



# MED4EBM

MED4EBM Forum: end of the project and future outlook

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Tunis*





## The Mediterranean Forum for Applied Ecosystem Based Management

The Forum was established in May 2022 with a presentation event in Sibari (CS) with the participation of various stakeholders identified as being active in the project area and/or interested and involved in the application of Ecosystem Based Management and Integrated Coastal Zone Management.





## **Stakeholders involved in the Forum launch**

**Cassano allo Ionio Municipality**

**Corigliano-Rossano Municipality**

**Biologists Association**

**Tuscany Region - DG Soil Defense and Civil Protection, Water, Territory and Coastal Protection Sector**

**ARSAC – Regional Company for Agricultural Development**

**ARPACAL – Regional Agency for Environmental Protection**

**Unical DiBEst – University of Calabria - Biology, Ecology and Earth Sciences Department**

**CIRF – Italian Center for River Restoration**

**ISPRA – Italian National Authority for Environmental Protection**

**Marevivo – Italian NGO active in the protection of marine ecosystems**



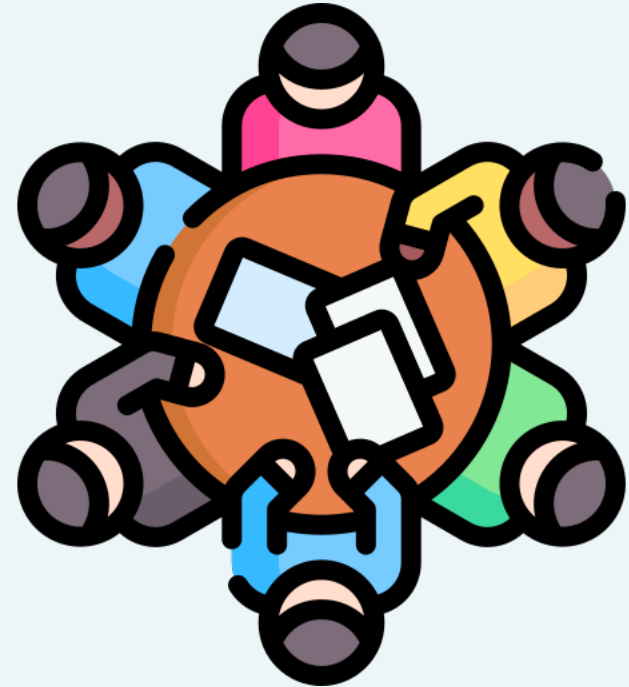
## What we have done in Italy

### *Decision makers*

AdT obtained formal adhesions by municipalities of

- Santa Sofia d'Epiro
- Corigliano-Rossano
- Tarsia
- Cassano allo Ionio

to reach the actual application of the measures proposed in the PP2 document «*Proposte per la Gestione Ecosistemica Integrata del Golfo di Corigliano*».





## What we have done in Italy

### *Technical stakeholder*

AdT obtained formal adhesions by

- ARSAC
- Arpacal
- Biologists Association
- University of Calabria – DiBEST
- Biologists without borders Association

They will participate in the Forum by keeping collaborating on data gathering and data analysis.

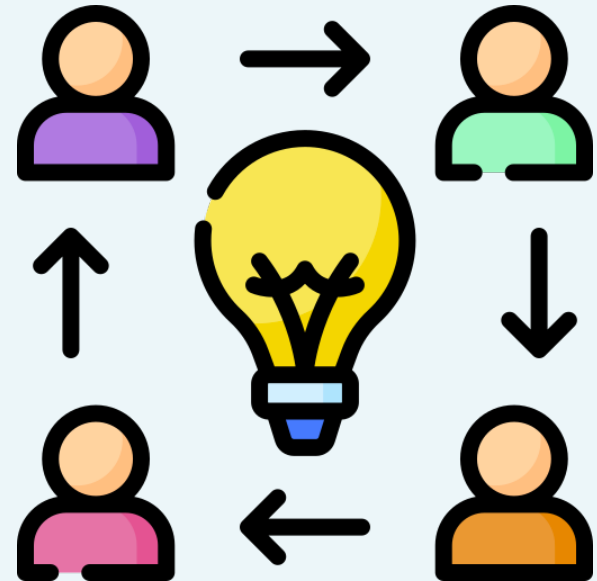




## Making organizations work together – The participatory approach

### LESSON LEARNT

Subjects who might seem to be interconnected in terms of functions and assignments, actually expressed great appreciation for the opportunity to have a space for direct confrontation on environmental and land management issues that was missing and that they felt was needed.





## Other Italian areas and organizations willing to apply EBM activities

### *Tuscany Region*

The **Tuscany Region** , which is at the forefront of ICZM management in Italy, would like our support in evaluating and monitoring, the results of the applications made in the area of coastal erosion.





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The **Tuscany Region** - DG Soil Defense and Civil Protection, Water, Land and Coast Protection Sector will also bring to the Forum a wealth of good practices applied for years for the integrated management of coastal zones.







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### *Lake Bolsena bio-district | Lazio Region*



Bio-district of Lake Bolsena has come in touch with PP2 and it could become a new pilot area, since they already carry on ecosystem-related projects.



## Promoting and widening new partnerships

### *ANSEP UNITAM*



ANSEP will be a strategic partner for the Forum as it has contacts with all Italian ports and the availability of data on the waste that ships deliver to ports.

Interest emerged in dealing at regional level with the issue of ship sewage regulated by the MARPOL73/78 convention.

Current pollution levels are already endangering some particularly sensitive areas of the Mediterranean, such as the cetacean sanctuary.



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### WHAT COULD WE DO?

Identify studies carried out in other countries and carry out monitoring and awareness-raising projects to protect the Mediterranean through EBM protocols and tools, with the coordination of the Mediterranean Forum.



## An organized and representative Forum

The challenge that awaits us in the near future is to give an organizational structure to the Forum in which all partners are represented and share the founding principles and membership arrangements.





**THANK YOU**

