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# MED TALKS

Fostering dialogue between  
Northern and Southern shores

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# The ISE Mission in summary



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# The ISE Community of Practice

Drive a just transition towards a sustainable economy through transformative innovation

## 2 governance projects

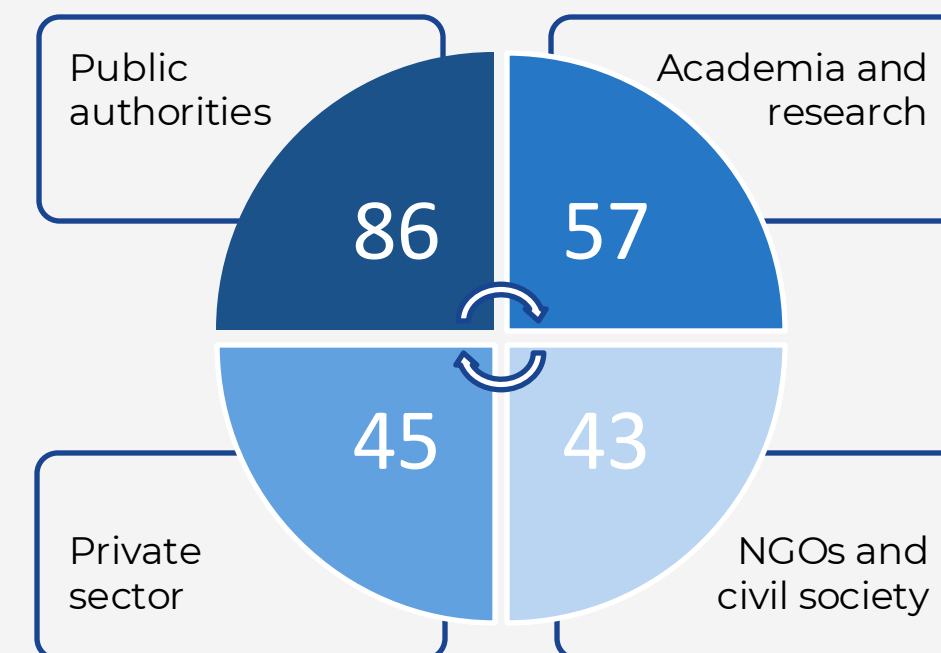
- Community4Innovation
- Dialogue4Innovation

## 23 thematic projects

— 9 new projects in 2025,  
clustered into four thematic  
areas



We are currently 231 connected partners from  
18 countries with a good representation of the  
4-ple helix:



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# Focus areas

Thematic clustering of TPs



## Marine resources (6 TPs)

Includes economic activities related to oceans, seas, and coasts, such as aquaculture, fisheries, blue biotechnologies, and marine renewable energy



## Industrial transition (7 TPs)

Supports the EU's goal of climate neutrality and digital advancement, focusing on innovation and economic adaptability



## Agri-food systems (4 TPs)

Encompasses all activities from farm to table, including the entire food value chain



## Resource valorization (6 TPs)

Focuses on converting waste products from economic activities into useful materials, following the circular economy's 10 Rs model



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# Fostering North-South collaboration

Participant APs from the southern shore



Marine resources

2B-BLUE



AZA4ICE



Agri-food systems

CLEPSYDRA



IDRON



Industrial transition

PROCURAMED



BIOSTARS



Resource valorisation

REPPER



VERDEINMED





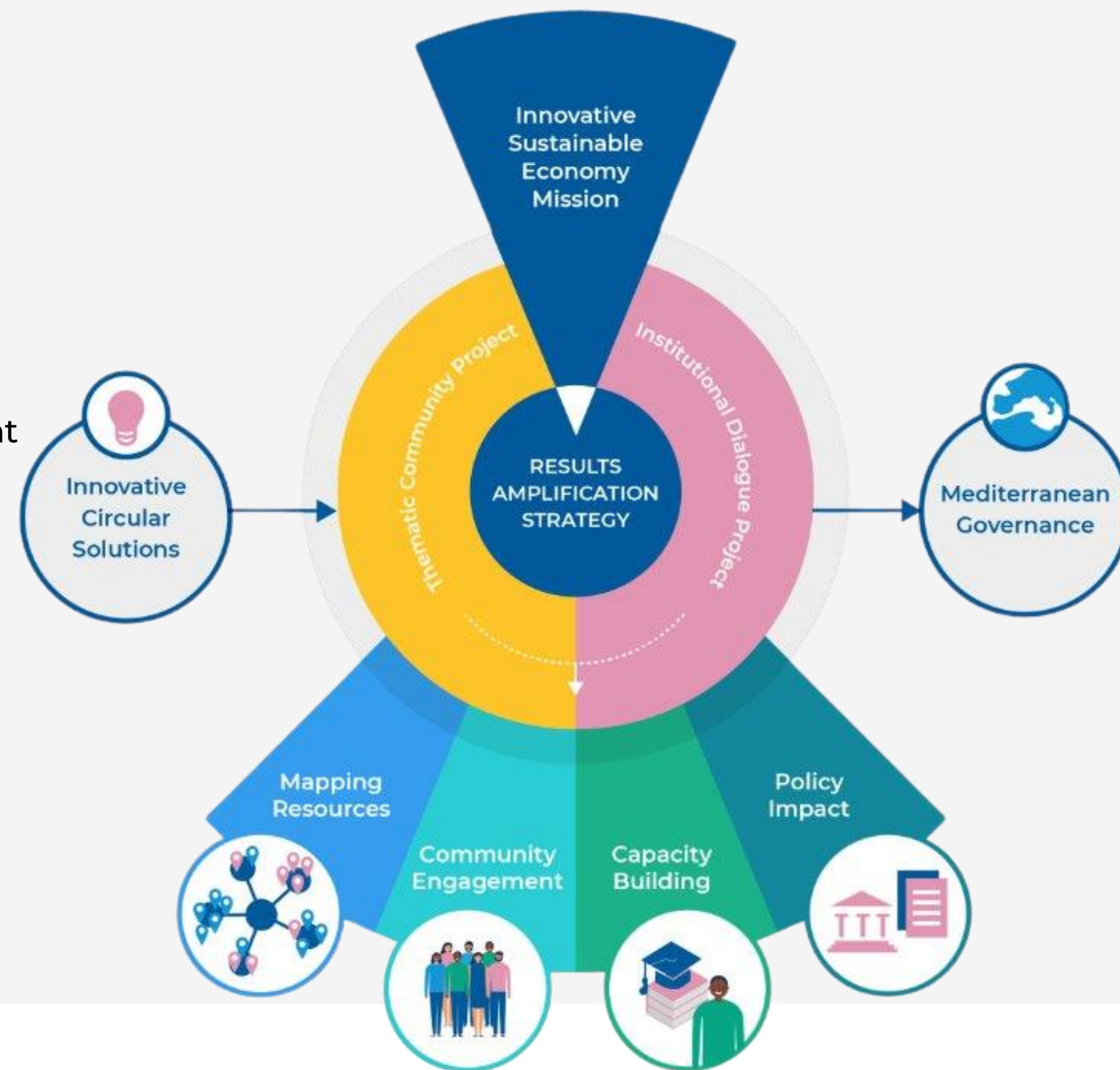
# Our Work

## One mission, two governance projects

Serve as a vital link between solutions on the ground and the strategic action plans and policies being developed at different territorial levels in the Mediterranean

### Key objectives

- Facilitating the exploitation and reuse of knowledge
- Support the transfer of results to other actors, programmes and territories
- To strengthen coordination between Mediterranean stakeholders based on shared knowledge, experience and results



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# Key policy-oriented activities



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# Synergies

Liaising4Advocacy

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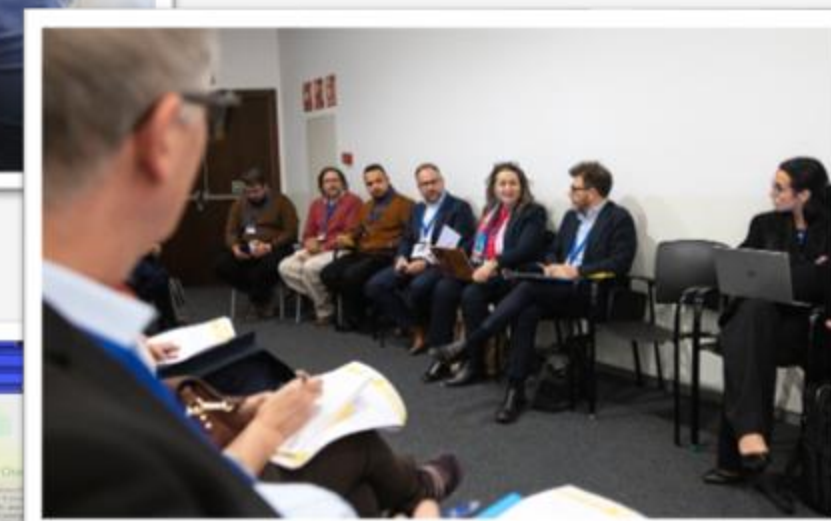
Opening channels with institutional Euro-Mediterranean **actors with broad decision-making capacity** (i.e., influencers)

02

Mapping their working **processes**, also by participating in **events**

03

Engaging and building relationships with them to amplify the **ISE key messages and impact** (i.e., promoters)



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Diagram of the pieces requested to create synergies. The squares, triangles, diamonds, and pentagons represent the 4-ple helix types of ACTORS (i.e., private sector, academia, public authorities, and civil society / NGOs, respectively). The different coloured circles represent types of INITIATIVES, composed by actors. Different colours, densities, and styles of arrows represent types of INTERACTIONS. Hexagons represent the different types of impacts, individually or through synergistic collaborations.

# Synergies

## UfM Stakeholder Conference and Task Forces on Sustainable Blue Economy

Contribution to the 2021 UfM Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Economy

## EU Green Week and MED Green Week 2025

Capacity building on behavioral change jointly with the ECESP & presentation on green finance

## Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development Updates

Meetings contributing to the updates of the MSSD

## European Week of Regions and Cities 2025

“Stay by choice, not by chance: Unlocking green and smart solutions for thriving Mediterranean communities and territories” Stand & Webinar across Missions

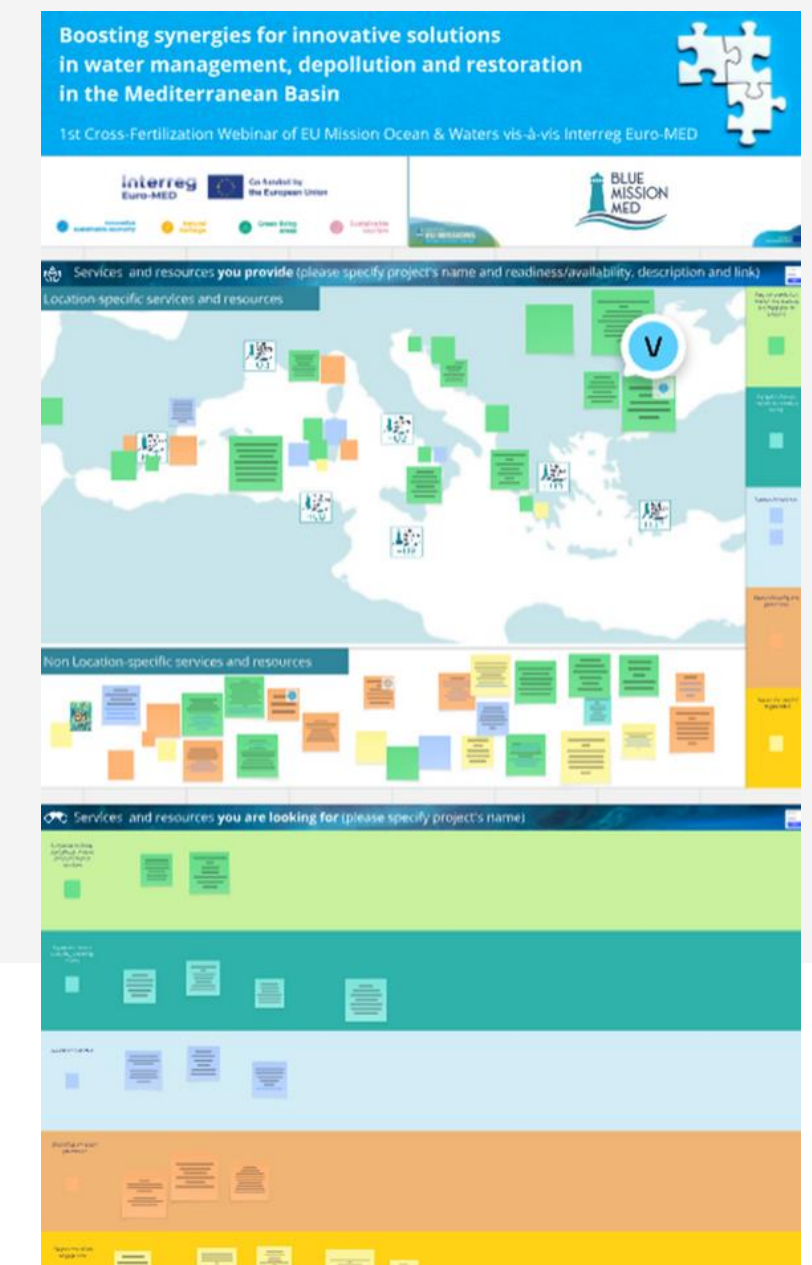
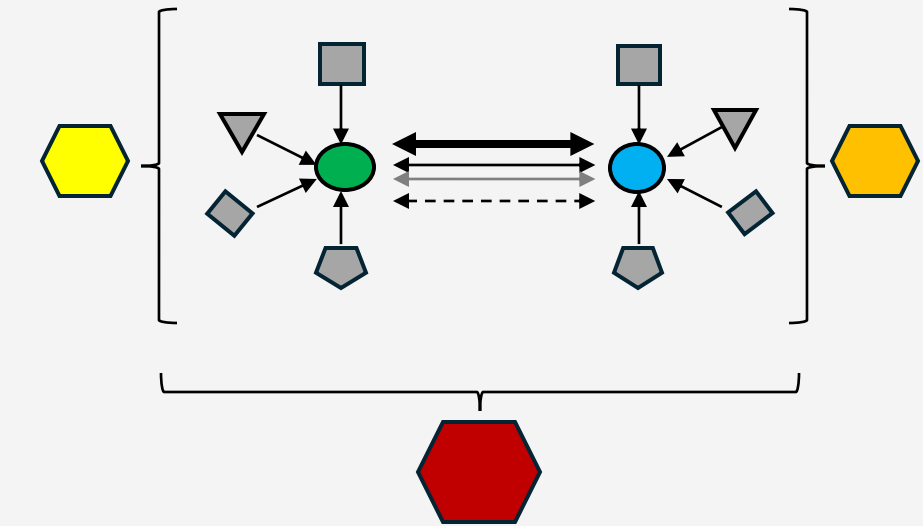


## Mission Ocean and Waters Mediterranean Lighthouse

Online webinar “Boosting synergies for innovative solutions in water management, depollution and restoration in the Mediterranean Basin”

In person workshop “Impacting together: Promoting cross fertilisation between Interreg and the Mission Ocean and Waters”

Informal blue task force for the coordination of multiple initiatives for the sustainable blue economy in the Mediterranean



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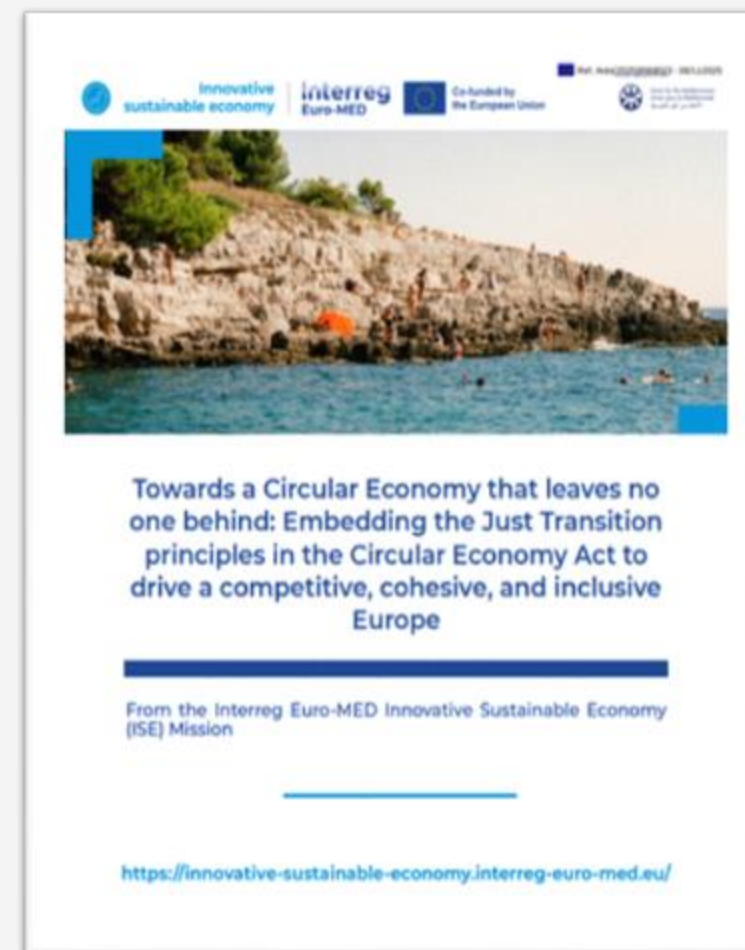


# Policy impact

— Joint position papers on relevant topics

## Scan4Messages

Encourages members to co-create collective, coherent, and impactful policy messages, while also addressing how these messages are delivered across the region.



## ACT

ACT provides a space to take part in the co-development of ISEC's policy messages. Participate in consultation rounds and contribute your expertise and influence to develop collective action.

### How does it work?

Members can contribute on an ad-hoc basis—for instance, by sharing data, validating policy papers, peer-reviewing documents or helping disseminate key messages. To do so, a form will be published below when an open consultation is needed.

REVIEW DRAFT PAPER

PROVIDE YOUR INPUT

## REACT

REACT is about staying informed. Members can monitor open consultation calls and opportunities launched by other organisations, with the option to respond, endorse, or amplify them if relevant.

### How does it work?

Be informed about ongoing public consultations, making it easy for you to track key processes and decide whether to engage. Below is a rolling list of them so you can keep track.

### Pact for the Mediterranean

CLOSED

European Commission  
31/05/2025

More information

Check the contribution

### Circular Economy Act

CLOSED

European Commission  
06/11/2025

More information

Check the contribution



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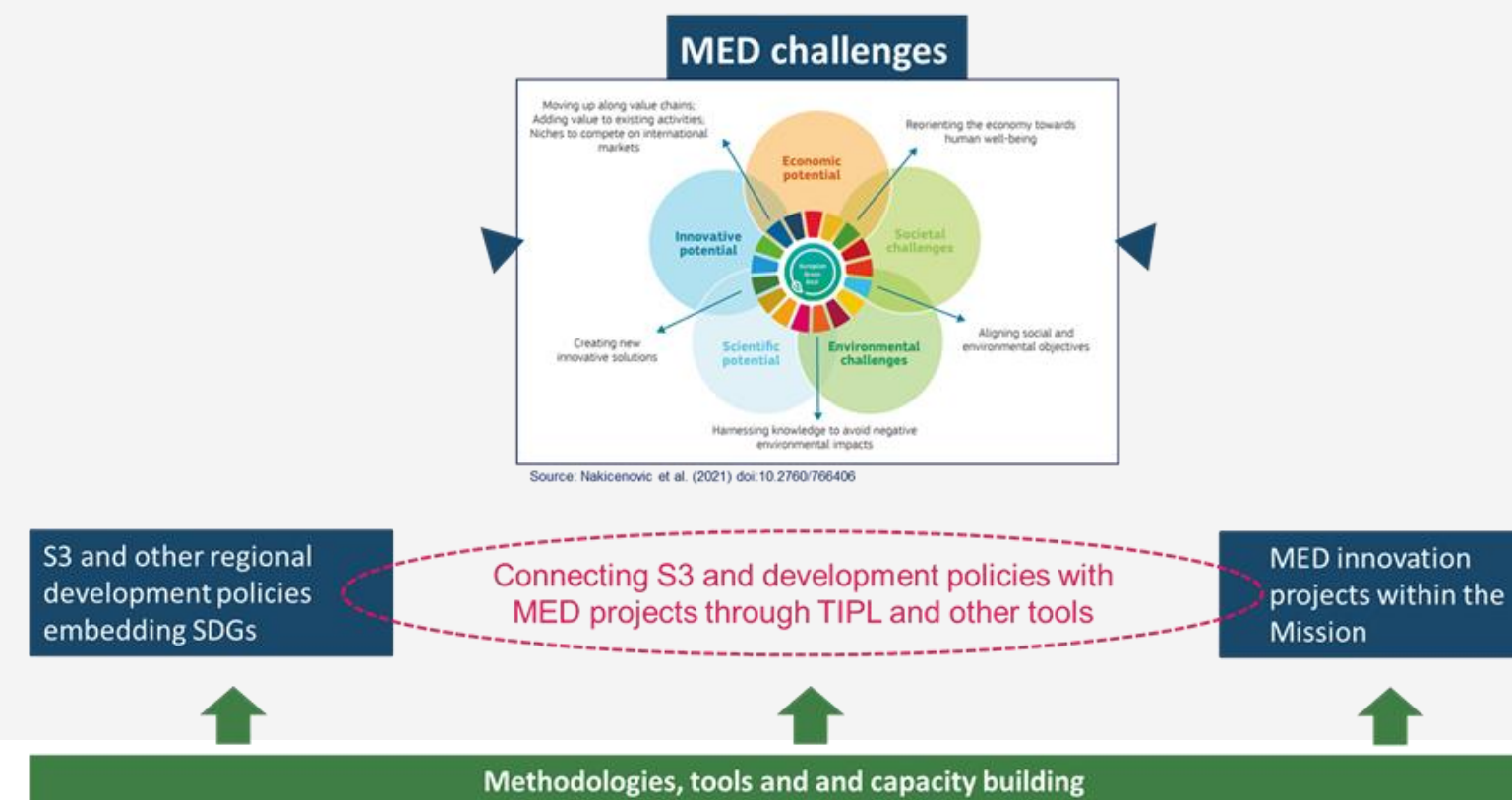
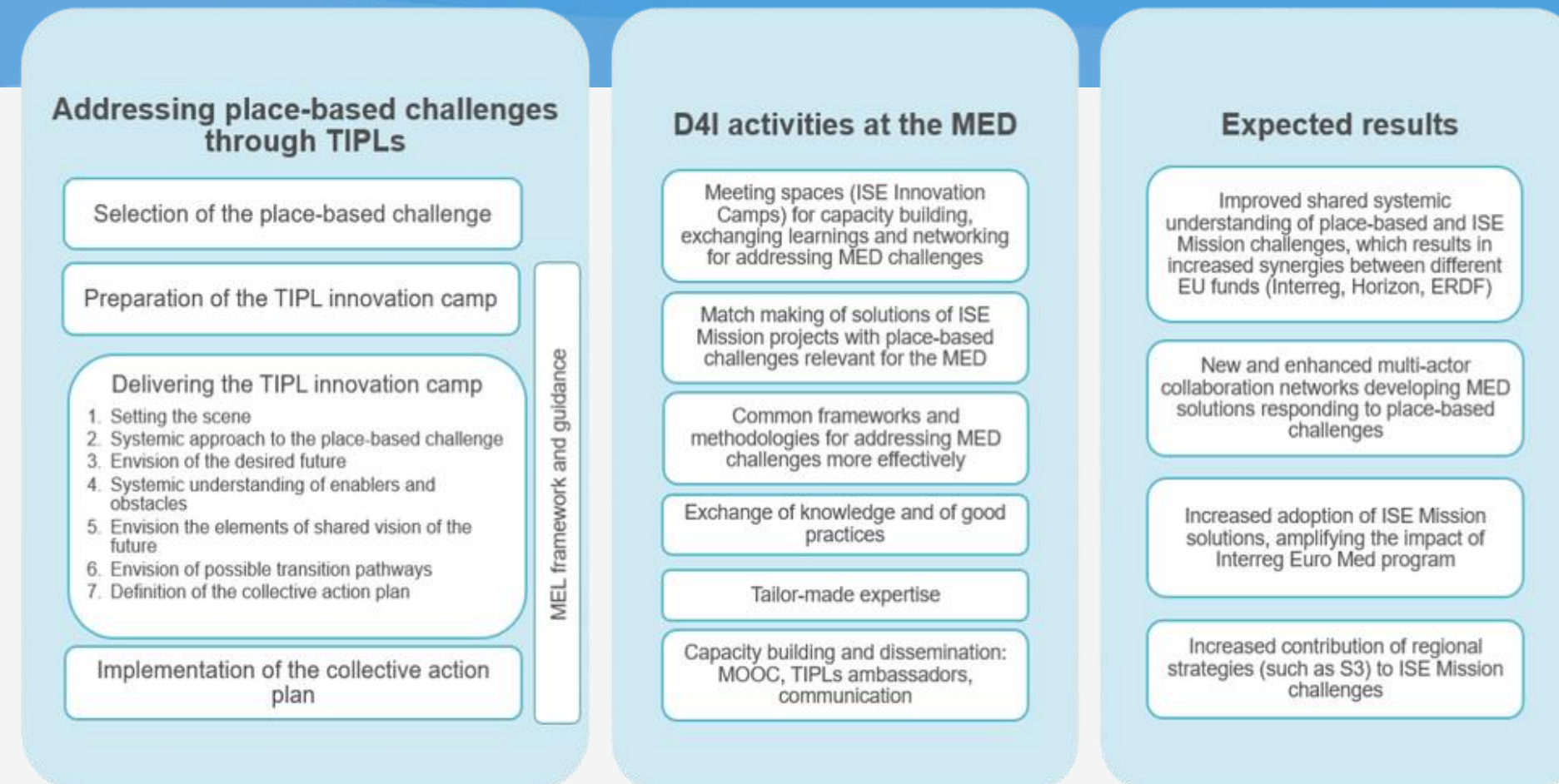
# TIP Labs

— Transformative Innovation Policy Labs

Facilitated spaces in which multiple territorial actors meet to address collectively place-based complex challenges with a transformative innovation and systemic approach

First generation of 9 TIP Labs managed by D4I partners to address sustainability challenges that are local and place-based, but relevant at regional and Mediterranean level

Second generation of TIP Labs: Open call for expression of interest in 2027 to replicate the Labs in other territories with free technical support from the Mission



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# Transferring tools and collaboration with Southern and Eastern Mediterranean partners



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# The ISEC Hub re-launch!

An open and inclusive space that brings together stakeholders from across the Mediterranean region, all committed to building a fairer, greener and more resilient future

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ABOUT US EXECUTIVE GROUP BECOME A MEMBER

CONNECT LEARN SHARE COLLABORATE

Drive a just transition towards a sustainable economy through transformative innovation

+ 250 Members

+ 30 Countries

4 Helix



## Connect

Creating an inter-connected community of actors



## Learn

Skills development through knowledge sharing and collaboration



## Share

Enabling dialogue, synergies and co-creation



## Collaborate

Turning connection, learning and sharing into collective impact



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# The M&T Programme



Take part in a tailored mentoring program of  
your interest, both through online and  
in-person exchanges!



Stakeholders who wish to  
benefit from the knowledge  
and expertise of TPs



TPs from the Innovative  
Sustainable Economy  
Mission

## Programme launch

(January 2025)

- Drafting of M&T Methodology
- Online meetings with the 4 clusters of TPs to present programme
- Assessment of potential interested members

## Recruitment phase

(February 2025)

- Matching - Careful selection based on expertise, goals and readiness
- Signing of LoAs

4 members

## Pilot phase

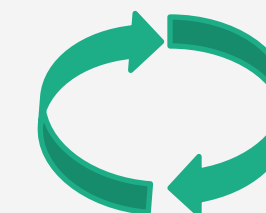
(April-June 2025)

- Structured meetings for each pairing
- Development of tailor-made Action Plans

## Implementation phase

(July 2025 – May 2026)

- Publicly available Action Plans and Methodology
- Implement agreed key activities
- Regular check-ins to measure progress and ensure impactful transfer
- Identification of new members
- Present M&T to new TPs

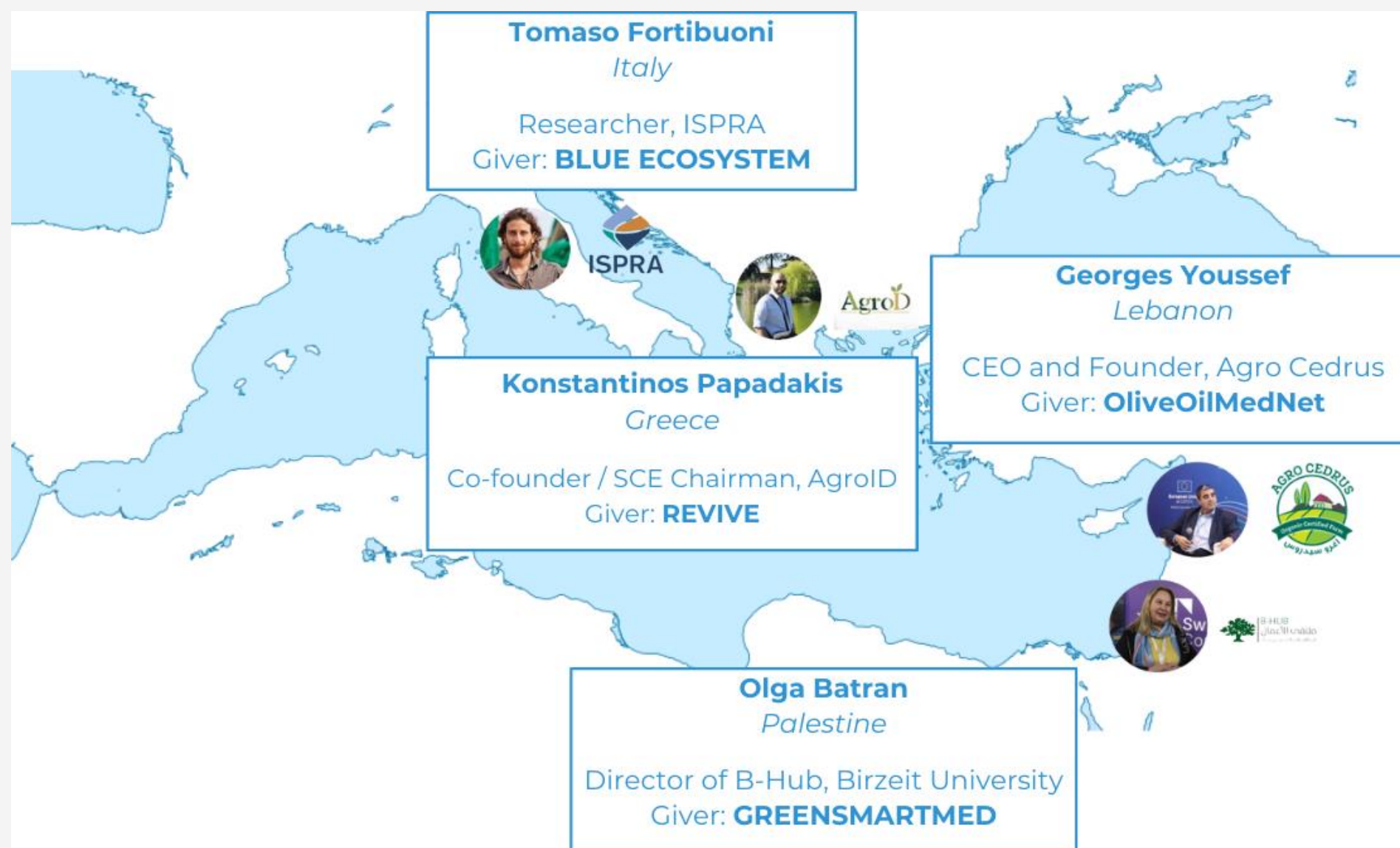






# The M&T Programme

Meet the people making this happen!



Interested in joining the program?

ENGLISH

Step 1 of 5 - About you

20%

Expression of Interest for Participation in the Mentoring and Twinning Programme

About you

Name \*

Last name \*

Gender \*

Age \*

Your email address \*

City \*

Country \*

(if applicable)

Next



Fill in the survey!

The Hub then will assess your profile and match you with relevant experts from the Mission's projects





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# Upcoming events

**CIRCLE THE MED** The Mediterranean Forum - 9th Edition



**Save – the – Date** **19 - 21 May 2026**

Co-organized with the Interreg Euro-MED ISE Mission (5th ISE CoP gathering & MED Innovation Summit)

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## Tuesday 19th – ISE Mission

5<sup>th</sup> ISE Community of Practice, pitches from Call04&05 and TWGs, panel discussion

## Wednesday 20th – ISE Mission & Circle the Med Forum

Capacity building session, opening of the Circle the Med Forum, policy session

## Thursday 21st – Circle the Med Forum

MED Innovation Summit, 4 plenary sessions:

- Sustainable use of marine resources
- Financing circular and regenerative economic models
- Sustainable tourism & climate resilience and adaptation
- Innovation for environmental transition

## How can you participate?

Become an ISEC Hub member and join the...

### MED Innovation Contest

1. Carefully review the Terms of Reference for detailed information on participation
2. Complete the registration form
3. Attach a brief cover letter in English

**The call is expected to open in February 2026**

*(travel and accommodation expenses will be covered)*

Associated Partners & M&T Programme members will be invited and actively engaged

Join our breakout room!

# Territorial priorities for a just transition in the Mediterranean



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