

Key sentences for the Interreg MED @COP27 Mediterranean Pavilion

In this document you can find some texts and short explanations that might help you in communicating about our presence in the COP27.

INTERREG MED EVENTS @COP27 Mediterranean Pavilion

.....

From 6th to 18th November 2022, the Interreg MED Programme, together with its Thematic Communities and UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union, will host three conferences at the COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt, at the Mediterranean Pavilion. The Mediterranean Pavilion is a joint initiative of Programmes and 14 Mediterranean key actors coordinated by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) together with the United Nations Environment Programme, the Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP-MAP) and the PRIMA Foundation.

.....

Over two weeks (6-18 November), the Interreg MED Programme will welcome many regional stakeholders at the COP27 Mediterranean Pavilion – public and private, scientific and academic, but also technical experts, policymakers and civil society – to highlight both the urgent challenges the region is currently facing, and the innovative solutions already being developed throughout the Mediterranean. More specifically, the Programme hosts three debates (in hybrid format) that cover the most pressing challenges of the Mediterranean addressed by its thematic communities:

1. “Tourism climate action plans in the Mediterranean: a vision for the future” 11th November, 10 to 11am

Organised by the Sustainable Tourism Community on the “Decarbonization day” the debate will lay stress mainly on the urgent need to decarbonise the tourism sector that in the next 20 years will represent 10% of global CO₂ emissions, as well as on the potential of the tourist destinations in mitigating and adapting to climate change. Most notably, the debate will present the “Glasgow declaration” as an effective tool to engage in a more sustainable development path.

2. “Mediterranean biodiversity challenges: acting against marine litter” 16th November, 12:30 to 1:30pm

Organised by the Biodiversity Protection Community on the “Biodiversity Day” the event will look into ongoing efforts to address the impacts of marine litter on Mediterranean ecosystems,

debating on the knowledge available and gaps remaining to tackle the cumulative threats to the Mediterranean as a biodiversity hotspot.

3. “Promoting green & blue growth innovation in the Mediterranean: adopting circular economy strategies for climate change mitigation and adaptation”
17th November, 3 to 4pm.

Organised by the Green Growth and Blue Growth Communities on the “Solutions Day” the debate will highlight the interlinkages between green and blue economy and the role of public authorities to promote innovation in this field to adapt and mitigate climate change.

Finally, to enhance the synergies between different EU-funded cooperation programmes, ENI CBC / Interreg NEXT Med, Prima Foundation and the Interreg Euro-MED are organising a round table on concrete ways to move forward:

4. “Accelerating the green transition in the Mediterranean: spotlight on funding opportunities”
9th November, 4:15 to 5:15pm

This event will showcase the environmental-related priorities of three different EU-supported programmes with a Mediterranean scope – namely Interreg NEXT Med, Interreg Euro-Med and PRIMA – and provide information on funding available and how to access financial support. The event will also insist on the leading role of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) in creating operational synergies among regional projects to increase their visibility and overall impact.

ABOUT THE INTERREG EURO-MED PROGRAMME

The Interreg Euro-MED Programme supports cooperation across Mediterranean borders. It provides funds for projects developed and managed by public administrations, universities, private and civil society organisations. The Programme brings together partners from 69 regions of 14 countries from the Northern shore of the Mediterranean with a common objective: a climate neutral and resilient society for the benefit of its citizens.

In the previous seven years (2014-2020) the Programme - called Interreg MED at the time - with an amount of 265M, has funded 142 projects on main topics such as: blue economy, green economy, cultural and creative industries, sustainable urban transport, efficient buildings, renewable energy, sustainable tourism and biodiversity protection.



<https://interreg-med.eu/>

For the next seven years 2021-2027 the Programme will continue to fund projects on four main missions: sustainable innovative economy, climate change, biodiversity protection, sustainable tourism and green living areas. The “ Interreg Euro-MED Programme” has a budget of 294M and in 2022 has already opened two Calls for Proposals.

<https://interreg-euro-med.eu/en/>

ABOUT THE MEDITERRANEAN PAVILION

For the first time in COP’s history, the 27th edition will host a Mediterranean Pavilion. The initiative is conceived to highlight both the urgent challenges the region is currently facing, and the innovative solutions already being developed throughout the Mediterranean, raising awareness on a region overlooked in the climate negotiations.

.....

Located in the COP27 Blue zone, the Mediterranean Pavilion will host relevant events and working meetings and provide an exceptional opportunity to highlight these severe challenges as well as to illustrate, share, scale up and discuss the advanced adaptation and mitigation initiatives applied and planned in the region.

.....

The Mediterranean Pavilion is conceived as a space for all regional actors – public and private, scientific and academic, technical, policymaking, civil society, finance, and business – actively engaged in facing the climate crisis in and around the Mediterranean Sea. The initiative is led by the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) together with United Nations Environment Programme - Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP-MAP) and the PRIMA Foundation, along with a coalition of the most relevant organisations dealing with climate action in the region (see list below). In an innovative approach, the Mediterranean Pavilion will have the independent network of Mediterranean Experts on Environmental and Climate Change (MedECC) as a scientific council advising its activities. MedECC gathers over 600 scientists from 35 countries and in 2019 published the first-ever scientific assessment report on the impact of environmental and climate change in the Mediterranean region.