



Mediterranean Network of sustainable small-scale fishing communities

FISHINMED

- Priority 1** Promotion of socio-economic development and enhancement of territories
- Measure 1.2** Strengthening economic clusters creating synergies among potentials of the Mediterranean sea basin countries

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Project in brief

Fishing is one of the strategic sectors in the Mediterranean area in terms of economic growth and employment. However several issues may hamper its development in the long run such as low profitability and competitiveness, impact of catch limits on marginal areas characterized by poor job opportunities and lack of an appropriate common strategy at Mediterranean level for small fishing communities. In this complex framework, **FISHINMED** aims at protecting and enhancing small fishing communities, thus increasing employment opportunities as well as preventing the uncontrolled exploitation of sea resources.

Beneficiary

Puglia Region, Regional Ministry for agro-food policies, Department of Hunting and Fishing (Italy, Puglia)

Partnership

1. International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies - Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari (Italy, Puglia)
2. LAORE Regional Agency (Italy, Sardegna)
3. Ministry of Agriculture, General Direction of Fishing and Aquaculture (Tunisia, Tunis)
4. Agricultural Research Center, Central Laboratory for Aquaculture Research (Egypt)
5. Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife (Lebanon)
6. Sicily Region, Department of Fisheries (Italy, Sicilia)
7. Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece, Attiki)

Specific objective

Establishment of a Mediterranean network (Euro-Mediterranean observatory) gathering public and private institutions with a view to defining common strategies for the social and economic development of small fishing communities and set up of a local technical support system aimed at diversifying economic activities and increasing the income of the operators involved

Expected results

- Definition of strategies for the socio-economic development of small fishing communities
- Setting up of a system for the technical support and assistance to small fishing communities to diversify activities and strengthen the competitiveness of fishing operators
- Enhancement of the role of Mediterranean small fishing communities

Target groups

- 8 public and private institutions
- 6 professional associations and small fishing unions

Final beneficiaries

- Operators of small fishing communities (fishermen)
- Local development agencies
- Operators of sea tourism
- Small processing firms

Duration

36 months

Budget

- Total budget: € 1.472.270
- Programme contribution: € 1.325.043 (90%)
- Project co-financing: € 147.227 (10%)

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