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Interreg MED Programme at COP27

The Interreg MED Programme will participate in the COP27 (Egypt), the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference: a defining moment to harmonize global efforts to secure a sustainable future for all

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From 7th to 17th November 2022, the Interreg MED Programme, together with UNIMED and the thematic communities from 2014-2020, **will be at the COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, under the Mediterranean Pavilion** coordinated by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM).

The Mediterranean Pavilion will welcome many regional stakeholders – public and private, scientific and academic, but also technical experts, policymakers and civil society – actively engaged in **fighting against climate change in the Mediterranean region**.

The initiative, led by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) together with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP-MAP) and the PRIMA Foundation aims to **highlight both the urgent challenges the region is currently facing, and the innovative solutions already being developed** throughout the Mediterranean. Ultimately, the goal is to raise awareness on [the world's second fastest warming region \(warming 20% faster than the global average\)](#).

Located in the COP27 Blue zone, the Mediterranean Pavilion will host a series of conferences and work meetings. It will also provide an exceptional opportunity to illustrate, share, scale up and discuss the advanced initiatives applied and planned in the region.

The participation in this world-class event allows the Programme to disseminate and capitalise on the achievements of the 2014-2020 programming period and to benefit from new opportunities to pursue its missions within the framework of the 2021-2027 Interreg Euro-MED Programme.

Namely, the key conferences organised by the Programme with the thematic communities are as follow:

11/11/2022 Tourism climate action plans in the Mediterranean: a vision for the future

By Interreg MED Sustainable Tourism Community

The conference will take place on Decarbonisation Day to raise awareness about the potential of the tourism sector in supporting a sustainable and resilient development, able to mitigate the multiple impact caused by climate change

16/11/2022 Mediterranean biodiversity challenges: acting against marine litter

By Interreg MED Biodiversity Protection Community

The conference will take place on Biodiversity Day and will look into ongoing efforts to address the impacts of marine litter on Mediterranean ecosystems, debating on the knowledge available and gaps remaining to tackle the cumulative threats to the Mediterranean as a biodiversity hotspot.

17/11/2022 Promoting green & blue growth innovation in the Mediterranean: adopting circular economy strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation

By Interreg MED Green Growth and Blue Growth Communities

The conference will take place on Solution Day to highlight the interlinkages between green and blue economy and the role of public authorities to promote innovation in these fields to adapt and mitigate climate change. In this regard, the Interreg MED thematic communities will demonstrate what they have been able to achieve thanks to the Programme and transnational cooperation as well as their vision for the future.

- More info: www.mediterraneanpavilion.com
- COP27 official website: <https://cop27.eg/>

About the Programme

Interreg MED is a **European transnational Programme** that supports cooperation across Mediterranean borders. The Programme provides funds for projects developed by public administrations, universities, private and civil society organisations with a common objective: a climate neutral and resilient society for the benefit of its citizens.

Between 2014 and 2020, **142 projects have been co-financed** and tackled challenges such as the decarbonisation of our economy, the protection of natural and cultural resources and the enhancement of innovation.

In the new programming period, the Programme continues its mission **as Interreg Euro-MED**, to make the region smarter, greener and improve the governance between its stakeholders.

The Interreg MED Programme and, for the 2021/27 programming period, Interreg Euro-MED, is part of the **cohesion policy supported by the European Commission in the framework of the ERDF structural funds**. The Programme involves 14 partner countries (10 European Union countries and 4 Balkan countries in the process of accession: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Republic of Northern Macedonia, and Montenegro).

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