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## ReMED



## LPCs, Partner Meeting, &amp; more!

Since the 2<sup>nd</sup> Project Newsletter, ReMED Partners have been hard at work undertaking LPC and Partner meetings, organising conferences, and promoting the project at communication and dissemination events.

In this edition of the newsletter, we will highlight LPC meetings from the partners, the project's 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and other dissemination material provided by the partners

Follow us on social media to keep up to date with all our activities and dissemination of the project as we go!



## Participation in University of Malta Expo

The ReMED project had a 5-minute presentation at the University of Malta Research Expo on the 28th May, followed by a 5-minute Q&A. Research officer Faye Sciberras presentation explained the impact of climate change in the Mediterranean region and on our buildings and urban areas.

The scope and aim of ReMED were explained, and it was highlighted that ReMED's intent to support Mediterranean cities in their climate adaptation efforts by developing an innovative set of assessment tools and a comprehensive decision-support framework.

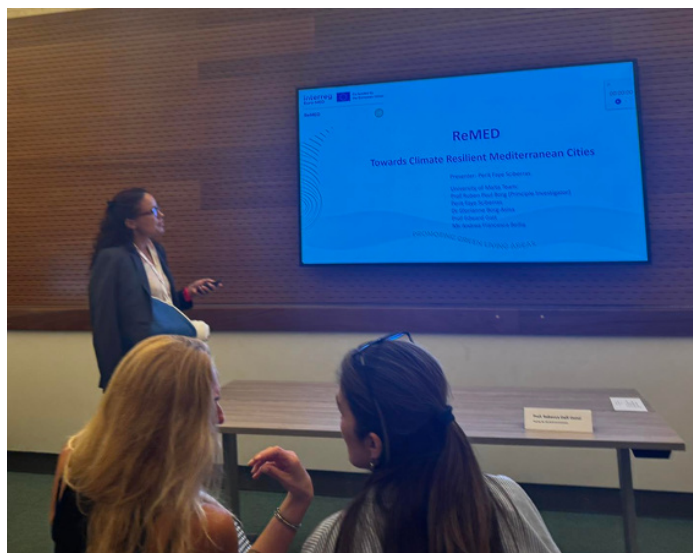
The design of the framework was also explained, as well as its use in assessing climate risks at both urban and building scales, design optimal adaptation measures tailored to local conditions, implement these measures using the most appropriate policy instruments, monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of adaptation measures over time and promote Multi-Level Governance (MLG) in climate adaptation, as recommended by the UN COP26.

To establish the ReMED framework, a review of various methodologies for assessing building and urban resilience was conducted, focusing on climate change impacts and hazards. The findings served as a foundation for developing the ReMED approach, tools, and decision-support system, which are integrated into the ReMED Platform — a web-based tool designed to facilitate the practical application of the project's outcomes.

The importance of capacity-building initiatives for public authorities offered by ReMED was also highlighted, including an e-learning platform and pilot activities in five countries. These pilots explore how the ReMED Platform can be applied in conjunction with key policy instruments.

The ultimate aim of the ReMED project will be to enhance the ability of public authorities to deploy effective adaptation measures and thus strengthen the overall resilience of cities in the Mediterranean region.

The aim of the Research Expo is to give researchers from the University of Malta the opportunity to network and showcase the research they are carrying out at the University with the wider network. It is also an important event to get feedback from fellow researchers and academics in the field.



## 3rd Partner Meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Partner Meeting for the ReMED Project was held on the 6-7 May in Fyli and Athens, Greece - hosted by our partners - the Municipality of Fyli and the National Observatory of Athens (NOA).

The visit started with a trip to the pilot area - Cassia, (Fyli), followed by a short presentation by the vice-mayor for civil protection and environment.

Following the introductory visit and presentations, the vice-mayor also gave an overview of dominant projects, along with works at the Municipality and hardships from the recently devastating forest fires.

Positive advances of the new PV power plant and energy community are already serving 70 households and some municipality buildings with free green electricity. The aim is to expand this and cover 700 under privileged households in the municipality. This along with new deep underwater drills work towards achieving energy and water independence.

Fyli mayor Mr Christos Pappous delivered what he promised for his city among other great projects.



*ReMED partners in Fyli during meetings and site visit*

## 2nd LPC Meeting – Spain

CIEDES hosted representatives from various administrations, the University, and several professional associations for the Spanish partners' 2<sup>nd</sup> LPC on the 30<sup>th</sup> June at their headquarters within the Municipality of Malaga.

During the event, the concepts of the climate risk assessment system and the decision-support framework were explained. In addition, attendees were introduced to the application of the ReMED software platform, which will allow them to determine the climate resilience of specific neighbourhoods and buildings, in addition to providing solutions for improving it.

Subsequently, two working groups were established to discuss the areas of the city where the ReMED platform pilot test would be most appropriate for implementation. All the comments from both groups, including the factors that influenced the best selection, were compiled to determine the neighbourhood and building for the study.

The session served as a productive platform to advance Málaga's strategies for urban climate adaptation. The meeting focused on presenting the core tools of the ReMED framework

Through collaborative working tables, the local committee members engaged in dynamic discussions to analyze and strengthen Málaga's urban resilience against climate change. This workshop marks a significant step in building a coordinated, city-wide approach to a more sustainable and adaptive future.



*2nd LPC for Spanish partners at CIEDES*

3 key objectives established for the local working group:

1. Analysis of the ReMED Climate Risk Assessment System, which includes the evaluation framework itself, a decision-support tool for assessing the climate adaptation level of neighborhoods and buildings, and the digital ReMED Platform.
2. A review of the pilot case study for a specific neighborhood/building.
3. Development of the ReMED training system tailored for policymakers, technical coordinators, & field professionals.

## 2nd LPC Meeting – Italy

The Italian partners hosted almost 40 participants for their 2<sup>nd</sup> LPC meeting in Genoa, Italy on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June. Individuals who attended ranged from public and private bodies operating in the field of research and activities related to the assessment of climate risks and climate adaptation.

The session was introduced by the Director of Urban Planning of the Municipality of Genoa, arch. Nora Bruzzone. Technical presentations were then carried out by arch. Cristina Giusso and arch. Mariagrazia Traverso from the Municipality of Genoa, and by arch. Andrea Moro, Dr. Paola Borgaro and arch. Elena Bazzan as a contribution by iiSBE Italia.

During the meeting, climate risk maps developed by iiSBE Italia for the Genova area were presented. These maps are focused on the areas at greatest risk of extreme temperatures and water accumulation. They reveal territorial vulnerabilities and were taken into consideration when selecting the pilot area for climate assessments, located in the centre of Sampierdarena.

The session concluded with an overview of the ReMED training system, providing participants with the opportunity to enroll in online courses to be delivered in the coming months.



Participants had the opportunity to attend a presentation on the ReMED assessment system, which can determine the level of adaptation of urban areas and buildings to climate change.

This system is supported by an online platform which will be available soon.

Numerous interactions between speakers and participants enabled new collaborative efforts in the field of research on the resilience of Mediterranean cities to climate change.

*2nd LPC for  
Italian partners  
encompassing  
some 40  
participants*



## 2nd LPC Meeting - Malta/Gozo

The 2nd Local Project Committee (LPC) meeting of the ReMED project was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> August at the Cittadella Sentinella Centre, Gozo, organised by the Ministry for Gozo and Planning together with the University of Malta.

Building on discussions from the first LPC meeting, the session brought together stakeholders from government ministries, academia, local councils, tourism, environment, and business sectors. The meeting opened with an introduction to the ReMED project. Participants engaged in discussions around the role of LPCs in promoting locally informed adaptation strategies. Two pivotal pilot case studies were explored in depth.

For the RNtool (Resilient Neighbourhood Tool), Xlendi was selected as a test site due to its susceptibility to seasonal flooding and coastal erosion. Stakeholders shared local experiences and proposed mitigation measures - such as improved stormwater systems and reservoir solutions - tailored for areas with fluctuating population pressures.

In relation to the RBtool (Resilient Building Tool), the Administration Centre building was chosen as the site for application. Contributors emphasized comparing retrofitting methods across both historic and modern structures to inform resilient renovation practices.

The meeting concluded with an interactive exchange, where attendees offered feedback on methodologies, indicators, and the envisioned modular training system, reinforcing the collaborative efforts toward developing tools suited to Gozo's specific needs and context.



*Participants in Malta and Gozo's 2<sup>nd</sup> LPC meeting in Gozo*

## Crikvenica External Experts Meeting

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, Crikvenica held a separate meeting of only the project team and experts hired who will participate in the project activities and compile the Adaptation Plan. The name of the company Crikvenica concluded the contract with is Ekonerg.

The City of Crikvenica held a meeting with expert consultants who will be involved in the implementation of the ReMED project. The meeting addressed key steps in the project's implementation, defined the roles of the consultants, and established guidelines for further cooperation. Special emphasis was placed on the importance of cross-sectoral coordination, transparency, and the involvement of the local community.

The ReMED project represents a significant step forward in the strategic development of Crikvenica as a sustainable destination, and collaboration with external experts further strengthens the capacity for high-quality implementation of project activities.

## European Research and Innovation Days

On the 26<sup>th</sup> September, the ReMED project participated in the European Research and Innovation Days in Valletta, Malta co-funded by the European Union's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions of the Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme. The event is commonly referred to as Science in the City, which this year had the theme "Past Forward".

The team prepared a poster on climate change and displayed different climate hazards which affect the Mediterranean region and form part of the ReMED platform tool. The public showed interest in the topic and shared personal experiences in dealing with particular hazards in their home towns. Input was a mix of locals as well as foreigners visiting the island.

The hazards which affected the most localities as well as other countries were flooding and extreme heat. The overwhelming measure, both locally and internationally, was the need to plant more trees, while few mentioned the importance of maintenance of outdoor drainage facilities amongst others. It was encouraging to note that the public were very interested in the topic and discussed their concerns, worries and ideas about the current climate situation.

The interactive questions displayed on the poster for the public to answer to stimulate discussion:

- Which climate hazards impact your locality?
- What measures can be implemented to ease the impact of this hazard?



# Conference on Climate Change & Preservation of Marine Systems in the Adriatic Sea

Crikvenica will host the 6th scientific-professional conference with international participation under the title "Climate Change and Preservation of Marine Systems in the Adriatic Sea" from 2-5 October.

The conference will be organised by the Department of Ecology, Agronomy and Aquaculture of the University of Zadar, the Marine Educational Center Association Pula – Aquarium Pula, and the Ruđer Bošković Institute, with the support of numerous scientific and educational institutions,

The City of Crikvenica proudly participates as a partner, reaffirming its commitment to environmental protection and sustainable development.

The event will bring together experts from the fields of natural sciences, engineering, biotechnology, social sciences, and humanities.

The aim is to take an interdisciplinary look at the impact of climate change and human activities on the Adriatic Sea and to present adaptation measures and best practices for the protection of marine ecosystems.

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## OPĆE OBAVIJESTI

### ORGANIZATORI:

Odjel za ekologiju, agronomiju i akvakulturu Sveučilišta u Zadru  
Udruga morskog obrazovni centar Pula, Aquarium Pula  
Institut Ruđer Bošković

### SUORGANIZATORI:

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Građevinski fakultet Sveučilišta u Rijeci  
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MareMundi Institut

### PARTNER SKUPU: GRAD CRIKVENICA

PODRŠKA SKUPU: Projekt CRESKO Adria

Special emphasis is placed on:

- scientific-research and educational approaches
- synergy between science, art and society
- linking scientific knowledge with decision-making bodies
- the promotion of co-operation in existing and new interdisciplinary projects.