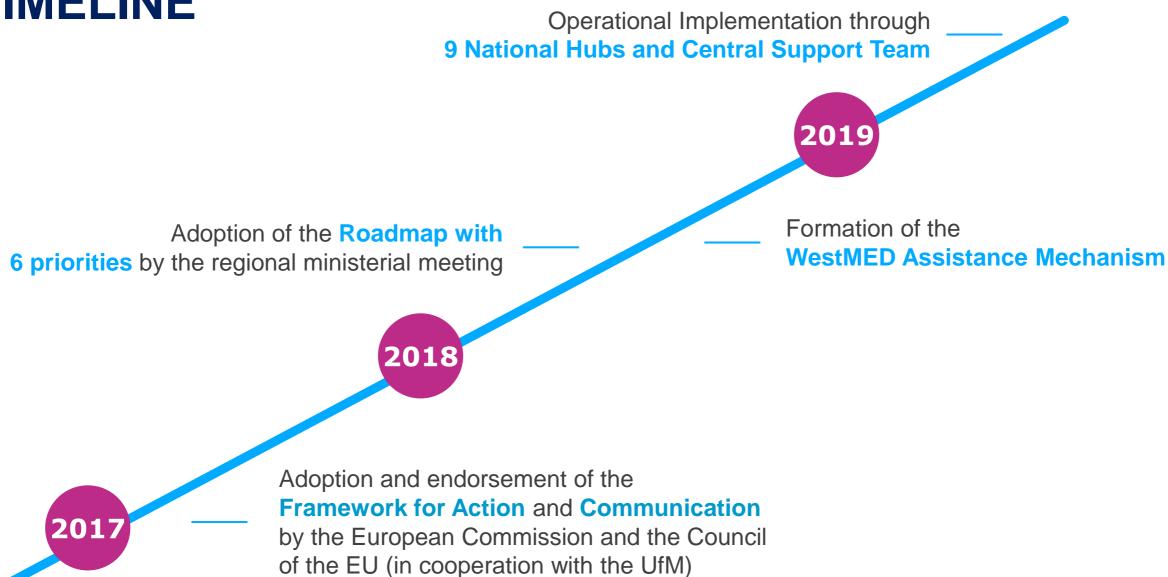
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MALTA TUNISIA

Stronger cooperation is essential between all stakeholders, on both sides of the Mediterranean, to harnass the full potential of the blue economy in this region

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TIMELINE



OBJECTIVES



A safer and more secure maritime space



A smart and resilient blue economy



A better governance of the sea

PRIORITIES



Maritime safety and security



Environment, biodiversity and climate change



Maritime clusters and networks



Skills development and circulation



Sustainable tourism, transport and fight against pollution



Fisheries and Aquaculture

STRUCTURE

Steering Committee

EC/ UfM/ EASME/ National Coordinators/ Consortium

Overall management

EASME/ EC/ Consortium

Operational Management

Consortium

OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Central Team

- steer and spearhead the implementation of activities,
- take responsibility for the overall management and control for the quality of the work delivered

National Hubs

- · mobilise and liaise with local and national stakeholders,
- facilitate the local implementation of activities

Expert Pools

Provide hands-on expertise:

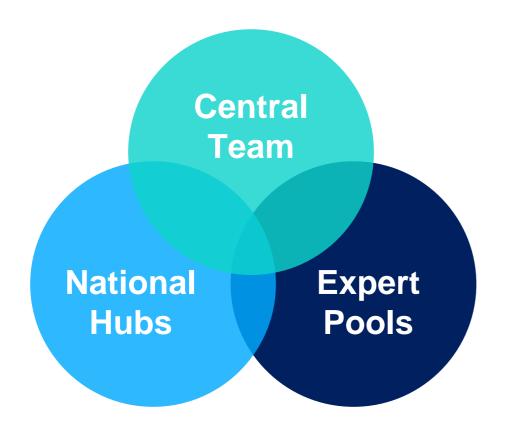
Project funding and development

Events and Communication

Monitoring of funds and projects

Management

TEAM



29+ Experts



- Spain
- Marta Pascual
- Valeria Nuñez

Italy

- Leonardo Manzari
- Laura Parducci

Portugal

Mohamed Malouli Idrissi

Morocco

- Rui Manuel Azevedo
- Frederico Pinto Ferreira

Ayman Jghab

Sofia Maciel

Algeria

- Samir Grimes
- Samir Bachouce

Tunisia

Frédérick Herpers

- Salem Miladi
- Slim Jerbia

France

Colin Ruel

Malta

- Stephanie Vella
- Annabel Vella
- Gordon Cordina

Mauritania

- Dedah Babou
- Mohamed Lemine Abdel Hamid



N/A

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Gordon Cordina

Ensure permanent
availability of the
Assistance Mechanism
at a national level

Liaise with relevant stakeholders, including national/regional authorities responsible for WestMed related cooperation programs

Advise and assist stakeholders in setting up projects and feasibility studies and finding partners

Bring technical
expertise to the
preparation of
project-proposals for
grants/calls

- Assisting stakeholders in developing project ideas by finding partners across the National Hub Network
- Supporting stakeholders in the compilation of the required documentation for the submission of applications
- During the past two years the NH has assisted with the development of various projects related to the development of clusters, blue biotechnology, aquaculture, fisheries and blue skills

Identify and promote funding opportunities for projects in accordance with the roadmap & national priorities

- Identification of several cooperation avenues to match potential partners from across the WestMed countries for project development
- Disseminating information with local stakeholders on relevant funding opportunities
- Keeping abreast of ongoing developments of funding programmes and opening of calls

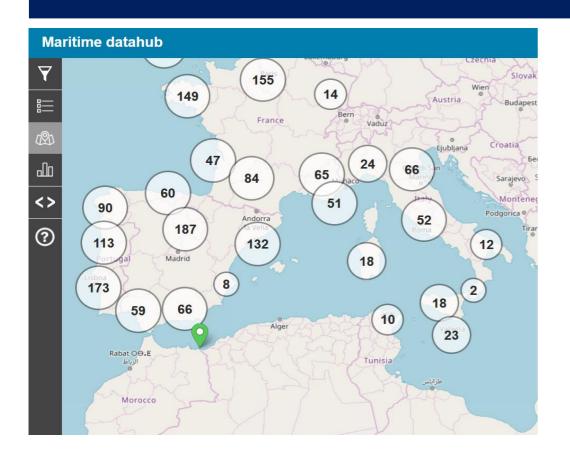
Network to support the development of the initiative (roadshows, conference presence)

Assist and participate in the organisation of national and international events (e.g. hackathons)

By engaging directly with stakeholders through inperson meetings and other events, the National Hub is able to:

- increase the visibility of the WestMed Initiative
- disseminate information about funding opportunities and project ideas
- understand the main areas of interest of stakeholders to provide them with better support

Collect information on business development opportunities, public funding and private investment opportunities (including info for EASME Maritime DataHub).



- The Maritime DataHub is an interactive tool that compiles information on past and ongoing maritime-related projects
- Around **40 projects** were identified by the NH to be uploaded in the DataHub
- http://maritime.easme-web.eu/#

SHAPING THE FUTURE

Stakeholder Theme Discussions

- Sustainable transport/ alternative fuels/ green shipping
- Tourism accelerator
- Sustainable and Innovative aquaculture
- Innovation platform on Maritime Technologies





WE CAN HELP...



If you have a concrete project, to...

- Identify possible funding opportunities
- Connect with possible partners across the National Hub Network
- Structure your project(idea)



If you have expertise, to...

- Connect with possible projects across the WestMED National Hub Network
- Provide a platform to helping shape future WestMED developments (stakeholder meetings)



Technical Group

SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT & GREEN SHIPPING

National Groups of stakeholders coordinated by the National Hubs



WestMED countries National delegates

Technical Group on

Sustainable Transport and Green Shipping

Medium Term Scenarios

Common Intitiatives

Cross Border Projects

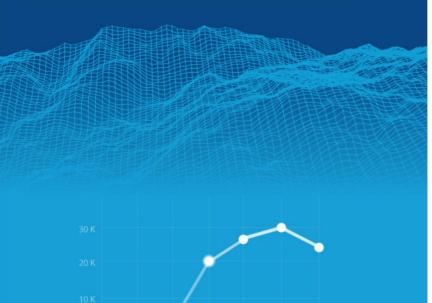




ODYSSEA

1 June 2017 - 30 November 2021

ODYSSEA will develop, operate and demonstrate an interoperable and cost-effective platform that fully integrates networks of observing and forecasting systems across the Mediterranean basin, addressing both the open sea and the coastal zone.





COUNTRIES

Malta Portugal Algeria Israel

Italy Germany

France Tokelau

Tunisia Greece

Spain The Netherlands Egypt United Kingdom

BUDGET

€ 8.399.000

FUNDING SOURCE

H2020

West MoPoCo

The Project supports the western mediterranean coastal states in strenghtening their cooperation in the field of preparedness for and response to oil and Highly Noxious Substances (HNS) marine pollution and in improving the quality and interoperability of their response capacities.



Western Mediterranean
Region Marine Oil and
HNS Pollution
Cooperation

COUNTRIES

France Malta
Algeria Morocco
Italy Tunisia
Malta United Kingdom

BUDGET

€ 868.000

FUNDING SOURCE

ECHO

FUNDING PROGRAMS

CONTINUOUS SCREENING

CALLS/ GRANTS/ TENDERS/ PROPOSALS

LIFE	EU Funding programme for the Environment and Climate Action
H2020	Horizon 2020/ Research and Innovation Programme
DG MARE	Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
JPI Oceans	Joint Programming Initaitives for Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans
EMFF	European Maritime Fisheries Fund
ENI CBC MED	European Neighbourhood Instrument/ Cross Border Cooperation/ Mediterranean
INTERREG	Atlantic/ Mediterranean / POCTEP/ POCTEFA/ SUDOE/ EUROPE
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
COSME	EU programme Competitiveness for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises
CEF	Connecting Europe Facilty (transport, energy and digital projects)
ERASMUS +	EU programme for education, training, youth and sport
CHAFEA	Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency
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SOME (OPEN) OPPORTUNITIES

Last updated: August 2020

CEF

Connecting Europe Facility

The Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) is a key EU funding instrument to promote growth, jobs and competitiveness through targeted infrastructure investment at European level.

Ongoing call

Transport Blending Facility Call – Deployment of alternative fuels https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/connecting-europe-facility/cef-transport/apply-funding/blending-facility-beadline: 23-11-2020



Future calls

Transport: € 24.115 M. | Energy: € 8.650 M. | € Digital: 3.000 M.

Budget: € 30.4 B. / INEA manages € 28.7 B

JPI OCEANS

JPI Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans



Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans is an intergovernmental platform that strives to increase the impact of national investments in marine and maritime research and innovation

Ongoing call

- ERA-NET Cofund on Blue Bioeconomy Unlocking the Potential of Aquatic Bioresources (BlueBio)

 Deadline: 14 September Budget: 11 Million

 http://jpi-oceans.eu/calls/proposals/bluebioeconomy-cofund-opens-new-call-pre-proposals
 - 14 September: submission deadline for pre-proposals
 - 14 December: Invitation for submission of full proposals
 - December 2021all projects should have started

Upcoming calls:

N/A

EMFF

- Fostering sustainable fisheries and the conservation of marine biological resources
- Contributing to food security in the Union through competitive and sustainable aquaculture and markets
- Enabling the growth of a sustainable blue economy and fostering prosperous coastal communities
- Strengthening international ocean governance and enabling safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed seas and oceans

Ongoing call:

Synergies and Clustering Between Maritime Projects

Deadline: 05-10-2020 | Budget: € 450,000

https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftld=6797

Upcoming calls:

New calls expected late 2020

European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

(EMFF)

Proposed Budget 2021-2027: € 6.15 B

+ 500 million recovery package (announcement June 2, 2020)

LIFE

LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment and climate action

Ongoing calls

- Climate action sub-programme

 Deadline: 06-10-2020 | Budget: € 500.000 5 M.+

 https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/section/life/2020-life-call-proposals-traditional-projects-climate-action
- Integrated Projects (IPs) Environment and Climate Action sub-programme

 Deadline: 06-10-2020 (concept note) | Budget: 10 M. project average

 https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/section/life/2020-call-proposals-integrated-project
- Preparatory Projects ECA (Emission Control Areas)

 Deadline: 10-09-2020 | Budget: variable

 https://ec.europa.eu/easme/en/section/life/2020-call-proposals-preparatory-projects
- Preparatory Projects Air Quality

 Deadline: 10-09-2020 | Budget: variable

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Upcoming calls

New calls expected spring 2021



The European Commission organized an information and networking day on the 2020 LIFE call for project proposals: 30 April 2020

See stream from that day: https://webcast.ec.europa.eu/life-info-day-2019-30-04-19

https://eulife2019.b2match.io/

EU CORONAVIRUS INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

EU cohesion policy contributes to the fight against coronavirus with numerous projects all over Europe.

Project beneficiaries have quickly reacted to the sanitary and socio-economic emergency situation using cohesion policy funds to adjust their resources and/or propose solutions.

Many Member States still have a substantial EMFF budget left to support their fisheries, aquaculture and processing sectors, which they can use until the end of 2023.

They can redirect the unspent budget to existing and new EMFF measures in their programme to reduce the negative impact of the Coronavirus crisis on the workers and businesses in these sectors.

Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative



Total Budget € 37 B.

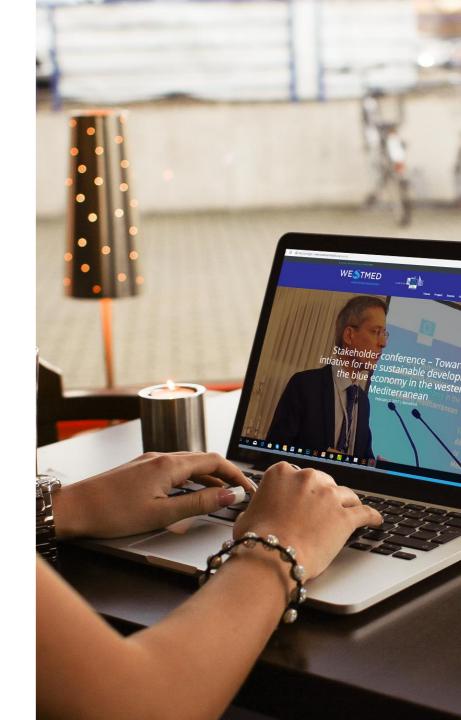
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