



## NEWSLETTER N°1

## FISHery MEDiterranean NETwork

### FISH MED NET, A PROJECT AT THE CORE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN :

The European Fishery Mediterranean Network (FISH MED NET) project was launched on September 1, 2019, and will run over a period of 36 months. The objective of this project is to provide considerable support to the artisanal fishing sector, with the aim of seizing opportunities for diversification and integration into other sectors.

This project is co-funded by the EU under the ENI CBC Med Programme "Mediterranean Sea Basin" 2014-2020 Program which brings together the coastal territories of 14 European and Med countries for a more competitive, innovative, inclusive and sustainable Mediterranean area.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION :



<http://www.enicbcmcd.eu/projects/fish-med-net>



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### THE CONTEXT : WHY WAS THIS PROJECT MADE

The fishing sector in the Mediterranean has been badly impacted for several years, and is confronted with problems of competition, a decline in young people's interest in the sector trades, as well as the ecological impact and the degradation of maritime flora and fauna which affect coastal territories, attributed to extra-fishing activity.

The Mediterranean is characterized by a series of common challenges which, especially in artisanal fisheries where fishery resources are shared, require a common cross-border commitment. In a growing global market, local fishermen must structure their organizations at Mediterranean level in order to more effectively resolve all these problems such as environmental issues, visibility on the external market as well as credibility with public institutions and international organizations. The cross-border impact of the project aims to help fill the lack of know-how in terms of sharing good practices on coastal management of the blue economy through the cooperation of complementary actors.

### WHAT WILL THE FISH MED NET PROJECT ACHIEVE ?

The project aims to create new transnational business alliances, based on common business models, between Mediterranean micro, small and medium enterprises in the fisheries sector. The beneficiaries of the project will be supported in their journey through training, as well as professional assistance for the development of new services / products and tools to improve their marketing. The goal of the FISH MED NET project is to promote new business alliances between micro, small and medium-sized enterprises and to strengthen the skills and capacities of public authorities to act as territorial facilitators, through capacity development activities. that are planned under the project.

In the long term, the project should promote the attractiveness of young people to become entrepreneurs, business owners in the artisanal and sustainable fishing sector, help them visualize and organize a future corresponding to both current and new climate challenges. working methods implemented.

Ecological, economic and innovative solutions will be implemented and provided, as well as the training and research of future entrepreneurs and allies for companies in the fishing sector, which are faced with a lack of interest on the part of young people.

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### THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FISH MED NET PROJECT :

The FISH MED NET project therefore focuses on companies in the Mediterranean fishing sector by focusing on objectives defined in four major themes, among which we find the **Development of companies and SMEs**, **Technology Transfer and Innovation** and **Professionalization of Youth and Women** are also the themes addressed by this project, with the aim of revitalizing the fishing sector, making it more attractive to young people, offering training and facilitate access to employment through professional support. The notion of ecology is an important part of this project, and is included here thanks to the theme of **Waste Management**, which addresses and questions in particular the principle of the blue economy.

### KEY FIGURES:



2,2 Million total budget



2 Million EU contribution



7 partners



### FISH MED NET LAUNCH MEETING :

The cross-border launch meeting of the FISH MED NET project took place in Porto-Vecchio, Corsica, on January 28 and 29, 2020. The participants, representing all the partners of the FISH MED NET project, met to discuss the project, define an action plan to be implemented, as well as plan the first tasks to ensure the smooth running of the project.

Despite the global health crisis that impacted the start of the FISH MED NET project, the partners are active and meet frequently during videoconferences, in order to be able to work as best as possible on the various project activities to ensure their implementation.

### THE PARTNERS OF THE FISH MED NET PROJECT :

This project is set up and governed through a technical partnership that spans five Mediterranean countries.  
This cross-border consortium is made up of :



the Community  
of Communes  
of South Corsica,  
*France*



the Fisheries Department  
of Legacoop Agrofood,  
*Italy*



Haliéus,  
*Italy*



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the Mediterranean  
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for the Development  
of Artisanal Fisheries,  
*Tunisia*



the Ministry of  
Agriculture,  
*Lebanon*



the Center for Economic  
and Social Development  
of Palestine,  
*Palestine*