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ReMED



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ReMED: Towards Climate Resilient Mediterranean Cities - a new INTERREG Euro-MED Project that brings together nine (9) partners from five (5) different countries; Croatia, Italy, Greece, Malta and Spain.

The Faculty for the Built Environment at the University of Malta is the Lead Partner in collaboration with the Faculty of Information & <u>Communication Technology</u> at the same university.

The other partners are: Eco Gozo are the Ministry for Gozo (Malta), iiSBE Italia R&D (Italy), National Observatory of Athens (Greece), and CIEDES Foundation (Spain) and the Municipalities of Genova (Italy), Fylis (Greece), Crikvenicia (Croatia), and Malaga (Spain).

About ReMED

Urban areas are known to be among the main contributors to climate change worldwide, and these areas are especially at risk from the impact of climate change. Adaptation measures are necessary to address change.

ReMED therefore addresses the Programme Priority Greener Med, with the specific objective of promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-systembased approaches.

The main aim of the ReMED project is to increase the climate risk management and adaptation capacities of Mediterranean cities through the implementation of holistic, integrated, multi-scale and systemic approaches lead by public authorities with the support of research institutes.

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ReMED's Objectives

The objectives of the project are to develop affordable tools, along with an overarching decision support framework, intended to support cities in:

- assessing and understanding the level of climate risk with respect to different spatial scales (from a single building to a neighbourhood)
- · designing optimal climate adaptation measures in relation to local contexts
- implementing the climate adaptation measures through high impact policy instruments
- monitoring and evaluating the results of adaptation measures over time.

The project's outputs will be comprehensive capacity building of public authorities in deploying effective measures to improve the resilience of cities.

ReMED will support a Multi-Level Governance (MLG) in climate adaptation, as recommended by the COP26 (Paris Agreement).

The project started on the 1st of January 2024 and is planned over a period of 3 years (33 months), concluding in 2026 with a budget of €2.406.287.

ReMED capitalises on the results of previous projects including the CESBA MED Project: Sustainable MED Cities, (Common European Sustainable Building Assessment Method).

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Specific Objective: RSO2.4: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Programme Priority: 2 –

Project Mission: Promoting Green Living Areas (GLA)

Project Category: Test Project (Thematic Project)

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Project Kick-Off

The lead partner, the University of Malta hosted the kick-off meeting in Malta on 20-21 February 2024 and was attended by all partners.

The event consisted of opening speeches and included key presentations by all the project partners and the strategic action for the coming years of the project activity.

The kick-off meeting was opened by Hon. Minister Perit. Clint Camilleri for Gozo and Planning, with introductory speeches by Prof. Valerie Sollars, Pro-Rector for Strategic Planning and Sustainability, Prof. Ruben Paul Borg, the Project Leader & Principal Investigator and Mr Andrea Moro (iiSBE R&D, Italy).

During the second day of the seminar, Hon. Minister Dr. Miriam Dalli, Minister for Environment, Energy and Regeneration of the Grand Harbour, gave an insightful contribution regarding the Maltese Government's efforts towards sustainability and the importance of the ReMED research projects for the Mediterranean region and Europe as a whole.

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Members representing all Partners present for ReMED Kick-Off meeting in Malta

Green Living Areas Thematic Community Kick-Off in Torino

The ReMED project, was invited to participate at the Green Living Areas (GLA) Thematic Community Kick-off event organised on 10-11 April 2024 at the Environment Park, in Torino Italy. ReMED was represented by the University of Malta as Lead Partner, and project partners EcoGozo, iiSBE R&D, and Comune di Genova.

ReMED addresses the Green Living Areas mission, with the specific objective or promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account ecosystem based approaches. The 19 INTERREG Euro Med Projects working under the "Green Living Areas" mission have the objective to improve the sustainability of territories and consequently the quality of life in the Euro-MED region, supporting local and regional authorities and main stakeholders in this transition.

The first day was dedicated to Community building, Lead partner presentations, a cocreation workshop and community building activities, whilst the second day included actors from outside the community, notably public policymakers, to exchange best practices related to tools, strategies, and policy instruments for promoting greener territories and engaging citizens in the transition.

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Delegation from University of Malta and EcoGozo

1st Partner LPC Meetings

Over the past few months, partners of the ReMED project organised various Local Project Committee (LPC) Meetings.

4 LPC Meetings were carried out by 8 partners (2 PPs per country) between April and July.

These meetings comprised a welcome and introductory speech by the respective organisers and a short presentation of each participant.





Group photos from 3 of 4 LPC Meetings held in Malta/Gozo (top), Spain (bottom) and Greece (left)



A summary presentation of the ReMED project on promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, and considering ecosystem-based approaches was then given.

This was followed by a general presentation of the role of LPCs, and the added value concerning the local exchange of approaches and results.

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ReMED Website Launch

Social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn were created and launched in March 2024, with the official project website going live in July. We highly encourage partners to like, follow, and share/disseminate social media platforms and tag the project in relevant posts. It also greatly helps when you share posts to further promote the project.

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Meet the Partners (PPs)

Composition of the ReMED project consortium: 9 partners from 5 countries, comprised of public authorities (the main target group), and scientific and technical organisations.

The partnership includes 4 cities (Genoa, Malaga, Crikvenica and Fyli) and 1 Ministry (EcoGozo).

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Image of Dock 1 in Cospicua (Bormla), Malta was voted by the ReMED Partners to represent the rationale of the project. Photo Credit:

Faye Sciberras (ReMED University of Malta)

The City is an example of regeneration and gentrification over the past decades shifting from heavy port industry, to open spaces that welcome dynamic social interactions with the historic dock area.

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