

Axis 1 - Support the transition towards a Green, Circular and Socially Inclusive Economy based on sustainable consumption and production practices and nature-based solutions

KA1 Support Sustainable Consumption and Production

KA2 Increase Resource Efficiency

KA3 Adopt innovative solutions along the entire value chain (across sectors and industries, urban and rural)

KA4 Promote changes in business practices, trade, public policy

KA5 Promote changes in education, behavior and lifestyles

KA6 Engage all stakeholders (private, public and society/consumer level) and raise awareness

Country Codes: AL Albania, DZ Algeria, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, HR Croatia, CY Cyprus, EG Egypt, FR France, EL Greece,

IL Israel, IT Italy, JO Jordan, LB Lebanon, MT Malta, MC Monaco, ME Montenegro, MA Morocco,

PS Palestine, PT Portugal, SL Slovenia, ES Spain, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey

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indirect	24	8	21	20	15	19																						
explicit	29	22	16	28	15	12	8	4	12	12	11	11	22	29	8	47	22	20	6	2	9	5	14	8	9	43	24	7

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1	CBC	SME4SMARTCITIES	The increasing need for urban innovation will result in the development of a significant number of smart cities initiatives, creating new business opportunities for Mediterranean SMEs. If we want our cities to be efficiently managed and more livable for communities, public authorities and SMEs have to work together to come up with the best technological solutions. SME4SMARTCITIES will make this collaboration possible by reinforcing the capacities of Mediterranean cities and SMEs. On the one hand, the project will help cities to be the front-runners of innovation, in particular through the use of Public Procurement of Innovative solutions. On the other hand, the project will support Mediterranean SMEs in order to guarantee that their products and services meet the expectations and needs of smart cities.		2022	x				x									x	x	x							x					
2	CBC	FISHMEDNET	The project will train fisheries MSMEs in increasing their diversification and integration potential and favoring the development of new products and services. New business alliances will fill the integration gap among MSMEs by fostering common business models and marketing activities. Finally, the project will develop public authorities capacities to encourage both a sustainable and successful development of the fishing sector.		2022	x		x	x	x												x										x	
3	CBC	CROSSDEV	CROSSDEV expects to increase tourism competitiveness and attractiveness of less known destinations and rural areas, enhancing the Cultural Routes experiences such as those of the Council of Europe (e.g. Phoenicians Route and IterVitis), Palestine (Abraham Path) and Jordan (Jordan Trail). To achieve this goal, the project will set up a cross-border tourism framework to enhance sustainable tourism policies, to promote tourism-related business and to develop community-led action plans. CROSSDEV will enable to increase skills and knowledge, contributing to better tourism practices which benefit socio-economic development and the protection of the environment and cultural heritage.		2022	x				x	i																			x			
4	CBC	MEDPEARLS	Med Pearls aims at internationally positioning the Mediterranean as a unique and integral destination to experience the Med lifestyle through SlowTourism (ST), inviting travellers to discover sustainably and responsibly new destinations while taking time to have direct contact with local communities. The project will deliver a set of 26 new ST products created by local Destination Management Companies (DMCs) and ICT enterprises thanks to financial and technical support called Product Development and Innovation Facilities. The idea is to create similar experiences based on the typology of products and themes agreed among partners, therefore, visitors will live similar experiences, of the same quality, in any of the 13 areas targeted by Med Pearls.		2022	x				x	i							x	x											x			x
5	CBC	MEDUSA	By designing and testing routes and itineraries that offer improved adventure tourism products, MEDUSA will contribute to job creation and income for local communities in the medium and long term. Moreover, the project has the potential to reveal lesser-known destinations and attract tourists throughout the year.		2022	x				x	i																					x	x

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24	CBC	Med4Waste	Med4Waste aims to facilitate new governance models for integrated and efficient urban waste management policies across the Mediterranean through: - building and improving existing knowledge to foster capitalisation of social innovative, integrated and efficient practices from public, private and social sectors in WM across the MSB, with special focus on waste prevention, circular economy practices and on the organic component - offering guidance and training for public administration and relevant private and social stakeholders, to apply transferring actions and exploitation measures and to support planning, adapting and re-addressing of waste management plans, policies and other management actions and normative drivers (regulations, financial plans, service contracts) - supporting dissemination of the key results and increase awareness among key stakeholders, promote cross-border and cross-sectorial networking, and foster long-term commitment of decision and policy makers to promote an environmental, socio-economic and institutional transition towards green growth in MSB.	1, 2	2023	i	i	x	x	i	x								x												x	x
25	CSF IPA II	NAGE - Networking and Advocacy for Green Economy	The overall objective of the project is to provide support to enhance the policy and decision-making impact of Balkan Rural Development Network (BRDN) and its constituents, through involvement in the agricultural and rural program and policy reform processes for introduction of the green economy concept. The project has three specific objectives: 1) Strengthening of the grassroots' CSOs capacities in generic work, advocacy and networking, to be able to sustain their role of agricultural and rural reform advocates, in transparent and accountable way; 2) Introduction of the concept of green economy as unique cross-cutting entrepreneurial model for rural diversification and sustainability; 3) BRDN and its constituents use evidence-based policy development and rights-based advocacy to foster the national EU CAP approximation processes and promote green economy.	1	2021	i			i		x	x			x	x								x								
26	CSF IPA II	GEAR – Green Economy for Advanced Region	The project aim to increase the activities and impact of civil society organizations from Albania, Montenegro, Serbia, B&H and Macedonia in the environmental protection through networking strengthening their capacities and promoting green economy. A three-year project will be implemented in the above-mentioned countries, and its main activities include trainings for representatives of civil society organizations on green economy, public advocacy and lobbying, participation in decision making, monitoring of public policies, project cycle management, etc., familiarization with good practice models in green economy and green entrepreneurship through study visit to EU and presentations organized in the target countries, sub-granting for civil society organizations, regional conferences on green economy and green entrepreneurship, development of a Study on possibilities for the development of green economy in	1	2021	i			i		x	x			x								x									
27	ENI South	SwitchMed II	Stimulate the creation of business opportunities and employment while reducing the environmental footprint of existing economic activities. Capitalizing on the results and lessons learned from Phase I, Phase II is structured with three main components: • Direct support to the private sector • Creation of an enabling policy environment • Coordination, networking and communication Focus: Increasing Resource Efficiency in value chains; Integrating Sustainable Consumption and Production patterns into national strategies; Promote low-carbon economy; Reinforcement of rural development by promoting new circular business models and green economy; Public awareness raising and capacity building	1	2022	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					x													x	

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28	ENI South	WES	Water and Environment Support in the ENI Southern Neighbourhood region. The project’s purpose is to contribute to increase the capacity of various stakeholders involved in pollution reduction and water management in order to support them in formulating and implementing the environmental and water policies. It will be building on the experience gained through the predecessor projects, the “Sustainable Water Integrated Management and Horizon 2020 Support Mechanism” (SWIM-H2020 SM) project 2016-2019 and the “Sustainable Water Integrated Management Support Mechanism (SWIM SM) project 2010-2015. Regional activities will be comprising of Regional Trainings, Peer-to-Peer exchanges, Webinars, Study Tours. On: • Topic 1: Plastic Pollution & Marine Litter • Topic 2: Circular Economy (Support the shift to sustainable consumption and production; Waste management schemes and streams) • Topic 3: Prevention & Reduction of Pollution from Industrial Sector • Topic 4: Mainstreaming & Implementing Integrated Environmental Management	1, 2	2023	x	x	i	i	i	i		x					x		x	x				x	x				x							
29	FAO/CIHEAM/ UfM/Italian Funds	Sustainable System Food Platform	As an affiliated project of the UN One Planet Network Sustainable Food Systems Programme (OPN-SFSP), CIHEAM, FAO, and UfMS have joined forces to co-develop the “SFS-MED Platform”, a multi-stakeholder initiative on Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean region, which aims, through collaborative actions, to support the shift towards more sustainable food systems in the Mediterranean region, mobilizing stronger partnerships and accelerating progress on the 2030 Agenda in the region, as part of the UN Decade of Action to deliver the Global Goals and in view of the UN Food Summit 2021	1	unknown	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
30	Interreg med (biodiversity protection)	FishMPABLue 2	The project tested a “Small Scale Fisheries governance toolkit” in 11 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and assessing its ecological effectiveness, benefits and the social acceptance of management measures. The “MPA Pilot Implementation Plans” involved capacity building for local fishermen, and governance measures. The benefits were measured through an environmental and socio-economic monitoring campaign.	1, 3	2022	i			i		i						x			x	x									x	x						
31	Interreg med (green growth)	Interreg Med Green Growth Community	Community of 14 innovation projects in the field of green growth. It supports participating projects in communication and capitalization efforts to increase their impact at policy level and ensure potential transfer and replication of results to other actors and territories. It has 4 focus areas: Food systems, Eco-Innovation, Smart Cities and Waste Management. Four Thematic Working Groups related to the EU Circular Economy Action plan were created: Resource Efficiency, Green and Smart Public Services, Waste Prevention and Management, Competitiveness and Innovation. Horizontal project.	1	2022	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x				x	x				x					x	x	x					
32	Interreg med (green growth)	ESMARTCITY	Testing solutions and pilot implementation in the field of intelligent urban districts, energy efficiency of buildings and smarter public lighting; Green Paper on Innovation Policy Change	1	2022	i	x	i	x								x			x	x			x							x	x					
33	Interreg med (green growth)	ARISTOIL	Support the competitiveness and innovation of the Mediterranean olive oil producers by developing a commonly accepted method for measuring olive oil ingredients related to a standardised procedure for an olive oil “Health Claim” certification	1	2022	x		i	x	i							x	x			x			x								x					
34	Interreg med (green growth)	EMBRACE	Toolkit for SMEs, Intermediary Organizations, Clusters and Policy Makers in the agro-food and wine sectors engaged in transforming their businesses or “ecosystem” work streams in a circular way.	1	2022	x	x	x	i								x			x	x			x							x	x	x				
35	Interreg med (green growth)	REINWASTE	Identification and testing of solutions to optimise the use of bio-based packaging materials and to redesign products and processes in the dairy, meat and horticulture sectors (mapping of Best Available Technologies (BATs) and Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)	1, 2	2022	x	x	x	x								x			x			x										x				
36	Interreg med (green growth)	RE-LIVE WASTE	Testing of innovative solutions for livestock waste management, taking into account technical, environmental, economic and legal aspects (4 demonstrative plants). Policy guidelines to stimulate innovation adoption and to set-up a common suitable legal framework regarding livestock waste management.	1, 2	2022	i	x	x	x								x			x													x				
37	Interreg med (green growth)	finMED	“Support service tool” to aid entrepreneurship in the access to finance, provided to SMEs by Clusters and Business Support Organisations (BSOs). Policy Procedures for the delivery of green growth policies able to assure proper financing to innovation in the involved project regions.	1	2022	i	i	i	x								x			x	x			x									x	x	x		

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38	Interreg med (green growth)	Creainnovation	CREAINNOVATION SUSTAINABILITY EVALUATION TOOL (CISSET) to be used for qualitative assessment of economic, social and environmental sustainability of innovation projects, and as a checklist on sustainability to be used in the generation of innovation projects. Design, launch and testing of e-Labs for Creative Innovation where product, process, marketing and organisational innovation is produced (SMEs, managers and young people working together).	1	2022			i	i	i	i				x	x		x	x	x								x			x	x	x		
39	Interreg med (green growth)	GREEN MIND	strengthen the clusters and agencies to support SMEs in exploiting the market opportunities of green and smart mobility products and services (supports market intelligence, public funding screening and B2B matchmaking services).	1	2022	i	x	i	x						x	x		x	x		x										x	x			
40	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	Interreg Med Sustainable Tourism Community	Created in November 2016 within the framework of the Interreg MED Programme, the MED Sustainable Tourism Community has been renewed for a three-year period until June 2022 to make tourism a real driver for inclusive and sustainable growth. The Community's members are leading the development of innovative tools to monitor the tourism industry, they are studying and testing new tourism models and they are actively engaging policy makers and managers in a constant dialogue to make tourism a real driver for inclusive and sustainable development. Horizontal project.	1, 3	2022	i	x	i	x						x	x	x	x	x		x						x	x		x	x	x			
41	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	Co-Evolve	It aimed at analysing and promoting the co-evolution of human activities and natural systems in touristic coastal areas. It coupled an analysis of threats and enabling factors for sustainable tourism with local studies and pilot actions in seven representative Pilot Areas, to demonstrate the effectiveness of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management/ Maritime Spatial Planning-based planning process. The project has integrated the "CO-EVOLVE Tourism Typology": a three-tier system (composed by core indicators, destination indicators and pilot area-specific indicators) in their "Tourism Sustainability Evaluation Tool". The project has been capitalised by ENI CBC Co-Evolve4BG	1, 3	2022	x		i	i	i						x			x	x		x										x			
42	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	BLUEMED	The project studied the natural, cultural, and legislative conditions of selected locations in the Mediterranean region. It also aimed at protecting marine ecosystem and underwater cultural resources, while making them publicly accessible by promoting the concept of Underwater Museums and organised underwater archaeological sites. Finally, the project wanted to promote a sustainable and responsible model of tourism development for selected regions of the Mediterranean.	1, 3	2022	x			i		i					x	x		x		x											x			
43	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	CONSUME-LESS	It aimed to contribute to sustainable water, energy and waste management with particular focus on the reduction in the consumption of water and energy as well as waste reduction through prevention of waste generation in the tourism sector. The project foresaw the creation of a "Consume-Less" label as an indication that environmental concerns could be translated into tourism market advantages. The idea was to promote and heighten tourist awareness on certified hotels, bars and restaurants through the innovative marketing campaign of the Consume-Less label.	1, 2	2022	x	x				x	x						x		x		x										x			
44	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	LABELSCAPE	A certification given to the Mediterranean destinations to guarantee visitors a responsible use of natural resources, and to recognise their will to follow the principles of sustainable development. This is the project's aim: not to create new labels, but rather to capitalize on existing certifications. This will be achieved through: thematic workshops and exchange forums, an online platform for capacity building, the implementation of a social inclusion policy at territorial level and a new draft framework regulation at program level.	1, 3	2022	x			i		x					x			x	x		x									x	x	x		
45	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	MITOMED+	The main objective of the project was to enhance the sustainability and responsibility of Maritime and Coastal tourism. To achieve this, the project increased knowledge and social dialogue regarding the development of the Maritime and Coastal (M&C) tourism in each partner region for better decision-making. In addition, it improved M&C tourism planning at destination level and its coordination for a transnational governance and the setup of an Interreg MED M&C tourism model.	1, 3	2022	x				i	x					x	x		x		x											x			
46	Interreg med (sustainable tourism)	TOURISMED	The project aimed at testing and transferring a fishing tourism business model in the Mediterranean coastal territories. It sought to promote a sustainable approach to tourism, while fostering the preservation of the marine ecosystem and traditional fishing culture. Facing challenges such as the worrying depletion of marine resources, the decline of the artisanal fishing sector and the negative impacts of tourism, the project's results deal with an improved use of resources by artisanal fishers, a diversification of income in the sector and a better valorisation of coastal traditional heritage and local seafood. A mobile app (Fishing Tourism) and a web platform (fishingtourism.net) were created, to always be updated on itineraries and get in touch with fishermen involved in the project.	1, 3	2022	x	x		x		i	x				x			x	x		x										x			

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53	PRIMA	SUSTAvianFEED	Alternative animal feeds in Mediterranean poultry breeds to obtain sustainable products. It aims to demonstrate innovative poultry farming systems by the inclusion of sustainable animal feeding. A sustainable nutritional formula for poultry farming in which insects will play a key role will be developed. Thus, the sustainability of poultry feeding will be the mainstream of the development of an innovative and sustainable livestock farming system. The sustainable nutritional formula for poultry farming will be developed through the use of insects and the substitution of environmentally damaging protein sources (as soybean or fishmeal) by regional agri-food sector by-products in order to follow circular economy principles. SUSTAvianFEED approach will also promote local economy, socioeconomic growth and local resilience of Mediterranean areas. Furthermore, the project aims to contribute towards the transition to a more sustainable farming system by the implementation of circular economy approaches, as the involvement of smallholders, consumers, and other relevant actors or promotion of local agriculture and livestock farming. In addition, the inclusion of native and local species, adapted to each ecosystem, will significantly contribute to the reduction resources consumption regarding basic needs as energy or water consumption. SUSTAvianFEED considers as a crucial aspect of the project its social impacts, so it will promote gender equality and women empowerment in pilot activities. The project will develop a multi-actor approach, so relevant actors of the whole value chain are involved.	1	2024	i	x		i		i							x													x	x	x
54	PRIMA	MEDWEALTH	Development of new wheat-derived foods of the Mediterranean diet with improved nutritional and health value. It proposes to develop durum wheat-derived products typical of Mediterranean Diet with improved nutritional value and new technological properties. Further, the use of durum wheat in the Mediterranean tradition is often done in mixture with different crops. At this regard, MEDWEALTH will develop new products (pasta, couscous, home-made bread) with barley and lentil mixtures, as such or malted to reduce the main anti-nutritional compounds. MEDWEALTH will also evaluate the protective actions of a diet based on the consumption of durum wheat-based foods improved in fiber content and protective bioactive compounds such as micronutrients and health-promoting phytochemicals on chronic metabolic and inflammatory diseases. Indeed, information and data gathered from fields, laboratories, sensorial analyses and piloting processing plants will be used to assess production costs and environmental impact of new products. These estimates are aimed to evaluate the potential development of a new value chain based on re-formulated products (pasta, couscous, freekeh, bulgur), against the conventional durum wheat-based products, focusing on the gains that downstream value chain actors can achieve.	1	2024	x	x	x	i	i		x							x	x			x								x	x	
55	PRIMA	LENSES	Learning and action alliances for Nexus Environments. The project argues that this is possible only through the activation of inclusive nexus partnerships, the Learning & Action Alliances (LAAs). The objective for the pilot Alliances in the Med region is to design and implement adaptive Nexus Management Strategies under future uncertainty that will co-progress the Nexus sectoral objectives of improved water allocation, enhanced food security and ecosystem preservation. This will help building resilient Nexus systems. In this context, LAAs will (a) co-produce new knowledge regarding Nexus interactions to support the development of Participatory System Dynamics Models at suitable spatial and temporal scales and (b) explore multiple co-developed scenarios of demographic change, climate change, socio-environmental, economic incentivization and regulatory policies. The LAAs and their activities are the means to (i) develop stakeholder trust, feed cross-sectoral exchange of knowledge and build shared visions, (ii) test the multi-dimensional efficacy of integrated policies aiming at improving system resilience, and (iii) build legitimacy for evidence-based decisions towards sustainable transitions. The project will leverage Ecosystem Services and Ecological/Environmental Economics approaches and develop a Nexus-SDG toolkit to guide multi-objective policy- and decision-making in the pilot cases. Against this basis, Nature-based Solutions (NBS) addressing pilot-specific challenges will be planned and designed. This full cycle of interconnected activities gives confidence on the environmental, institutional, social and financial sustainability of the proposed solutions. On a policy level, LENSES will progress the linkage between the Climate Change Adaptation and Nexus management as a means to push forward the Nexus agenda.	1, 3	2023			i			x							x	x	x	x									x		x	

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56	PRIMA	NEXUS-NESS	NEXUS Nature Ecosystem Society Solution: Fair and Sustainable Resource Allocation Demonstrator of the Multiple WEFE Nexus Economic, Social and Environmental Benefits for Mediterranean Regions: All four elements (water, food, energy and ecosystems) are 1) highly dependent on each other, 2) crucial for human well-being, and 3) impacting social cohesion and source of geopolitical conflicts. In Mediterranean regions the water scarcity and land degradation do not match sound and sustainable agricultural practices and often the protection of ecosystems is in conflict with economic growth. NEXUS-NESS aims to interlink consolidated Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus data, knowledge and tools and a three-fold Ecosystem component value (i.e. Environment, Economy and Engagement) to produce a comprehensive Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (WEFE) Nexus-NESS Service (NNS). The NNS service includes best practices for achieving high environmental protection, sustainable economic growth while delivering optimal resource management for the Mediterranean regions. The NEXUS-NESS project has three main objectives: 1) Co-Produce WEFE Nexus management plans for fair and sustainable allocation of resources by applying the NNS into real case conditions through the four Multi-Actor diverse NEXUS Ecosystem Labs (NELs); 2) Operationalize the adoption of the WEFE Nexus by co-defining short- to long-term resource management plans and hands-on guidance through application, validation and demonstration actions in the four NELs 3) Enable mindset change for the effective adoption of WEFE Nexus through the implementation of Innovation Ecosystems of private sector, academic, public authorities and citizens in the 4 NELs through the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) Roadmap and the six RRI dimensions (public engagement, open science, science education, gender issues, ethics and institutional change through governance).	1	2023	i	x	i	x		i																						x	x		
57	PRIMA	MEDITOMATO	The main goal of MEDITOMATO is to demonstrate innovative technology solutions along the whole tomato value chain enabling this Mediterranean sector to bring improvements at different levels (environmental, food quality & safety, sustainability, traceability, efficiency and water management) that will contribute to a consistent rural and social development of the Mediterranean agri-food sector. Comprises prototype assembly of in/on-line as well as portable system based on Vis-NIR spectroscopy for non-destructive quality monitoring; development of IoT-enabled irrigation systems to obtain water and energy savings; application of IoT to soil fertilization; microbiological Risk Analysis for food safety; on-site deployment of other IoT sensors for traceability and data analysis to optimize production rates; integration and demonstration of the proposed innovations in 3 locations (Spain, Italy and Turkey); quantified analysis of the status of the food supply chains benefits of the deployed solutions and study of the feasibility for replication in other Mediterranean countries.	1	2021	x	x	x	i																									x	x	x
58	PRIMA	VEG-ADAPT	To increase the tolerance of three important Mediterranean vegetable crops (tomato, pepper and melon) to stress induced by climate change in the Mediterranean region. To this end, the project will follow three lines of research: 1. Characterization and selection of local varieties and new hybrids tolerant to climate change; 2. Research on the physiological processes that contribute to the tolerance of these crops and related genetic markers; 3. Optimization of crop management techniques that reduce sensitivity to climatic stress.	1	2021	x		i	x																									x		x