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## **Definition of project contribution to Amplification Strategy**

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## Deliverable ID

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<b>Project priority</b>	Greener MED
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<b>Activity number</b>	1.3
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## 1. Introduction and Objectives

This document presents a summary of the objectives achieved in the frame of the project Activity 1.3, but primary deals with the first steps of the project in contributing to Programme Amplification Strategy, while for the other objectives, that have already dedicated documentation, here is reported a very short recall with references to the extended documentation.

Project MedSeaRise reserves particular attention on how to share the project results efficiently. This means that target stakeholders and audience receive information on the project outputs and, in addition, how they have been obtained.

In fact, as a study project, MedSeaRise aims to open the door to a new methodology contributing to address the assessment of the risks related to climate change through a better use of the future sea level scenarios. To this end, the synergic involvement of the skills of each Project Partner is mandatory.

So, it is straightforward the project foresees a continuous and organized flow of information among the Partners, besides that focused on the stakeholders and the citizens. In addition, in the frame of the project, efforts are made to contribute to the valorization and the capitalization of the project results in agreement with the Interreg Euro-MED Results Amplification strategy [1.1]

Accordingly, in the project a specific activity is defined, it is the 1.3, which concerns how to carry on the internal information flow and how to contribute to the amplification of the results and the capitalization of experience.

This deliverable results from the work carried out in activity 1.3 and its objective is to describe how data and information flow across the project activities is organized, carried on and which tools partners use to this end.

Furthermore, this deliverable explains how MedSeaRise project interacts with the Governance Projects, namely the Thematic Community Project (TCP) and Institutional Dialogue Project (IDP), in contributing to the Results Amplification.

All Project Partners are involved in the activity 1.3, so to the achievement of this deliverable.

## **2. Information flow across activities**

Project partners are involved in almost all the project activities and they need to share information with frequency and volumes that are a function of the specific activity they are involved in and the evolution state of the activity.

Furthermore, the information type characterizes the medium required to flow it, specifically texts and images need file formats, storage space, band width and applications quite different from climate simulation data, measures, or videos and audios.

Thanks to the work done in defining the project Communication Strategy [2.1], which is compliant with the Interreg Euro-MED Programme Communication Strategy for the 2021-2027 [2.2], and it forms an integral part of this deliverable, the following tools have been identified and are used by Partners.

**Basecamp MedSeaRise Project** [2.3] is the web based working space where Project Partners interact frequently with posts and sharing documents that are considered in the final version. For this last purpose the **Docs & Files** area of the workspace is populated by deliverables, meeting minutes and their related multimedia files, such as images, while posts populate the **Campfire** the **Card Table** and particularly the **To-dos** areas. Furthermore, **Pings** are issued mainly for short bilateral communications.

**To-dos** is the main tool for scheduling and tracking activity evolution. There, project partners add comments on issues arising from tasks and advance progress of the activity and the critical phases through the Hill Chart.

Drafts documents and temporary data are shared and elaborated in a staging area. MedSeaRise has identified the **Google Drive platform** [2.4], for those files. The area is supported by tools for editing files and working on them with a large set of apps. Furthermore, the area is available on cloud from everywhere and allows a collaborative activity on the information stored there. Finally, that service is characterized by a very low probability of failure.

Once information, then files achieve the final version, they are moved from the staging area to the Basecamp Docs & Files permanent area.

### **3. Data sharing among partners**

Some MedSeaRise activities require a large data storage to host model simulation outputs, their post elaborations and numerical information describing the future scenarios of climate change, through the relevant environmental variables needed to conduct case studies on risks related to sea level rise.

Besides storing such data, the project foresees the exchange of those data files among the partners easily, avoiding the use of specific software which is not part of the common background of all project partners.

Also for this purpose, the **Google Drive platform** [2.4], is considered suitable. In fact, the accessibility of the data area is flexible enough to allow all partners to access the files, download and upload them. Furthermore, the storage is expandable according to the project needs, both in size and time.

### **4. Information flow towards the public**

The flow of information from project to the stakeholders and the general public is supported by project website, socials and specific info events and promotional materials. All the details of that flow are described in detail in the Project Communication Strategy. The reader is invited to consult that source [2.1].

### **5. Interaction with Governance projects**

According to the guidelines of the Term of Reference of the Natural Heritage mission (ToR) [5.1], MedSeaRise project has been developed characterizing some of its activities specifically to support the Programme Results Amplification Strategy (RAS) [1.1]; Activity 1.3 is among them.

The core of MedSeaRise contribution to the RAS is the coordinated interaction with the Governance Projects, namely the Thematic Community Project (TCP) and the Institutional Dialogue Project (IDP).

For this reason, since the earliest phase of the project implementation, Lead Partner and Project Partners have been looking to start the coordination with both the Governance Projects. The first contact took place during the kick-off meeting of the project. The representatives of the TCP and the IDP have been invited to the event and a reference person for both was present, from remote, as reported in the meeting minutes [5.2].

In that meeting, besides a preliminary exchange of points of view on how the MedSeaRise project could interact with TCP and IDP, it was agreed to go further in the detail with a future meeting, to be organized for the purpose,

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when the project coordinator for the Results Amplification would have been identified.

The MedSeaRise Results Amplification coordinator was identified during the kick-off meeting: He is the PP2 (ARPA FVG) Project Manager.

Then, the Activity 1.3 foreseen meeting for the definition of the project contribution to the Results Amplification Strategy, between the Lead Partner and results amplification referents (TCP and IDP) was organized and held on 17 April 2024 [\[5.3\]](#).

It was an on-line meeting conducted by Lead Partner with the participation of the project Results Amplification coordinator together with the representatives of the Natural Heritage Mission of the Euro-MED Governance projects. Details of the meeting are reported in the minutes [\[5.3\]](#), and slides used during the meeting [\[5.4\]](#) [\[5.5\]](#).

In summary, the reference person for the coordination of the amplification activities and the Natural Heritage Mission Governance Projects is identified as Ms. Varvara Bougiouri.

MedSeaRise is welcome to propose initiatives, documents and data suitable for the Amplification Results and those proposals are going to be agreed with the reference person.

It is expected there will be frequent meetings between the Natural Heritage Mission referent and the MedSeaRise coordinators during the lifetime of the project, with the aim to share results and achievements, to promote synergies with other stakeholders from the Mediterranean area and to explore collaborative solutions.

Furthermore, MedSeaRise is invited to add contributions in the discussion proposed in the Natural Heritage Mission Forum [\[5.6\]](#), in particular on the topics related to climate change [\[5.7\]](#).

Since among MedSeaRise project expected outputs there are data sets and benchmarks that are considered sources of information helping users in facing the climate change related risks, the project contribution to the RAS is going to take place also sharing those project results in the frame of the Euro-MED Academy.

In fact, selected MedSeaRise deliverables could serve as a training material to support the dissemination and transfer of knowledge acquired thanks to the project activities.

The first project period ended with another important interaction between MedSeaRise and the Governance projects. In fact, on 26 and 27 June 2024, the Lead Partner contributed to the works and the networking initiatives organized at Rovinj, in the frame of the Natural Heritage Mission and Thematic Projects Common Meeting [\[5.8\]](#).

Finally, it is worth mentioning that the MedSeaRise Project Communication Strategy was developed keeping in mind the objective of Activity 1.3 too, so

the Communication strategy shall form an integral part of this deliverable. In particular, Project Communication Manager is in charge of external communication with the Thematic Community Project (TCP) and the Institutional Dialogue Project (IDP). In this job, he is supported by the Result Amplification Coordinator to ensure the contribution of the project to the Results Amplification Strategy of the Programme, as agreed with the Natural Heritage Mission Governance Projects reference person.

## **6. Organization of the monitoring of the project carbon footprint**

The carbon footprint of the project permeates the whole MedSeaRise project as expected for all the Interreg Euro-MED Programme projects. In fact, mitigation of climate change on the Mediterranean is a mandatory objective of the Programme strategy, which is aimed to ensure projects environmental sustainability.

In Activity 1.3 the organization of this important transversal project activity has been discussed among the Project Partners and the procedure was defined. Furthermore, the procedure was tested applying it to the work done for the project, in the first period.

The Carbon Footprint Coordinator, the Lead Partner, which is responsible for implementing the carbon footprint methodology, has defined the strategy for the reduction of the project's carbon footprint, ensuring that project activities are designed to minimize emissions.

Thanks to the carbon footprint monitoring methodology [6.1], which is already available within the Interreg Euro-MED programme, including the calculation method for all types of activities [6.2] too, the MedSeaRise procedure is completed by the technical tools that puts the procedure in practice. All the details of the procedure suited for this project are available in the MedSeaRise Monitoring and Evaluation plan [6.3].

Furthermore, in a specific folder [6.4] of Google Drive shared area, the Carbon Footprint Coordinator has organized all the tools required to conduct the data harvesting necessary for the carbon footprint evaluation. That ensures that all partners implement the methodology, thus supporting the full project partnership in using the carbon footprint monitoring tool generating a monitoring report every semester and one final at the end of the project.

## **7. Deliverable indicators**

This deliverable is summarized by means of the indicators reported here below. For each of them the expected indicator value and the actual one are presented. In addition, comments are reported too, if any.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Expected value</b>	<b>Actual value</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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Meetings	1	1	See a)
Documents	1	6	See b)

Comments detail.

- a) It was expected a meeting between the Lead Partner and results amplification referents (TCP and IDP) for the definition of the project contribution to the Results Amplification Strategy. One meeting was held on-line [5.3] and the second in presence at Rovinj [5.8].
- b) Documents associated to this deliverable are 6 and they are:
- This document
  - The minutes of the meeting between the LP, the MedSeaRise Results Amplification coordinator and the reference person of the Natural Heritage Governance projects held on 17 April 2024 [5.3].
  - Slides used during the 17/04/2024 MedSeaRise and Governance Projects by Lead Partner [5.4].
  - Slides used during the 17/04/2024 MedSeaRise and Governance Projects by Project Partner 2 [5.5].
  - Project Monitoring and Evaluation plan (Chapter 8) [6.4]
  - Carbon Footprint Monitoring Google Drive shared area [6.4]

## 8. Conclusions

MedSeaRise Activity 1.3 was conducted during the first project period and it is considered successfully completed. This document acts as the deliverable document that summarizes the activity results.

The main goal of the activity was to lay down the coordination and the procedures of the data and information flow among the activities carried on in the project work package. The project now has the practical tools and the procedures to manage the information flow across the project partners, and from them towards the communication media.

The ways the project interacts with the Governance Projects, namely the Thematic Community Project (TCP) and Institutional Dialogue Project (IDP), have been defined and the framework, in which the contribution of the project to the Results Amplification Strategy takes place, too.

Furthermore, the monitoring of the project carbon footprint was organized, it started and it is continuously carried out.

## 9. References and additional material

- [1.1] [Results Amplification Strategy](#) of the INTERREG Euro-MED Programme 2021-2027 and guidelines for a joint work plan amplification communication

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- [2.1] MedSeaRise Communication strategy (Basecamp Project: MedSeaRise › Docs & Files › Project Management › Poster, logos and promotional items › [Communication Strategy](#))
- [2.2] Interreg [Euro-MED Programme Communication Strategy](#) for the 2021-2027
- [2.3] Basecamp [MedSeaRise project](#) dashboard
- [2.4] Google Drive MedSeaRise shared area ([MedSeaRise\\_Interreg Euro-MED](#))
- [5.1] Terms of reference – [Thematic projects Mission Natural heritage](#)
- [5.2] MedSeaRise [Kick Off Meeting Minutes](#)
- [5.3] [Minutes of 17 April 2024 meeting](#) between the Lead Partner and results amplification referents (TCP and IDP) for the definition of the project contribution to the Results Amplification Strategy.
- [5.4] [Slides used during the 17/04/2024](#) MedSeaRise and Governance Projects by Lead Partner
- [5.5] [Slides used during the 17/04/2024](#) MedSeaRise and Governance Projects by Project Partner 2
- [5.6] Natural Heritage Mission Forum ([Forum 4Nature](#))
- [5.7] Natural Heritage Mission Forum Promotion of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation [Topic](#)
- [5.8] Natural Heritage Mission and Thematic Projects Common Meeting minutes
- [6.1] Euro-MED [official carbon footprint monitoring methodology](#)
- [6.2] Euro-MED official carbon footprint calculator ([ZeroCO2MED](#))
- [6.3] MedSeaRise [Monitoring and Evaluation plan](#)
- [6.4] Google Drive shared area dedicated the [Carbon Footprint guidelines and monitoring](#)