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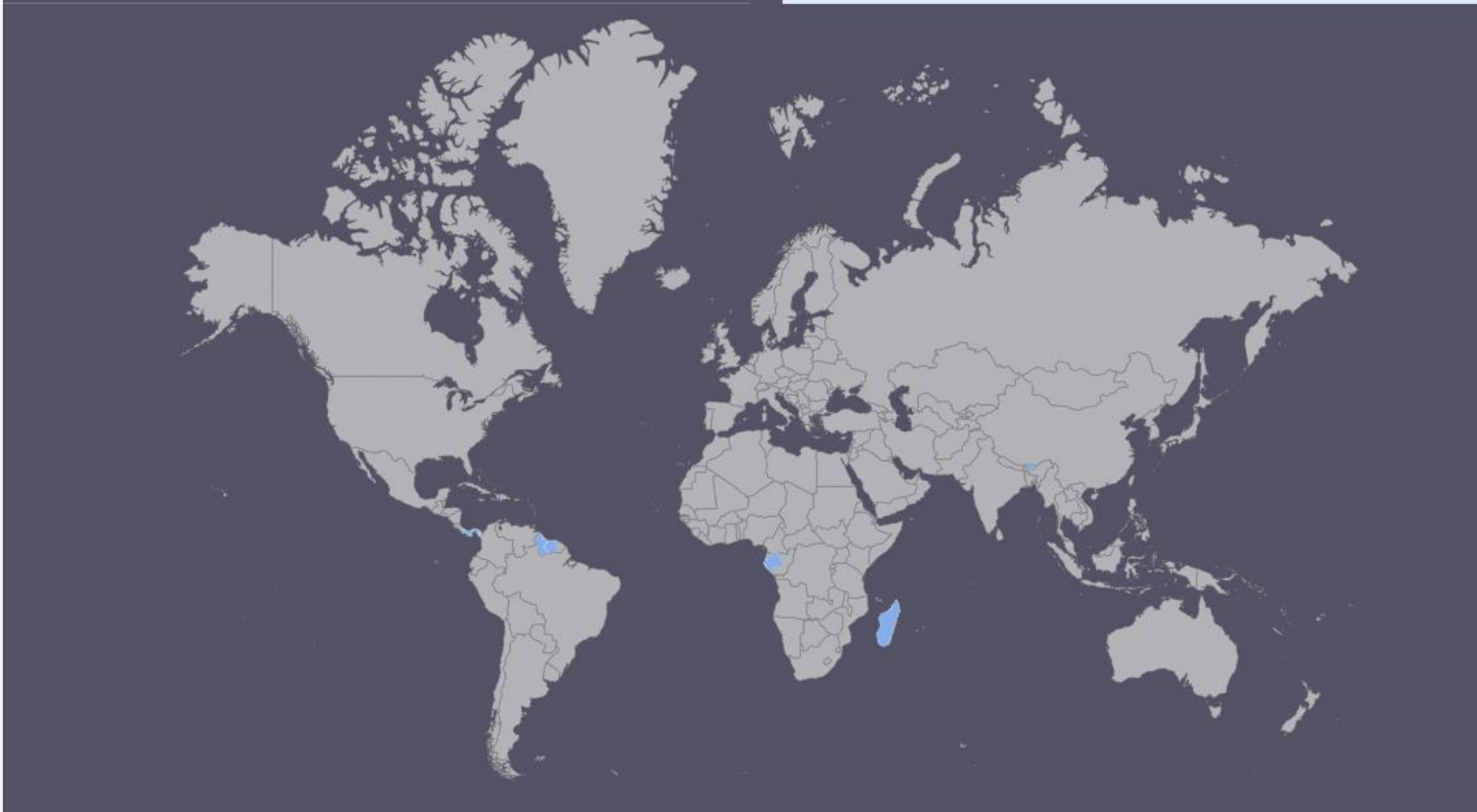
Carbon footprint for Interreg Euro-MED projects 2021-2027

Carbon Footprint - the context

EU aims to be **carbon neutral by 2050**

<- Green Deal, EU and all member states have signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change

Carbon Footprint - the context



- Bhutan
- Comores
- Niue
- Gabon
- Guyana
- Suriname
- Panama
- Madagascar

Source: World Economic Forum

The Context of the Call on Carbon Footprint Compensation

2014-2020

The **Interreg MED** has supported punctual initiatives and practices going towards the reduction of carbon footprint:

- greening your event
- air travels: eligibility of costs for carbon emissions compensation



2021-2027

The **Euro-MED** intends to promote systematic measures to reduce/compensate carbon emissions:

- promotion of a clear framework for carbon emissions monitoring and implementation of mitigation actions in all approved projects



Main goal: contribution to the transition towards a climate-neutral society

Type of project and criteria for project implementation

Carbon Footprint Compensation project: development of a methodology and a tool for the calculation of the carbon footprint of MED projects and promotion of good practices in carbon offsetting

Criteria:

- applicable to all types of projects funded by Euro-MED 21-27
- availability of a plan of costs to be integrated in project's budget
- inclusion of methodology/tool in the future Calls for proposals
- delivery of a list of compensation actions viable for projects and to be applied inside MED programme area/zone
- possibility to test methodology/tool in closed or ongoing projects (on a voluntary basis)

Carbon Footprint Compensation Projects

- 2 projects selected for funding: ZeorCO2MED and WECAREMED
- Funding 05/2021 to 09/2022
- End of funding period: Project pitch, test of proposed tools by JS and SC, decision to recommend ZeroCO2MED for designing the carbon-footprint project interface.

Carbon Footprint - site access

<https://carbonfootprint.interreg-euro-med.eu/>

Mandatory activities and Carbon Footprint coordinator for every project

- Reducing carbon footprint from the **design phase** of the project (e.g. choosing activities that emit the least).

The coordinator for carbon footprint:

- defines the **strategy** for the reduction and potential offsetting of the project's carbon footprint.
- ensures that all partners implement the **methodology**;
- ensures that **project activities are designed to minimise emissions**;
- supports the full project partnership in using the **carbon footprint monitoring tool** ;
- validates the eventual offsetting activities of the project.

Reporting on Carbon Footprint

- **continuous carbon assessment**
 - every six months
 - all partners that have participated in project activities
- **What?**
 - **carbon footprint balance provided by the tool**
 - from 2024 onwards, the CO₂: report generated online by the tool for each project should be uploaded on BaseCamp
 - **evolution** of the project carbon footprint emissions since the begin of the project
 - outlook on **follow-up measures** foreseen, which should be in line with the recommendations provided by the carbon footprint tool

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