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MED Talks

fostering dialogue between
Northern and Southern shores

16 December 2025
09:00 - 12:45 CET - online

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Natural Heritage Mission

Let's make a difference in the Med together!

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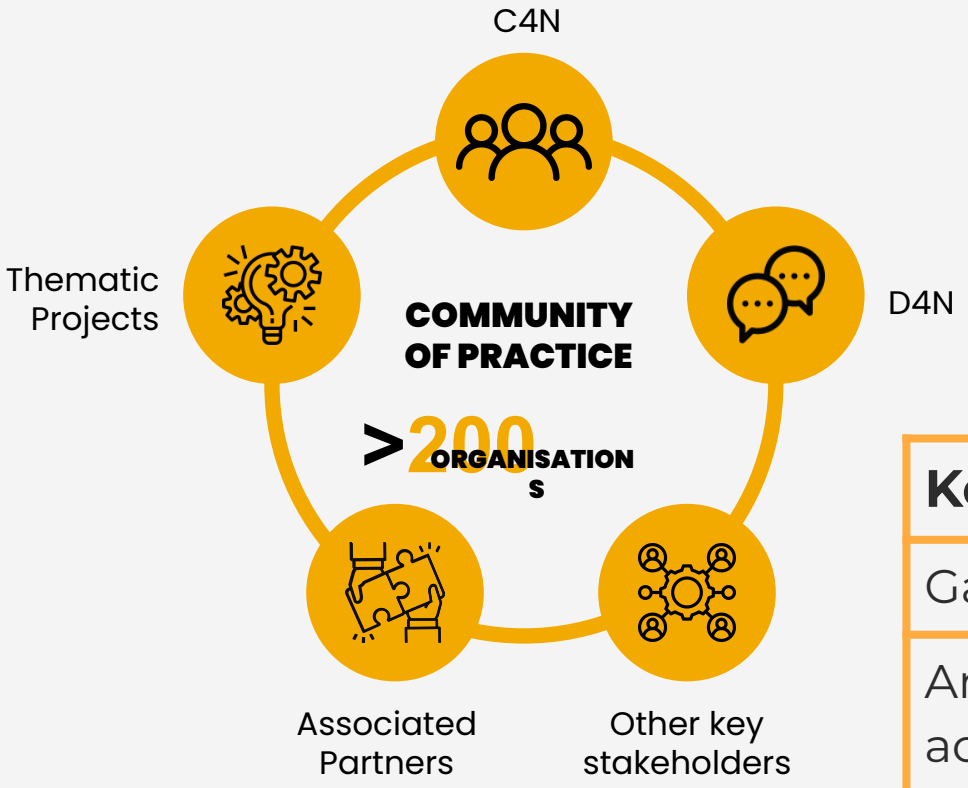
Our mission in a nutshell / 2025 main results



- ✓ Community of practice = more than **250** org.
- ✓ **1** Institutional Dialogue event (Nov. 2025)
- ✓ **5** Thematic clusters
- ✓ **1** Peer review cluster
- ✓ **2** Policy Recommendations

Key objectives	Key achievements
Gathering of first results	**7** solutions peer reviewed
Amplification Room activation	around **30** potential takers identified
Welcoming of new projects	**3** Thematic & **2** Strategic/Territorial

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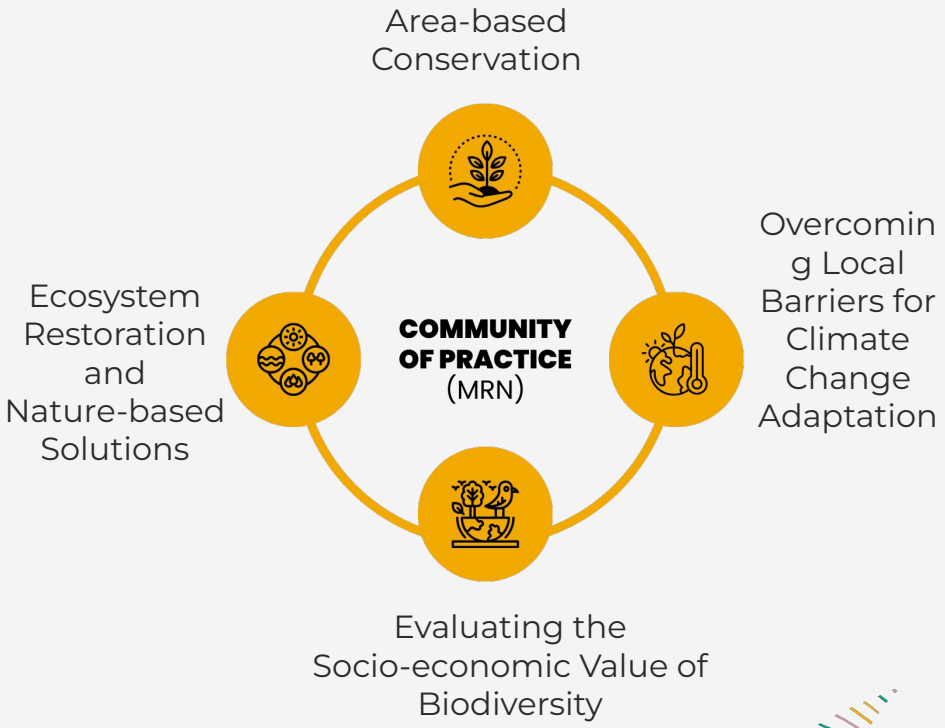
Key policy-oriented results

Thematic focus

Main structure

The Mission focuses on 4 thematic areas for networking, capacity building and producing knowledge (e.g. policy papers and briefs zooming in on specific EU, Mediterranean and international issues).

- **2 online webinars** per year offering capacity-building and encouraging knowledge sharing
- **1 in-person event** per year dealing with a specific policy issue related to the current policy agenda



Policy/Practice Empowerment

Policy Outputs

The Mission facilitates the development of key policy documents to address shared environmental goals.

For now, the following policy productions have been released:

- Policy recommendations on marine restoration
- Natural Heritage Mission Feedback to the Nature Restoration Regulation Uniform Format
- Policy recommendations on terrestrial and freshwater ecosystem restoration (unpublished)

Policy/Practice Empowerment

Annual Institutional Dialogue events

23/24 November 2023 - Piran, Slovenia / *embedding technical expertise into actionable policies*

28/29 November 2024 - Málaga, Spain / *aligning actions with the Global Biodiversity Framework and the EU Nature Restoration Law on marine & coastal ecosystem restoration*

25/27 November 2025 - Barcelona, Spain / *reviewing the policy opportunities linked to the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona Process, the 50th anniversary of Barcelona Convention and the development of the Nature Restoration Plans*

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Policy/Practice Empowerment

Synergies and Advocacy Work

- Strategic synergies with relevant networks, initiatives, programmes, and organisations.
- Special focus on fostering connections between the two shores of the Mediterranean Sea.
- Advocacy and positioning activities to ensure that the Mission's results are broadly disseminated.

<u>Examples of participation in international events and initiatives</u>:

- UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Change
- Congress for Nature Conservation in Catalonia
- Barcelona Convention COP 23: presenting policy achievements and strengthening networks on nature conservation
- 8th Mediterranean Forest Week in Barcelona
- United Nations Ocean Conference 2025: co-organization of 2 side-events

Involvement of Mediterranean partners

- **The 2025 Institutional Dialogue event** brought together over 100+ participants, including key partners from National Authorities, Local Authorities NGOs, private sector and CSOs from Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkiye.

→ **This fostered experience sharing and discussions on joint initiatives and provided key contributions to shaping the policy recommendations and the territorial solutions on legislative frameworks, socio-economic challenges and the integration of communities in participatory governance processes.**

- **COP 24 of the Barcelona Convention:** key contributions from the Ministry of Environment of Egypt and the Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon

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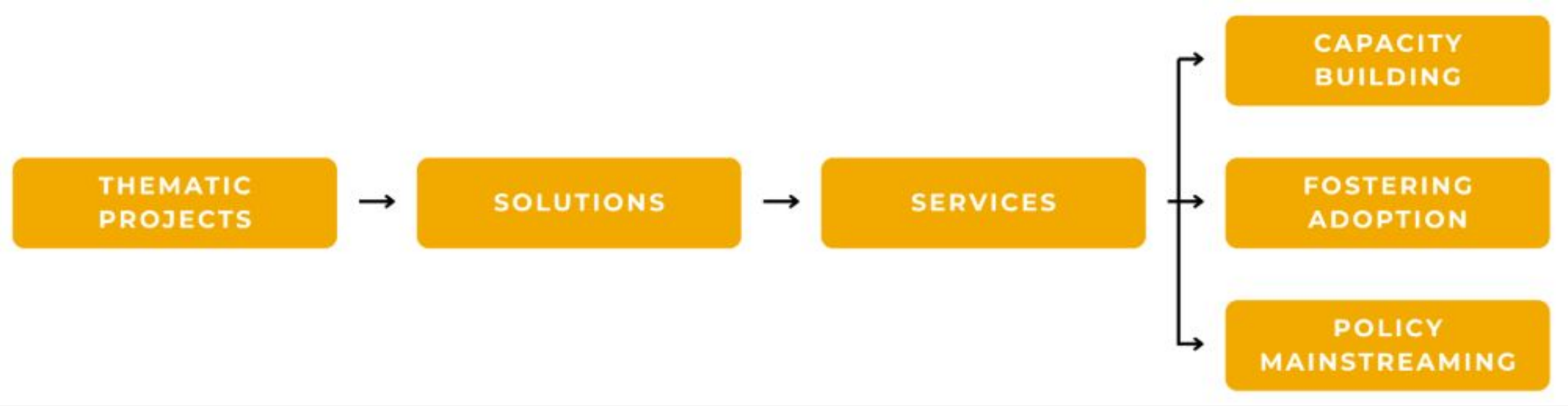
Transferring tools and collaboration with Southern and Eastern Mediterranean partners

Amplification Room

The Amplification Room

It is the space where the Natural Heritage community comes together and opens to new external actors with the aim to facilitate transference in practice.



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Natural Heritage Mission's Projects

1. ARTEMIS
Seagrass Meadows Restoration

2. CARBON 4 SOIL QUALITY
Carbon Farming

3. COASTRUST
Promoting Coastal Stewardships

4. FRED
Wildfire Prevention and Mitigation

5. Germ of Life
Digital Drought Risk Management

6. GreenList4MMPAs
Supporting Marine Protected Areas in the Med

7. INCORE-MED
Inclusive Coastline Resilience

8. LocAll4Flood
Flash Flood Risk Prevention

9. MedSeaRise
Adaptation to Mediterranean Sea Level Rise

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Natural Heritage Mission's Projects

10. MIRAMAR
Safeguarding Mediterranean Biodiversity

11. MPA4Change
Climate Change Adaptation plans for MPAs

12. RedeeM
Resilience in Desertification and Drought

13. RENFORCE
Forest Management and Prevention of Hazards

14. StrategyMedFor
Sustainable Management of Mediterranean Forests

15. TREASURE
Novel Environmental Quality Measures in Ports

16 Wat[H]ER
Water Heritage Systems Facing Climate Challenges

17 WE GO COOP
Improving Wetland Governance through a Community of Practice

18. Wetland4Change
Wetland Based Solutions for Climate Change Adaptation

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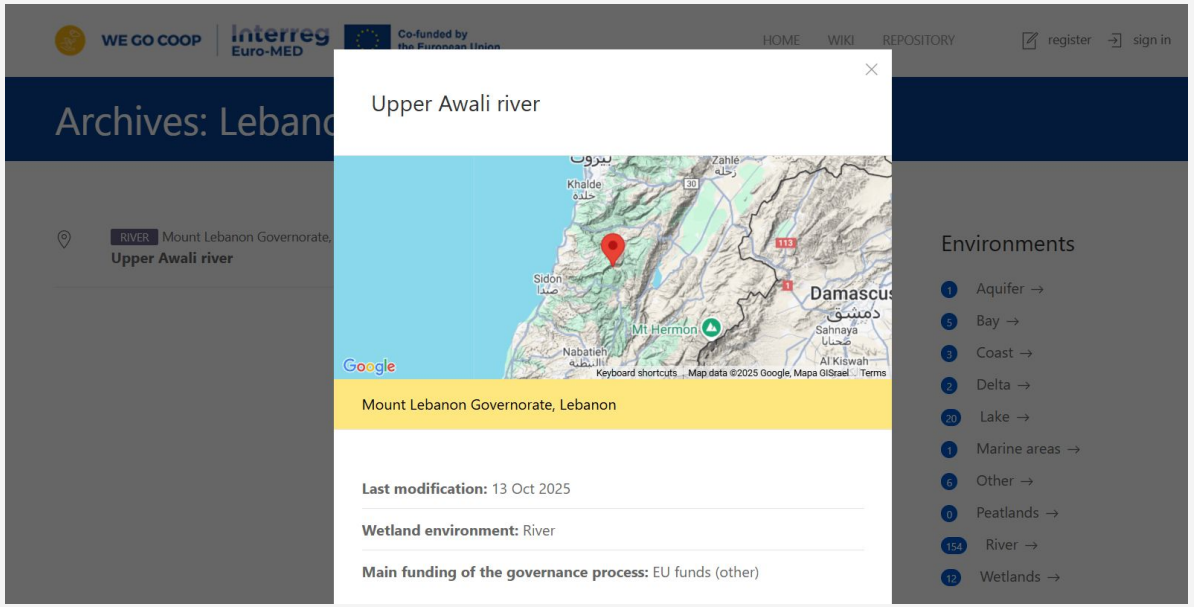
Examples of projects' collaboration with East and South Med



WE GO COOP

In the WiKi (Wetland Contracts platform: https://wetlandsgovernance.eu/wiki/) the Upper Awali river contract in Mount Lebanon Governorate (Lebanon) is included.

GreenList4MMPAs

45 MPA managers from 10 Med countries, 2 of which were Tunisia and Türkiye, responded to the project's survey to gather feedback on the draft guidance and notes for the application of the Green List standard to Mediterranean MPAs.

Our proposal to you / Fostering adoption

Mentorship Programme

- Showcase solutions
- Capacity building
- Tailored guidance to adopt solutions

How? Specific methodology and sustainability strategy / including MoUs to establish commitment

Duration = tailored-made

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Upcoming events / Communication channels

- ✓ May 2026 → **Community of Practice meeting** (Lisbon, Portugal)
- ✓ November 2026 → **Annual Institutional Dialogue event**, back-to-back with the **Interreg Euro-MED Programme Mid term event** (Marseille, France)
- ✓ **Working Group webinars** (2/year) on environmental governance challenges - open to all partners

Do you want to find more information about our Community and our Mission?

→ Visit our website: **https://natural-heritage.interreg-euro-med.eu/**

Join us through the Mission's social media:

@Gov4Nature

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Join the Natural Heritage Mission's breakout session

Nature Restoration on terrestrial and fresh-water ecosystems

- ✓ Presentation of the ongoing policy recommendations and NHM solutions contributing in this framework
- ✓ Participants contribution from their regions, explaining how they tackle these challenges and examples of solutions already and/or to be implemented
- ✓ Follow-up actions

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