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Inspire Policy Making with Territorial Evidence

Regional Development and Interregional Cooperation for the Blue Economy Sectors

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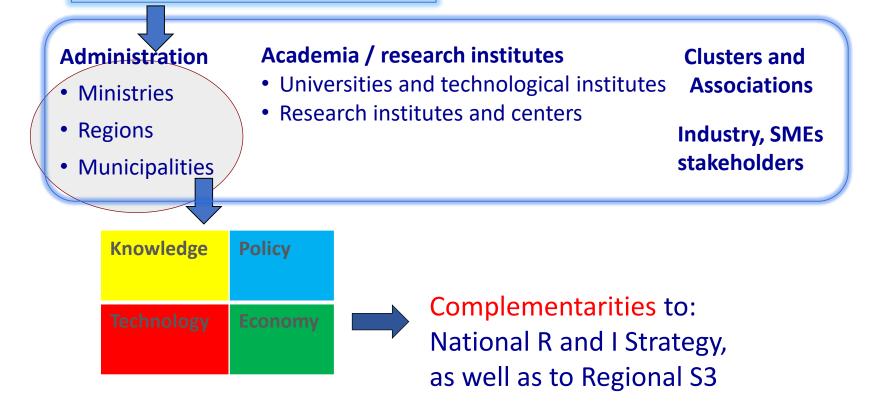
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Describing the Maritime Community in Greece

Transport	Energy
Environment	Fisheries
Tourism & Heritage	Biotechnology
Aquaculture	Hydrocarbons





- Crete: an insular region, at the SE part of Europe
- It is the largest island in Greece and the fifth largest one in the Mediterranean Sea
- It covers an area of 8,336 Km2
- Permanent population: 680,000 inh
- Visitors: 5,000,000 (7 x population)

We are taking the advantages for good co operations!

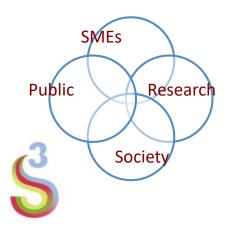
SOCLIMPACT H2020:



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What is the effect of Climate Change on the <u>Blue Economy</u> at EU Islands ?

Regional Stakeholders Meeting In Crete, June 2018



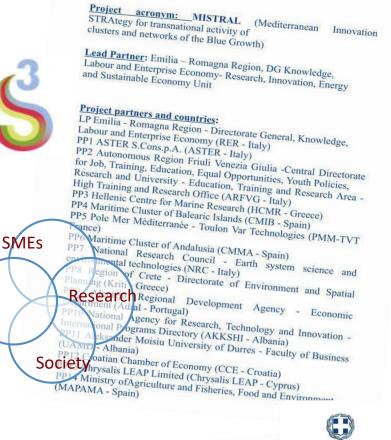
MISTRAL Interreg MED:

Mediterranean Innovation STRAtegy for transnational

activity of clusters and networks of the Blue Growth Interreg





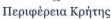


Mediterranean

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An important feedback as an Associated Partner-

INNOBLUEGROWTH: Horizontal Communication & Capitalization project for Innovation in Blue Growth at Mediterranean level

InnoBlueGrowthPartners



BLUE ENERGY:

A NEW, very promising field for :

- research,
- new projects
- and activities at the marine environment

around the island of Crete

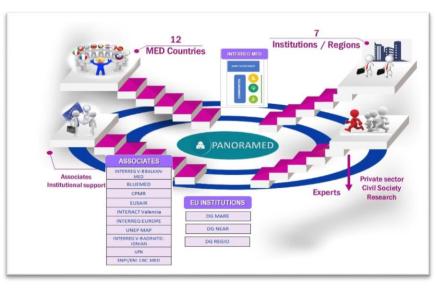




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PANORAMED Interreg MED:

<u>MULTILEVEL Mediterranean Governance</u>, focusing on Maritime Surveillance, Coastal Maritime Tourism and Innovation



INTERREG MED Event, Rome, April 2018







BLUEISLANDS Interreg MED: Successful examples of transferring and capitalization – *BLUEISLANDS*

BLUEISLANDS: Seasonal variation of waste as effect of tourism

3 Pilot coastal areas (Cretan Beaches)

An extended Tourism Campaign









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On site Pilot Activities



Time for Action!

Blue Economy – a Promising ! Domain

 Development at sea, with innovative ways that will help the EU to emerge from the current economic crisis in some countries.



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- Supported by the Maritime dimension of the EU 2020 Strategy,
 NEW EU COMMUNICATION FOR THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY
 - contribute to EU's international competitiveness,
 - improve resource efficiency,
 - jobs creation in new fields,
 - maintaining biodiversity and protecting the marine environment,
 - ensuring the services offered by healthy and resilient marine and coastal ecosystems

Added value for the Regions // The role of the Regions

Regions have:

- 1. Regulatory societal powers
- 2. Policies/strategies in addition to National
- 3. A role in seeking consensus among the actors at the territory
- 4. Links with stakeholders and key players for restoration policies

That brings into attention:

- > The key role of an authority at a regional level (European Regions)
- The direct involvement of the Regions to European Strategies
- The cross-border cooperation through EU projects
- > The need for RRR (Regions to Regions Relations)





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