



## **A new bespoke diversification project for Mediterranean Artisanal Fisheries Enterprises**

From September 1st, 2019, Haliéus is involved in a new and challenging 36-months European co-funded project in order to support artisanal fishing sector seizing the opportunities of diversification and integration with other sectors.

Thanks to a multi-stakeholders and high-level partnership from five Mediterranean Countries, Haliéus will have the opportunity to train artisanal fishermen in increasing their diversification opportunities and integration potential and promoting the development of new products and services.

The project is also expecting to promote new business alliances between Mediterranean micro, small, and medium-sized fisheries enterprises as well as to enhance Public Authorities' skills and capacities to act as territorial facilitators, thanks to capacity building activities.

In a long-term vision, the project is expected to promote attractiveness of young people to become entrepreneurs in artisanal and sustainable fisheries enterprises.

“The blue economy opens incredible opportunities for the Mediterranean coastal communities. Those opportunities can be seized only connecting people, at local level using collaborative business models such as cooperatives, and at international level, building international business Alliances. FISH MED NET will work in this direction.”, declared the Director of Haliéus Francesca Ottolenghi.

The Project Fishery Mediterranean Network (FISH MED NET) is co-funded by the ENI CBC “Mediterranean Sea Basin Programme” 2014-2020 that brings together the coastal territories of 14 EU and Med countries for a more competitive, innovative, inclusive and sustainable Mediterranean area.

The Partnership includes five Mediterranean Countries and it is composed by the Federation of Municipalities of the South Corse in France, the Fishery Department of Legacoop Agrofood, the biggest Italian cooperative association; Haliéus, the organization of Legacoop in charge for promoting the cooperative model for sustainable development, with a long-standing experience with fishery cooperatives; the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari / CIHEAM Bari, a Mediterranean intergovernmental organization devoted to the sustainable development of agriculture and fisheries, food and nutrition security and rural and coastal areas; the Tunisian Association for the Development of Artisanal Fisheries that work to improve the economic, social and cultural sustainability of small-scale fishing communities and coastal zone in Tunisia; the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture through its Rural Development and Natural Resources Department; the Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine,



a development-oriented NGO with vast experiences in the development and humanitarian cooperation.

Further information could be found on the project website:  
<http://www.enicbcmmed.eu/projects/fish-med-net>