

# BLUE BIO MED

***Mediterranean Innovation  
Alliance for sustainable blue  
economy***



**Acronym:** Blue Bio Med

**Project title:** Mediterranean Innovation Alliance for sustainable blue economy.

Priority axis-Investment Priority-Specific Objective 4-1-1

Priority Axis 4: Enhancing Mediterranean Governance

**4.1: To support the process of strengthening and developing multilateral coordination frameworks in the Mediterranean for joint responses to common challenges.**

The governance of innovation policies in the Blue bioeconomy is characterized by a complex interplay of policies promoting innovation at different territorial scales (regional, national, international). BLUE BIO MED is a strategic project funded under Interreg MED Axis 4 on Governance that focuses on blue bioeconomy. The project, which started in September 2020 and will conclude in 2022, gathers 11 partners including the Malta Council for Science and Technology from Italy, Croatia, Greece, Slovenia, Spain, Montenegro and Portugal. With a budget of €1,507,630.00, the project promotes the transformation of Mediterranean blue bioeconomy field toward Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through innovation. BLUE BIO MED aims to develop a governance model of innovation policies to tackle complex challenges, that will be tested through policy experiments triggering the cooperation of the quadruple helix stakeholders for interregional innovation investments.

R&I strategies for smart specialisation (RIS3) are the key entry point to understand and orient the innovation trends and priorities across MED regions and connect transnational cooperation with investments for growth and jobs of the Cohesion Policy. The project is an open platform for an inclusive co-design process with the wider innovation community promoting a bottom-up MED Innovation Alliance for blue bioeconomy to streamline multiple efforts and initiatives around the Mediterranean. It will support the start-up of the Alliance to boost the Mediterranean leadership in transformative innovation of the blue economy.

MCST Malta's National Authority responsible for drafting and overseeing the National RIS3 Strategy, therefore its role within the project will focus on gathering information regarding local blue bioeconomy initiatives, including projects, and engage with local stakeholders involved in the Blue Bioeconomy sectors. Through MCST's participation, Malta's current and upcoming commitments in the blue bioeconomy sector will be strengthened. The project will assist in streamlining and harmonizing Malta's current commitments on a Mediterranean scale. This will result in strengthening multilateral cooperation across the Mediterranean



region. Through the involvement of local stakeholders from different sectors, capacity building and knowledge sharing will be promoted on a local and Mediterranean scale, thus policies will have a robust foundation and a holistic approach. The work carried out in this project, will continue to build on the success of the Malta Council for Science and Technology has had throughout the years.

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