



## FISH MED NET



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### FISH MED NET, A EURO-MEDITERRANEAN PROJECT

Network (FISH MED NET) was launched on September 1, 2019, and runs for 48 months. The objective of this project is to provide considerable support to the artisanal fishing sector, with the aim of seizing opportunities for diversification and integration into other sectors.

This project is co-financed by the ENI CBC MED Program "Mediterranean Sea Basin" 2014-2020 which brings together the coastal territories of 14 countries from both shores of the Mediterranean for a more competitive, innovative, inclusive and sustainable Mediterranean area.

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### NEW SYNERGIES BETWEEN PROJECTS :

The work carried out by FISH MED NET on fisheries diversification is attracting the interest of several organizations and other projects working on similar topics. This opens up opportunities to expand the impact of FISH MED NET, expanding the community of operators interested in the process of fisheries diversification.

For this reason, FISH MED NET has strengthened its synergies with the Fit4Blue project (co-funded by the Erasmus+ program) which has developed innovative training materials for fishing tourism dedicated to fishermen and fishermen trainers.

In spring 2022, Fit4Blue tested the training material developed in Italy, Spain, Greece and France, and the results of these tests are now being integrated into the capacity building that FISH MED NET is implementing in all target countries for fisheries operators and stakeholders in December 2022 and January 2023.

At the same time, fishermen involved in the pilot training of Fit4Blue will be offered the opportunity to join the Mediterranean Commercial Alliances for the diversification of fishing which are under construction within FISH MED NET. Fit4Blue is thus implemented in Italy, Spain, Greece and France, so that it offers the possibility of extending the dissemination and reproduction of the results of FISH MED NET in new countries or new regions.

An event presenting FISH MED NET and Fit4Blue will take place in Corsica on May 30, 2022. The meeting will focus on the theme of the diversification of professional fishing activities and in particular the application of the principle of multifunctionality on the island. They will be respectively introduced by the Community of Communes of South Corsica and the island cooperative Petra Patrimonia Corsica.



The Fit4Blue event organised in Cesenatico on 27 March 2022 by the FISH MED NET partner Halieus with the fisheries research cooperative MARE where the FISH MED NET project was presented.



1st round table in Corsica on 2 December 2021.

## PORTO-VECCHIO ROUND TABLE OF 02/12/2021

Organized by the Community of Communes of South Corsica, this round table took place on December 2, 2021 in Porto Vecchio.

It has made it possible to associate both the private and public actors of the territory in charge of professional fishing, including fishermen and marine breeders, their organizations professionals, tourism professionals and local public actors in charge of the territory, fishing, tourism, the environment, and maritime affairs.

The objective was to define during this meeting the modalities of the exercise of the activities of diversification of fishing on the territory of the Community of Commune of South Corsica included in the Mediterranean arc relating to the partnership of the project.

The main topics discussed during this round table are:

- Prospects for projects in Corsica
- Diagnosis of needs
- The evolution of the regulations in force and the structuring of the sector
- The framework for carrying out activities to diversify fishing and marine farming.

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AT PLAY FOR FISHERMEN :

FISH MED NET has started to organize round tables in the 4 target countries to discuss with public authorities and private actors the perspectives of new services to be offered by fishermen

### The Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine.

Within the framework of the FISH MED NET project, the Economic and Social Development Center of Palestine (ESDC) organized the first round table in Palestine on 22 November 2021. Representatives of the public and private sectors of the fisheries sector were invited to present and discuss the common concept of public-private partnerships (PPP) as an important institutional mechanism for the sustainable and inclusive development of the fisheries sector. This roundtable was a productive event within the FISH MED NET project. Also, ESDC participated in the meeting of the steering committee in Lebanon and in the workshop organized on 13-14 December 2021, concerning the implementation of public-private partnerships (PPP), the opportunities, the challenges, the constraints of the PPP. Finally, for the international online training organized by CIHEAM BARI on diversification activities in the fisheries and aquaculture sector, the ESDC coordinated with the stakeholders the appointment of the best trainers and trainees for active participation.

### The Tunisian Association for Development and Artisanal Fishing

The Tunisian Association for the Development of Artisanal Fisheries organised the first national round table on 4 December 2021, where representatives of public administrations, fishermen, shellfish farmers, dam operators, students and exporters of seafood products discussed together of the different opportunities and constraints of the PPP. The debate was led towards a desire to engage in an overhaul of the regulatory framework related to the PPP which is not adapted to artisanal fishing. This round table was a productive and successful event thanks to the presence of the Tunisian national media, with a total of 11 press articles, 2 radio interviews and 1 interview broadcast on the 8 p.m. news. Along with prospecting in the field, interviews with workers in the fishing sector were an opportunity to disseminate the FISH MED NET project and to highlight the evolution of fishing activities in Tunisia through the filming of videos capsules.



1st national round table on 4 December 2021: Opportunities and constraints of public-private partnership.