

#InterregEuroMED

CONNECTING THE DOTS

THE PATH TO A SMARTER
AND GREENER MEDITERRANEAN

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CHALLENGES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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YOUNG VOICES! WE HAVE A DREAM...

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Bringing solutions to the table



In 2016....

Interreg MED
Programme

8 THEMATIC
COMMUNITIES
and...

1 GOVERNANCE
PROJECT





823 partners



142 projects



13 countries



212M€ overall
expenditure



implementing a
low-carbon economy



protecting natural
and cultural resources



strengthening
innovation

A better governance...



...for a smarter and greener Mediterranean

RESULTS ACHIEVED



209

tourists' destinations
covered by sustainable tourism evaluation
tool

46

innovative
clusters supported

3.015

people
trained in buildings energy renovation

62

tools
to favour innovation of SMEs

376

regions engaged
in energy efficiency plans

280.000 km²

surface of habitats
supported for a better conservation status

Among the 209

tourists' destinations

covered by sustainable tourism evaluation tool

Experience Gjirokastra, Albania

Creation of eco-itineraires in the Mediterranean Mountains to implement a more responsible and sustainable tourism development model.

Transferred from the **EMbleMatic** project



Among the 62

tools

to favour innovation of SMEs

Sloppy Tunas CCO (2018 start up), Spain

Fabrication of swim suits with marine plastic litter. How to better communicate the sustainability message behind the product. QR codes and collaborations. Transferred from the **CREAINNOVATION** project



Among the 376

regions engaged
in energy efficiency plans

Brdovec Municipality, Croatia

Elements for Sustainable Energy Action and Climate Plan (SECAP).

Transferred from the **PRISMI & LOCAL4GREEN** projects,
in the frame of the **ETU Initiative**



Among the 280.000 km²

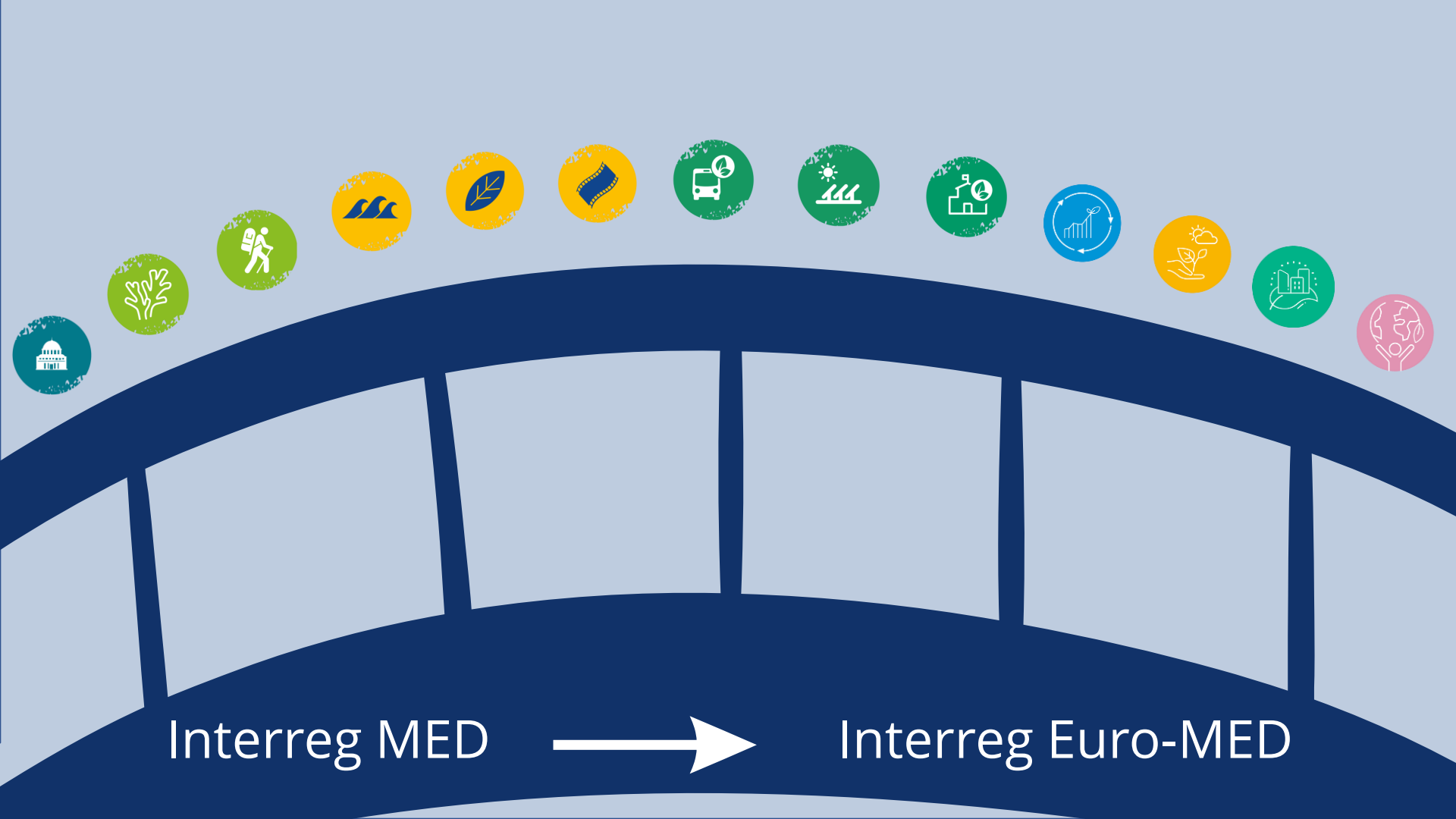
surface of habitats
supported for a better conservation status

Pelagos Agreement, Monaco

Memorandum of Understanding to promote collaborative
transferability and capitalisation actions.

Transferred from the **Biodiversity Protection Community** project





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Continued impact in the Med!

We go on making the difference

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MISSIONS



8



governance projects



global challenges



MISSION

Innovative sustainable economy

From a linear to a circular economy





Connecting green
and blue economies

Innovative Ecosystems

The image features a network diagram with several dark blue circular nodes of varying sizes connected by thin, dark blue lines. The background is divided into four quadrants: top-left is light pink, top-right is bright blue, bottom-left is teal, and bottom-right is yellow. The word "Resilience" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font in the top-right quadrant. A large node is located on the left side, spanning the pink and teal quadrants. Another large node is on the right side, spanning the blue and yellow quadrants. Several smaller nodes are scattered throughout the network, with lines connecting them across the quadrant boundaries.

Resilience

Natural heritage

MISSION



Bringing nature back to our life





Preserving the
biodiversity

Mitigating the
impact of
climate change



**Harmony
with
nature**



MISSION

Green living areas

Development of sustainable territories





Enhancing
climate resilience



**Green and
fair
transition**



MISSION

**Sustainable
tourism.**


Innovative technologies and circularity of tourism services





Adaptation to
climate change

Preservation of
natural resources
and green
infrastructures

The background features a grid of four colored quadrants: pink (top-left), blue (top-right), green (bottom-left), and yellow (bottom-right). Overlaid on this grid is a network of thin grey lines connecting various circular nodes. The nodes vary in size and color, including dark blue, light blue, pink, and yellow. A large, dark blue rounded rectangle is centered in the image, containing white text.

Greener, smarter and
more resilient
Mediterranean



REUSE





TRANSFER



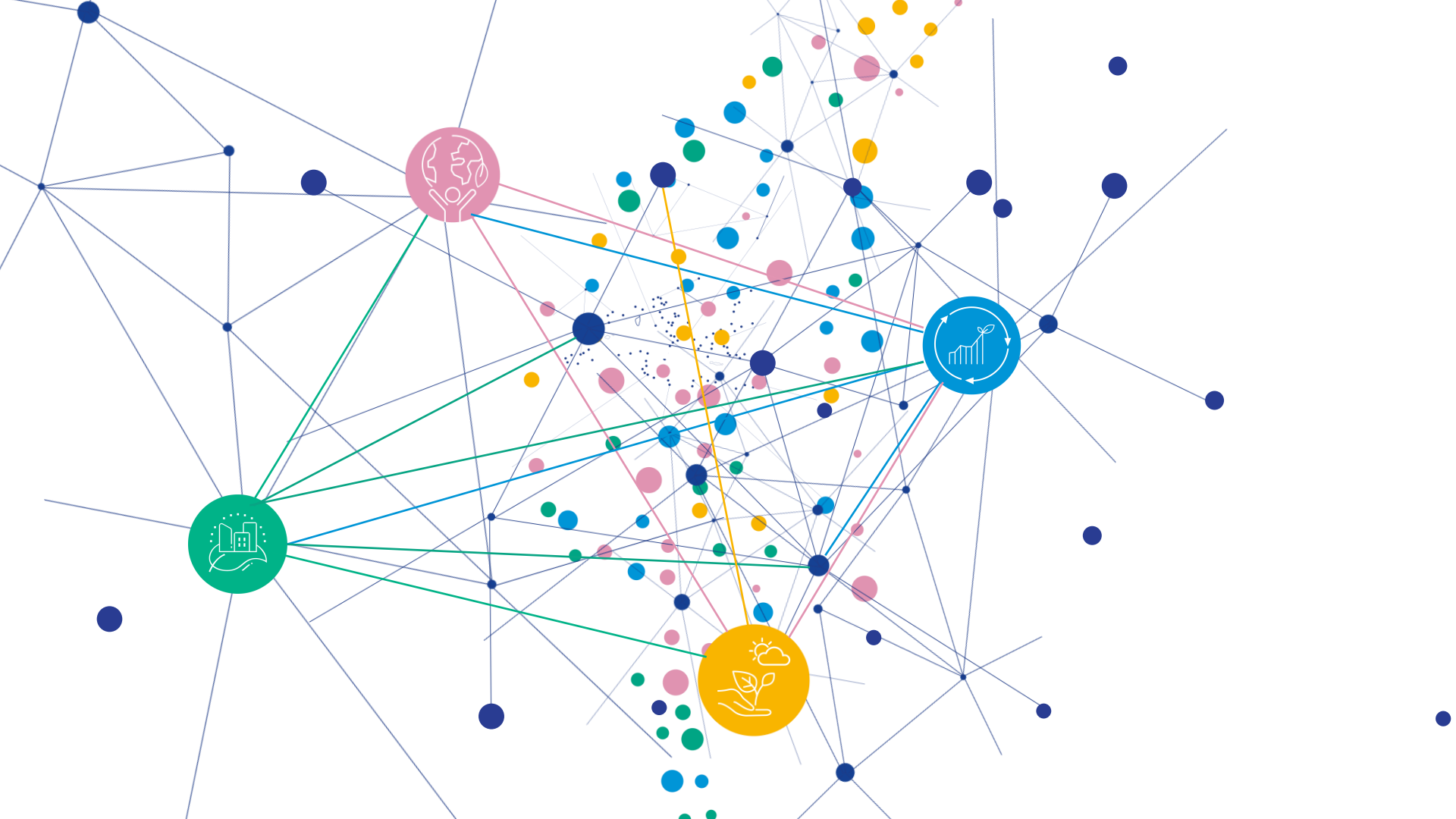


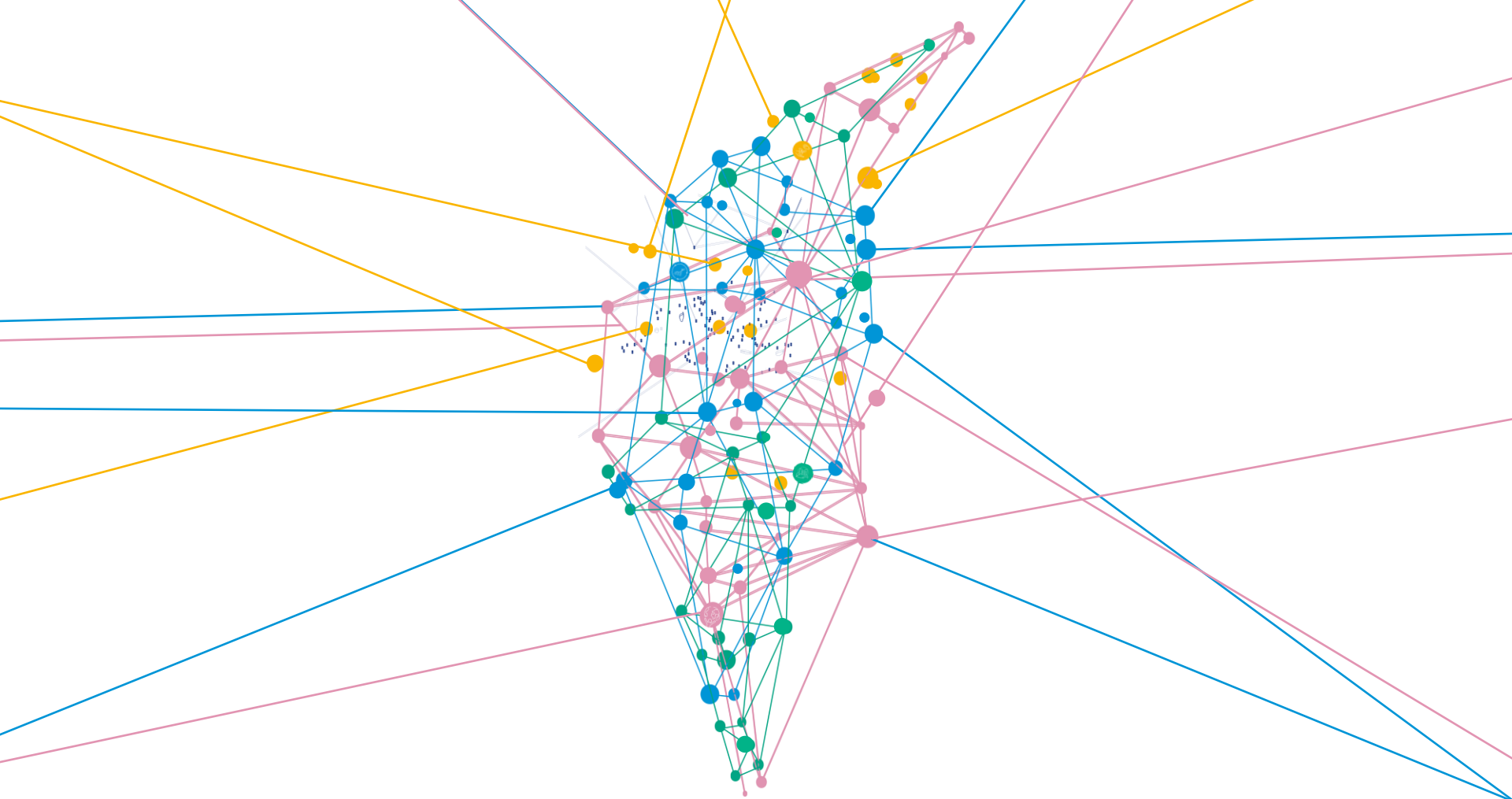
COORDINATION



A world map is shown in the background, overlaid with a network of colored dots (blue, green, yellow, pink, orange) and thin lines connecting them. A large, dark blue oval is centered on the map, containing the text "More than 200 organizations" in white. Several larger, circular icons are also present, each connected to the network by lines. These icons include a yellow circle with a leaf, a blue circle with a bar chart, a green circle with a building, and a pink circle with a globe. The map shows the outlines of continents and some smaller islands.

**More than 200
organizations**







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Concept , illustration and animation



Unione delle Università del Mediterraneo
Mediterranean Universities Union
Union des Universités de la Méditerranée
إتحاد الجامعات المتوسطية



GOVERNANCE PROJECTS

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ROUNDTABLE N.1

Better cooperate together outside of the Interreg “world”

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ROUNDTABLE N.2

Synergies in the European Territorial Cooperation

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ROUNDTABLE N. 3

Reaction of projects partners and future generations

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WRAP UP

New generation of cooperation

1. 2021-27 Special focus on synergies across Interreg and beyond.
2. Although the projects are starting now the discussion about the future of cooperation and possible modifications are starting in 2024.

Roles when addressing synergies

1. Project partners as agents to work in complementarity with other funds
2. Project partners as agents for place based solutions- Put the territoriality in the center.
3. Programmes as facilitators through levant calls, platforms, mechanisms etc

ROUND TABLE 1: NEEDS AND EXPECTATIONS

Governance project work is not starting from the scratch.

Systematic approach for dialogue has been established and there are practical opportunities for outreach, community building and connecting Interreg results to policy discussion and other initiatives in the region and beyond.

1. Two ways communication (e.g., UfM Med Talks, MSSD revision UNEP/MAP, PRIMA innovation actions, AEBC, Border Focal Point Network)
2. Transfer and exchange of results to stakeholders
3. Networking
4. Institutional Dialogue
5. Practical work with results

ROUND TABLE 2: FAVOURING SYNERGIES IN INTERREG AND IMPACT IN THE TERRITORIES

Programmes have promoted synergies by...

1. Exchanging experiences.
2. Implementing innovative approaches and offering opportunity to test new ideas.
3. Clustering projects
4. Capitalisation (calls, methods)
5. Tools: Project catalogues, Policy learning Platform, Sustainable tourism Coordination Mechanism.
6. Strategies and methods. Combination top down and bottom up + Inclusive

ROUND TABLE 2: FAVOURING SYNERGIES IN INTERREG AND IMPACT IN THE TERRITORIES

Opportunities for collaboration across....

1. Calls across TN and CBC projects.
2. Calls Interreg bringing territorial impact to Horizon, LIFE, Clean Energy transition
3. Interreg calls to prepare larger investments in the region
4. Interreg and other DG's : NEAR, MARE, RESEARCH
5. Interreg and other Institutions: UFM and MEDPAN
6. Interreg connecting both shores of the Mediterranean

MRS and SBS...

MRS and SBS receive high attention from all policy levels. Interreg results can thus be better up-and down-streamed in cooperation with MRS.

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

Still need to reinforce...

- Capacity building and changing mindsets
- Place based approach
- Stronger connection with the mainstream programmes
- Clear message on what to promote to impact each other

To work in complementarity needs inclusion, considering both top down and bottom up approaches.

Interreg focuses on the territorial dimension. **Territory matters! And remember you are not isolated**

Now it is time to connect the dots in practice

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Reaction of projects partners and future generations

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- **Mediterranean Youth Council**
- **National Youth Council of Slovenia/
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WORKSHOPS

SUMMING UP



**INNOVATIVE &
SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY**



NATURAL HERITAGE



GREEN LIVING AREAS



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

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about the event!**



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