Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits on Sustainable Tourism

How to find your perfect match

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Your MPLV: your “crush” for the future?

Have you notice that at the MMM we are a little bit romantic at heart?

Yeap, **Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits** (MPLV) are the **Tinder of Interreg Programmes** (and we assume it).

But before you meet your future 'crush' and participate in the matchmaking event on 5 November 2026, let me introduce to you **how it works**.

What will we see in this part?

- How to apply (in 5 steps)?
- “Giver” or “Taker”?
- How to find your future partners
- The MPLV database
- Where to find the information
- How to organise (and enjoy) your MPLV
- The matchmaking event
- Why to apply?

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How to apply (in 5 steps)?

Check on the **website of your Programme** for all the details, in particular the **Guidelines.**

FIND **PARTNERS**: have a look at the **MPLVs database**

Fill in the request for participation to present your MPLV proposal

Three months to implement the MPLV from the validation by the involved Programmes.

Deadline for presenting a MPLV proposal: first cutting date: **30/11/2026**, second cutting date: **30/3/2027**, third cutting date: **31/7/2027**. (May be affected by changes).

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“Giver” or “Taker”?

The first thing that you need to think about it’s about **your role:** “**Giver**” or “**Taker**”.

“**Giver**”: a partner or a project **sharing a knowledge**. Is the **project hosting the visit** at one of its pilot sites or premises. It is responsible for **sharing knowledge**, **showcasing good practices, tools, methodologies**, and **governance models** with the visiting partner(s) (“Takers”). The hosting project should ensure the visit is well-organized and effectively facilitate the exchange of knowledge.

“**Taker**”: a partner or a project. They should take this **opportunity to gain exposure to knowledge and solutions**, and draw inspiration from the practices presented, with the aim of **adapting and replicating them** within their own projects and local contexts.

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The MPLV database: where everything starts

Name of the programme	Acronym of the project	Full name of the project	Project website	Name of the organisation	Country	Main topic adressed by the visit	Preferred role in the visit	For 'Givers': short description of the good practice/solution to be shared	For 'Takers': short description of the knowledge/expertise searched	Contact details (name and surname(s) / posit name of the partner / email adress / phone nu
Interreg Euro-MED	RECIRCLE MED	Supporting the implementation of blue and circular tourism in the Mediterranean	https://recirclemed.interreg-euro-med.eu/	University of Thessaly	Greece	Innovative tourism products	Giver	The Blueprint is a tool for tourism destinations to create their own "Blue Action Plans for Circular Tourism", that balance the needs of visitors, residents, businesses, and nature. Instead of one-size-fits-all rules, the Blueprint lets each territory adapt its plan to fit its unique challenges and opportunities.It serves as a practical guide and adaptable toolkit, helping territories set tailored goals and transition toward sustainable, circular, and blue tourism models. By fostering the exchange of experiences across countries with different governance systems, the Blueprint creates a shared framework for addressing common challenges. This collaborative approach adds value by strengthening regional coherence and supporting the adoption of innovative circular and blue economy practices in tourism. The Blueprint's outcomes directly feed into the development of the Blue Action Plans, helping destinations to: -Address weaknesses and identify new opportunities through evidence-based analysis. -Introduce improved measures that support the shift toward circular and blue tourism systems.		Dora Papatheochari/ Assistant professor/ Univer Thessaly/ thpapath@uth.gr/ 00+02421074436
Interreg Euro-MED	Port-CREW	Port-City Regions To Wave Med Cruise Destinations As Smart, Sustainable And Striking Eco-Tourism Systems	https://portcrew.interreg-euro-med.eu/	Fundación Valenciaport	Spain	Innovative tourism products	Giver	Within the framework of the PortCrew project, Valencia aims to contribute to the Valenciaport cruise 's sustainability strategy by supporting the decongestion and diversification of shore excursion offers at destination level, while also reinforcing social sustainability. To this end, the project works closely with the destination to promote the development of new excursions in lesser-visited areas of the province that nevertheless offer strong tourism potential. These experiences are designed to be unique, authentic and adapted to the needs and expectations of new generations of cruise passengers, including Gen Z travellers, families with children and visitors with accessibility requirements. In doing so, the initiative seeks to generate economic value for the destination while helping to preserve residents' quality of life. To implement these new experiences, PortCrew has designed a collaborative methodology involving key public and private stakeholders. This approach includes training, advisory support and tailored product development, with the aim of building a new range of shore excursions outside the most popular tourist areas of Valencia province. The resulting experiences will ultimately be tested through a familiarization trip addressed to cruise lines and tour operators, supporting their future promotion and integration into the cruise tourism offer.		Carolina Navarro cnavarro@fundacion.valenciap Blue Economy Director +34687629583 Ana Palanca apalanca@fundacion.valenciaport.
								The good practice and solution to be shared concerns the creation, licensing, operation, and sustainable management of a diving park. The organisation has established and operates a diving park that was developed through the CLLD LEADER Heraklion programme and has been recognised as a good practice by the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. Based on this experience, it can offer significant practical know-how on the full process of developing a diving park, from planning and organisation to licensing, operation, management, and long-term sustainability. The organisation can share expertise on the administrative, technical, environmental, and operational requirements needed for the successful establishment of diving parks. This includes knowledge on stakeholder		

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The magic of our algorithm: You

- As in life, **don’t be shy**.
- Don’t assume that just because you are a “Giver”, you should wait. **Be proactive** and look for potential “Takers”.
- Use **keywords** to make your research easier.
- In each project, **partners can offer different knowledge** compared to their colleagues or be **looking for covering different needs**. So don't assume that, just because a partner is part of a project, they all have the same needs or are willing to share the same knowledge.
- **Don't limit yourself to roles**: if you are a “Giver” and you have identified another “Giver” working on a different topic with a similar but different approach, you can organise an MPLV and exchange knowledge, even if you are in the same position.

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The guidelines: everything that you need to know is there

- What are the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits for Sustainable Tourism?
- What is the Interreg Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM) and who is involved in it
- What is the role of the Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM) in the frame of the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits?
- Why participate in the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits for Sustainable Tourism?
- Who can participate?
- How to submit a request for participation?
- How the request for participation will be reviewed?
- What is expected from the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits?
- Eligible costs
- Further support
- Final check list for applicants

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The application request form

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Application request of the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits on Sustainable Tourism

Request for participation to a Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits on Sustainable Tourism

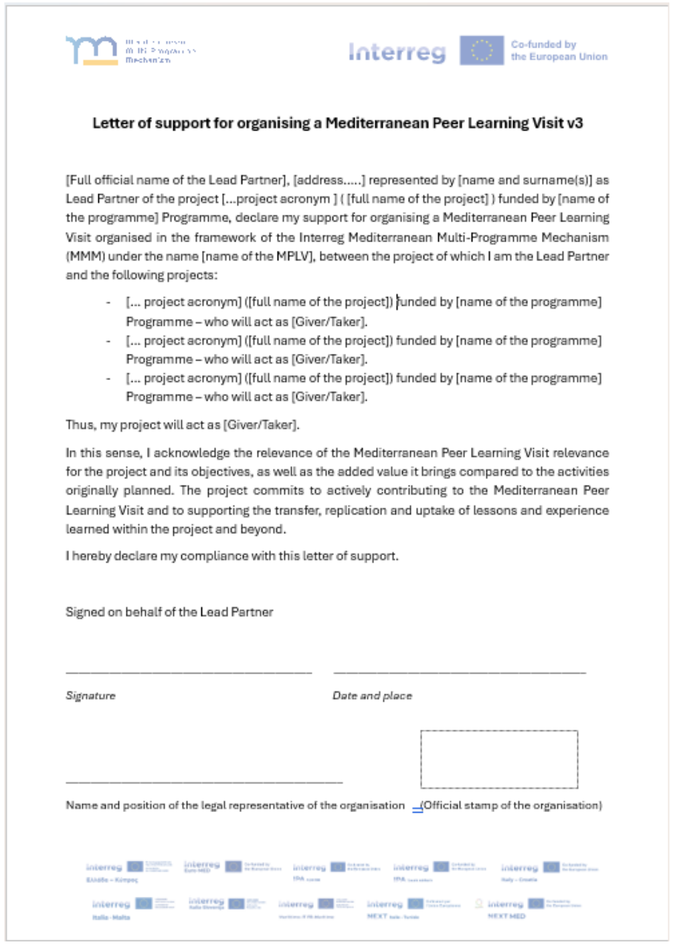
Considering the details provided in the **Guidelines for Mediterranean Peer Learning Visits** (**MPLV**) **on Sustainable Tourism**, please, complete the application request form by providing all the required data.

Elements to consider:

- Only one of the partners involved in the partnership is in charge of submitting the request for all the partnership.
- Answers should be concise but exhaustive.
- As explained in the Guidelines, each Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit should be designed as a learning opportunity and based on **the logic of "Givers" and "Takers"**.
- Don't forget to add the **letters of support of the Lead Partners of the respective projects involved** in the Peer Learning Exchange Visit are mandatory. As explained in the Guidelines, those letters are needed even if the Lead Partners of the projects do not intend to participate in the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit.
- After the visit, partners must also fill in the **Activity Report** describing the key highlights of the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit, lessons learned, observed practices, and including the communication activities organised to give visibility to the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit, like the places/ sites visited, the partners involved and the stakeholders mobilised.
- The Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit should be organised no later than three months before the projects involved in it end.

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/PELV_application_request

The letter of support



Letter of support for organising a Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit v3

[Full official name of the Lead Partner], [address.....] represented by [name and surname(s)] as Lead Partner of the project [...project acronym] ([full name of the project]) funded by [name of the programme] Programme, declare my support for organising a Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit organised in the framework of the Interreg Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM) under the name [name of the MPLV], between the project of which I am the Lead Partner and the following projects:

- [... project acronym] ([full name of the project]) funded by [name of the programme] Programme – who will act as [Giver/Taker].
- [... project acronym] ([full name of the project]) funded by [name of the programme] Programme – who will act as [Giver/Taker].
- [... project acronym] ([full name of the project]) funded by [name of the programme] Programme – who will act as [Giver/Taker].

Thus, my project will act as [Giver/Taker].

In this sense, I acknowledge the relevance of the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit relevance for the project and its objectives, as well as the added value it brings compared to the activities originally planned. The project commits to actively contributing to the Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit and to supporting the transfer, replication and uptake of lessons and experience learned within the project and beyond.

I hereby declare my compliance with this letter of support.

Signed on behalf of the Lead Partner

Signature *Date and place*

Name and position of the legal representative of the organisation (Official stamp of the organisation)

The idea of the letter of support is that **every Lead Partners of each project involved in the MPLV** should fill the letter of support.

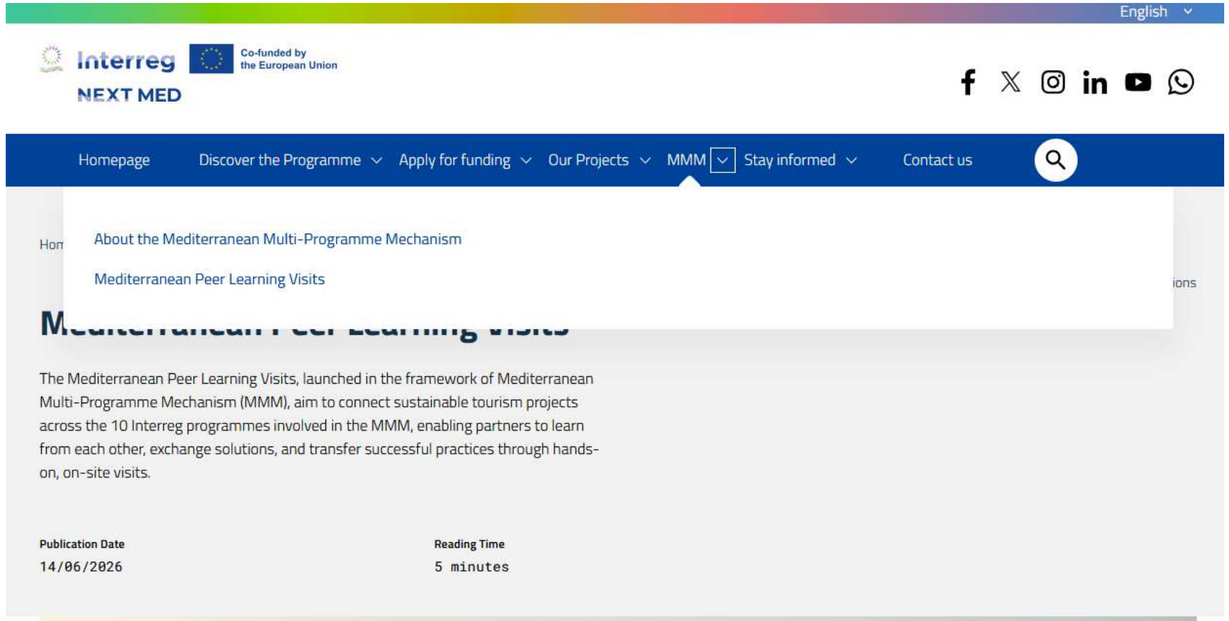
The person in charge of filling the form for all the MPLV partnership, must upload, via the form, **a single PDF file containing all the supporting letters**.

The final check list (before submitting the request for participation)

- ✅ The participation request shall be submitted EXCLUSIVELY through the dedicated form published on **EU Survey** (available here).
- ✅ The proposal of Mediterranean Peer Learning Visit focuses on **one of the four key topics on sustainable tourism**:
  - Shared and strategic governance of the tourism offer;
  - Tourism and green transition;
  - Social, inclusive, and accessible tourism;
  - Innovative tourism products),

  and the projects are **funded by one of the ten Interreg Programmes involved in the Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism**.
- ✅ The projects are **ongoing** at the time of application.
- ✅ The MPLV should **be concluded one month before the end** of the project ending the first.
- ✅ The partnership involves at **least two projects** and ideally from **different Interreg Programmes** that cannot normally cooperate because of Programmes' geographical areas limitations.
- ✅ The roles of "Giver" and "Taker(s)" are clearly defined and consistent with the learning objectives of the MPLV.
- ✅ The proposed MPLV is designed as a **learning opportunity**, with clear objectives and expected learning outcomes.
- ✅ A **pilot site or premises** relevant to the peer exchange is identified.
- ✅ The online application request form is **fully completed**.
- ✅ **Support letters** from the Lead Partners of all involved projects are provided.
- ✅ The application demonstrates a **clear potential** for **sharing knowledge** beyond the single peer visit.

Where to find the information?



https://www.interregnextmed.eu/mmm/mediterranean-peer-learning-visits/

In order to centralise information about the MMM and the MPLV, each Programme has a dedicated section of its website.

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Interreg Italy-Croatia

Interreg Italia-Slovenija

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Interreg Italia-Malta

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And if we have further doubts?

If you don’t find your answer in the guidelines or on the information available online, send us an email.

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The matchmaking event

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Main organisational steps: at a glance

If you are a **partner** of an **ongoing project** working on **sustainable tourism in the Mediterranean** area and **funded by** a one of the 10 **Programmes part of the MMM**:

Are you a “Giver” or a “Taker”?

Fill the database

Find your possible future partners

Contact your possible future partners

Once you have your “perfect match”, fill the online application request form

Wait for the approval by the Programmes

Organise (and enjoy) your MPLV

Don’t forget to communicate about your MPLV (on social media, website, media, etc.)

… and to fill the evaluation form ;)

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Why to apply?

- **MPLVs are not a project**, they are more flexible and less rigid.

- We have designed them in order to enable projects and project partners to **meet, exchange ideas, share knowledge and incorporate new ones, tried-and-tested experiences into their projects**. **Take advantage of them!**

- The **database offers hundred of possible combinations**, between “Givers” and “Takers” and between “Givers” and “Givers”.

- It offers you the opportunity to **showcase your expertise and know-how** not only for your current project but also to **position** your entity with a view to **future calls for proposals**, and to **get to know your potential future partners**, all **within a secure environment**.

- **Capitalisation** will play an even **more important role in the next programming period (**2028–2034) and **MPLVs help you capitalise on this**. **Make the most of it ;)**

Thank you

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