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Concept Note

Diverse target audience: Mediterranean institutions, Local & Regional authorities, research centres, and National & EU policy actors.

Background

The Mediterranean region is entering a decisive phase for cooperation, cohesion and shared resilience. The energy transition, accelerating climate and environmental pressures, economic inequalities and geopolitical instability are reshaping the social, economic and territorial landscape of the basin. These interconnected challenges cannot be addressed through isolated interventions. They require **stronger cooperation** across countries, governance levels, sectors and funding programmes.

At the same time, the European cooperation framework is undergoing significant transformation. The Pact for the Mediterranean under the shared vision “**One Sea, One Pact, One Future**”, establishes a renewed framework for relations between the European Union and its Southern Mediterranean partners. Its ambition is to create a **Common Mediterranean Space** that is more connected, prosperous, resilient and secure, based on co-ownership, mutual interests and concrete benefits for citizens, territories and businesses.

In parallel, the European Commission has presented its proposal for the EU **Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034**. The negotiations surrounding the next long-term EU budget will influence future funding priorities, delivery mechanisms, territorial partnerships and the architecture of European territorial cooperation. This creates a timely opportunity to examine how projects can help shape the future direction of the programmes that support them, reinforce their territorial and transnational added value, and contribute more strategically to the achievement of their objectives.

A dedicated **policy analysis session** will identify gaps, opportunities and practical recommendations concerning Mediterranean cooperation governance, programme coordination, funding continuity, project capitalisation and policy uptake. A thematic session on climate mitigation and resilience will explore how energy transition, adaptation, environmental governance and territorial preparedness can be addressed through integrated approaches rather than separate policy silos.



The event will conclude with an **interactive co-creation session** in which participants will formulate priority messages and recommendations for the future of Mediterranean cooperation. These recommendations may contribute to the design of future cooperation programmes and the wider debate on the EU Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034.

Over the past years, Mediterranean cooperation programmes **Interreg Euro-MED, Interreg NEXT MED, Interreg Italy-Tunisia**, together with broader research, development and innovation programmes such as **Interreg IPA ADRION and Horizon Europe** have supported a wide range of initiatives addressing energy transition, climate resilience, lands and marine sustainability, adaptive governance, and innovation ecosystems and maritime sustainability.

Building on the success of the **1st Multi-Programme Projects' Dialogue on Energy**, held in Tunisia on 13 May 2026, this event continues to draw inspiration from the strong cooperation developed among programmes through the Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM), the collaborative platform established in 2022 to connect more than eight Interreg programmes across the Mediterranean.

The first Dialogue demonstrated the added value of this Multi-Programme approach by bringing together more than **100 Mediterranean stakeholders** and representatives from **six European cooperation** frameworks. It created a unique space for projects, programme authorities, policymakers, researchers and practitioners to exchange experience, identify complementarities and discuss how tested project results can inform wider energy and sustainability policies across the Mediterranean.

The **second edition** seeks to build on this momentum by moving from exchange and visibility towards deeper policy dialogue, stronger capitalisation of project results, and more concrete recommendations for future Mediterranean cooperation. It aims to **connect project experiences with emerging policy frameworks**, offering space for dialogue among **policy actors, researchers, project leaders and local authorities**. By transforming project knowledge into shared policy intelligence and actionable recommendations, the Dialogue seeks to support a more **integrated, inclusive, resilient and sustainable cooperation landscape across the Mediterranean**.

Agenda

From Dialogue to Joint Action: Projects and Policies for a Resilient Mediterranean



2ND MULTI-PROGRAMME PROJECTS' DIALOGUE ON ENERGY

Format: High-level policy and project dialogue

Duration: 09:30–17:00

Opening Session 1: Building on the Success of the First Mediterranean Dialogue

Objective: Welcome participants, recall the achievements of the first Multi-Programme Projects' Dialogue on Energy held in Tunisia on 13 May 2026, and introduce the ambition of the second edition.

Introductory presentation/s: From Tunisia to the Wider Mediterranean: Results and Legacy of the First Multi-Programme Projects' Dialogue

Highlights

- Participation of more than 100 Mediterranean stakeholders
- Cooperation among six European programme frameworks
- Recognition as a Sustainable Energy Day under EUSEW 2026
- Main energy, governance, financing and sustainability themes addressed
- Partnerships and synergies initiated during the first Dialogue
- Lessons for the second edition and for future multi-programme cooperation

Opening Session 2: Egypt's Energy and Climate Transition in the Mediterranean Context

Objective: Welcome participants, introduce the specific energy, climate and territorial challenges faced by Egypt, and position the second Multi-Programme Projects' Dialogue as a platform for connecting national priorities with Mediterranean cooperation, project experience and emerging policy frameworks.

Introductory presentation/s: Egypt at the Crossroads of Energy Transition and Climate Resilience: Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities for Mediterranean Cooperation

Expected outcome: A shared understanding of Egypt's main energy, climate and territorial priorities, together with an initial set of themes to guide the policy, technical and interactive sessions of the event.

Technical Sessions: From Project Results to Policy Change

Objective: Present evidence from different programmes and identify how tested project results can be transferred into policies, strategies, public investment and institutional practice.

1. Governance and multilevel cooperation



- Multilevel governance mechanisms
- Cooperation between local, regional, national and European institutions
- Participatory and evidence-based policymaking

2. Financing and implementation

- Innovative financing models
- Investment readiness and project pipelines
- Green public procurement and energy performance contracting

3. Knowledge transfer and capitalisation

- Transfer and replication of tested solutions
- Cross-programme knowledge platforms and communities
- Capacity building for public authorities

4. Policy uptake

- Translating pilot evidence into recommendations
- Integrating project results into territorial strategies
- Maintaining results beyond project funding periods

High-Level Policy Dialogue: The Pact for the Mediterranean and the Future EU Cooperation Architecture

Objective: Examine how the **Pact for the Mediterranean and the proposed EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2028–2034** may shape territorial cooperation, investment priorities and EU–Southern Mediterranean partnerships.

Proposed keynote inputs

- The Pact for the Mediterranean: priorities, implementation and flagship initiatives
- The MFF 2028–2034: opportunities and implications for territorial cooperation
- The future role of Interreg and cross-border cooperation in the Mediterranean
- Co-ownership and stronger partnerships between the EU and Southern Mediterranean countries

Format: Moderated high-level panel with short interventions and audience questions.

Interactive Session: How you envision the Future of Mediterranean Cooperation

Objective: Reflect on how project experiences can inform future Mediterranean cooperation frameworks.



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Closing Remarks and Networking

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