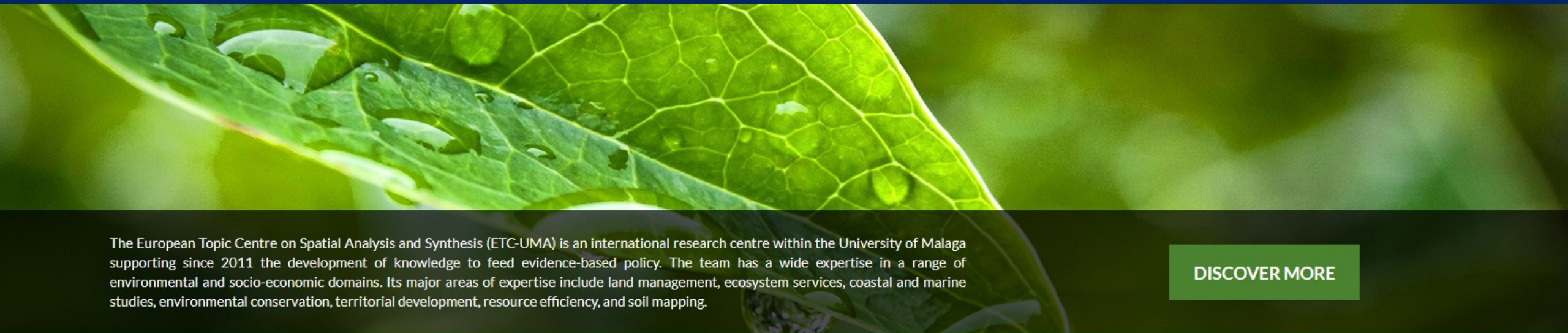


# Hosting institution for IVY: Benefits and challenges

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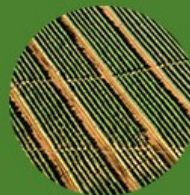
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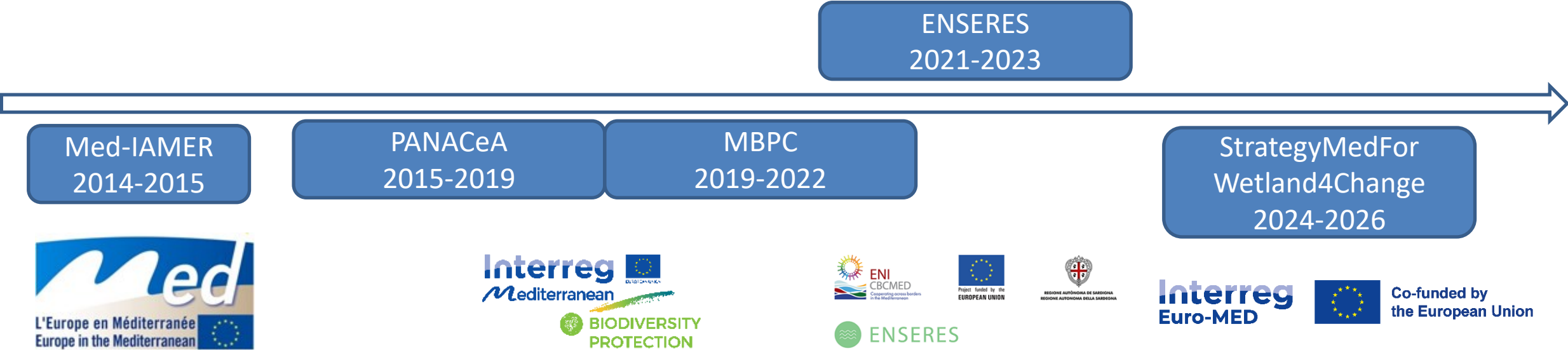


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# ETC-UMA's activities within INTERREG





# Our IVY Volunteers



Today is the last day @ETC\_UMA for our @InterregYouth IVY #young #Volunteer Chiara Galioto. A big thank you for the enthusiasm and contribution to cross border #cooperation for better #biodiversity #protection in the #Mediterranean @MEDCommunity3\_2 #ONEMED #WOMED Keep smiling 😊🌍



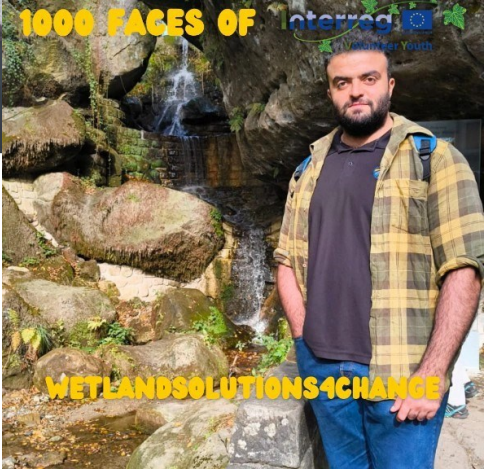
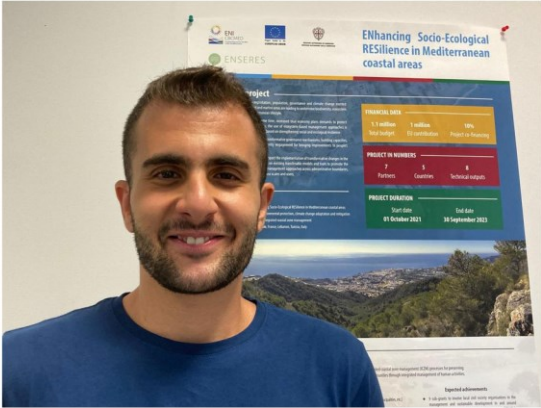
The Interreg Volunteer Youth programme supports communication efforts for the ENSERES project



From @ETC\_UMA @StrategyMedFor , we are proud to collaborate with the @InterregYouth 🌍  
🌿 Farewell, Meritxell Barberán Sebastián! Thank you for the hard work & for bringing fun to the team. We'll miss you dearly & hope you've learned a lot during your time with us. Good luck 🌟



Amine, an Interreg Volunteer Youth hosted by ENSERES partner in Malaga



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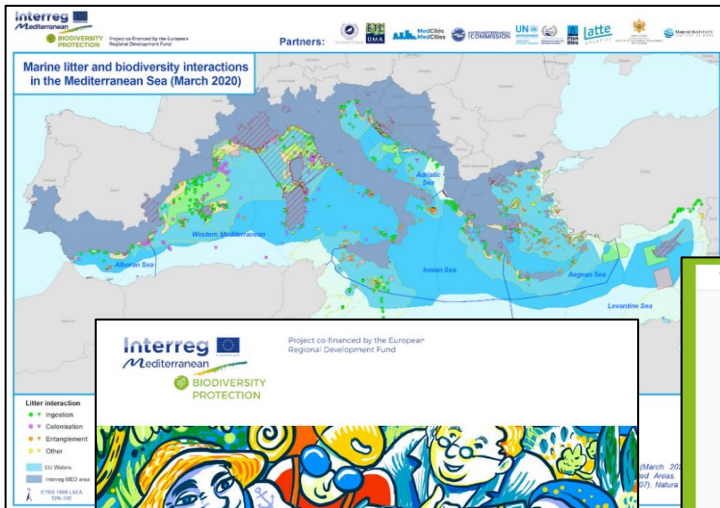
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# IVY's highlights



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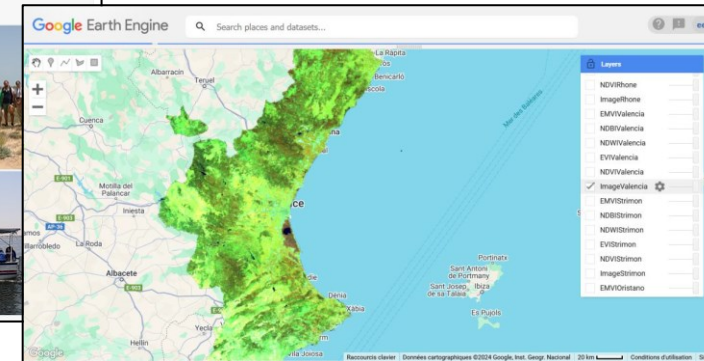
## INSTAGRAM USER GUIDE

Recap and guide for the MBPC Instagram account

Developed by IVY volunteers Alina Vera and Chiara Galloto



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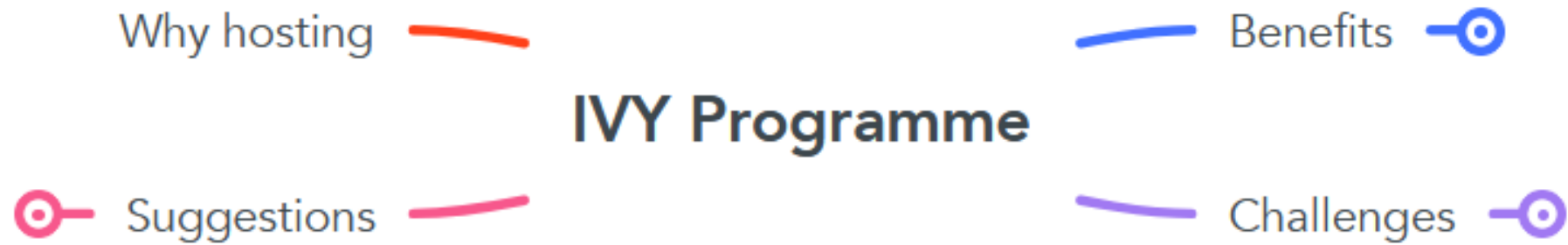


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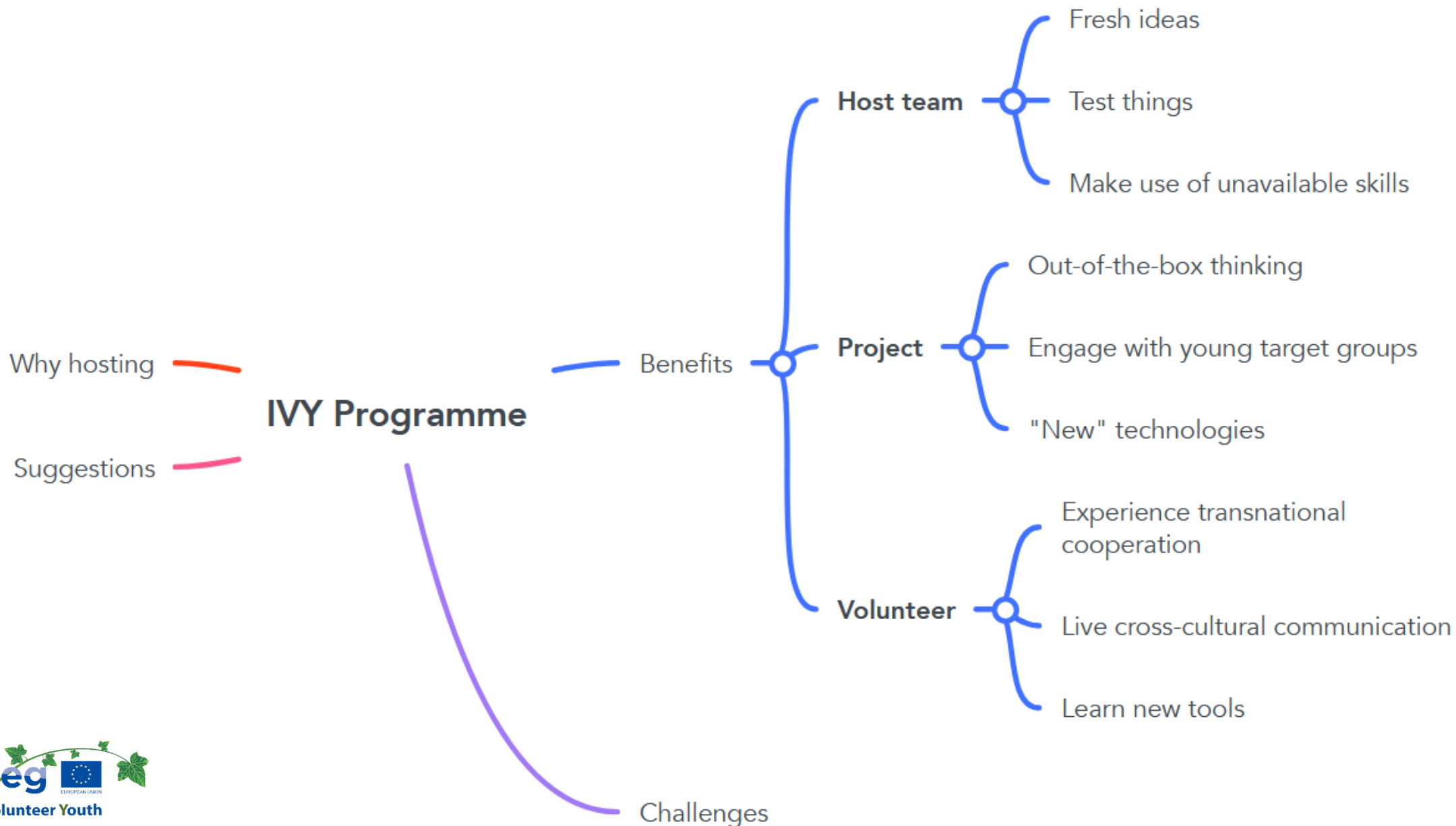


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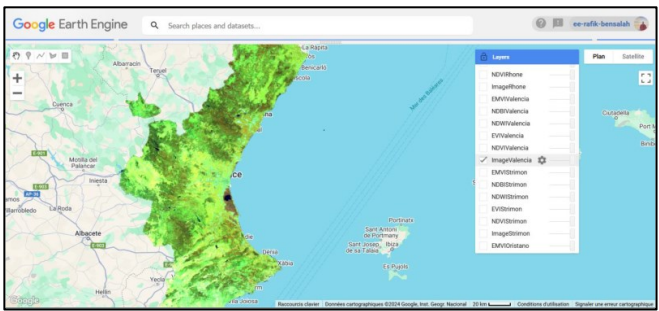
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European Topic Centre - University of Malaga · Internship  
Feb 2021 - Jul 2021 · 6 mos  
Málaga, Andalucía, España



**Interreg Volunteer Youth**  
Interreg Euro-MED Programme · Full-time  
Sep 2021 - Mar 2022 · 7 mos  
Málaga, Andalucía, Spain · On-site



**IVY Reporter**  
ETC-UMA · Full-time  
Apr 2024 - Aug 2024 · 5 mos  
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## Cooperation is fundamental to achieve the arduous goal of enhancing biodiversity protection

Hi there! I'm Chiara, currently volunteering in Malaga, Spain, under the Interreg Mediterranean Biodiversity protection project.

As one of the partners of this community, the team of the European Topic Center of the University of Malaga is **hosting me in supporting the activities related to Biodiversity Protection Community, the horizontal project that aims to protect and promote biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean through transboundary cooperation.**

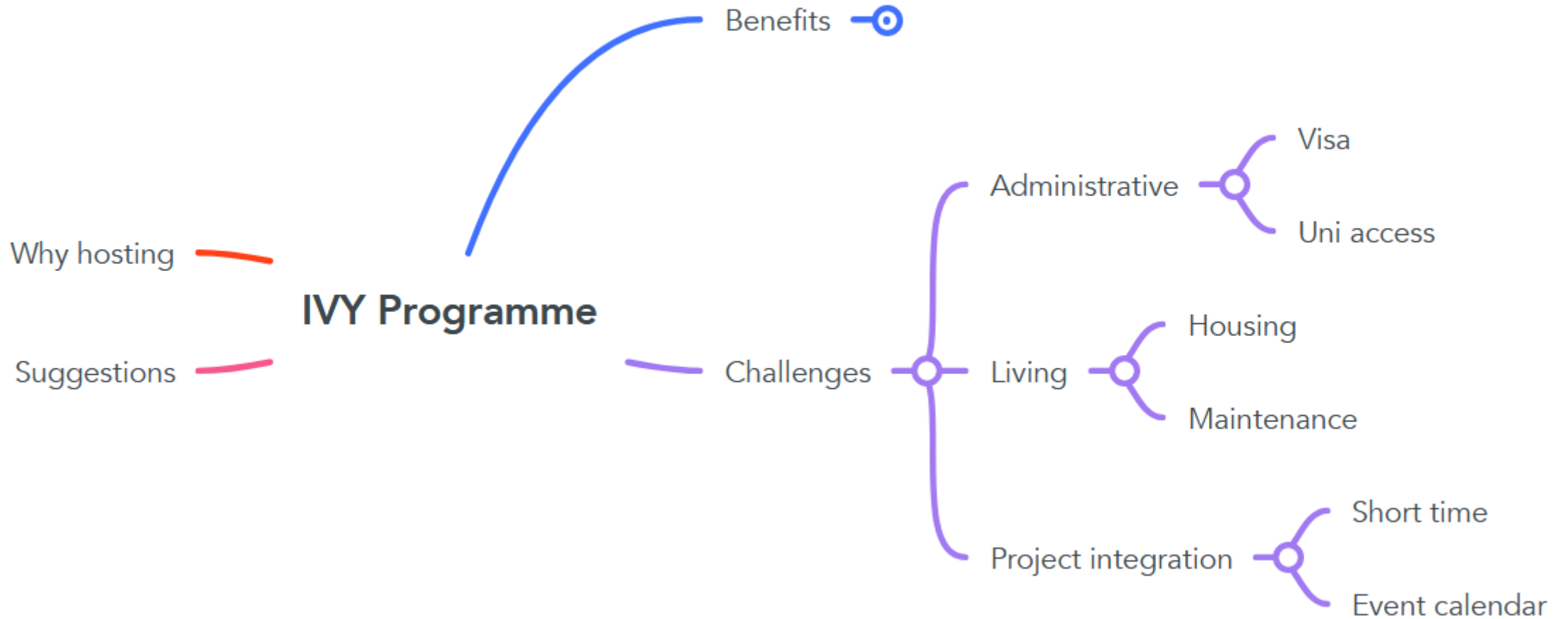
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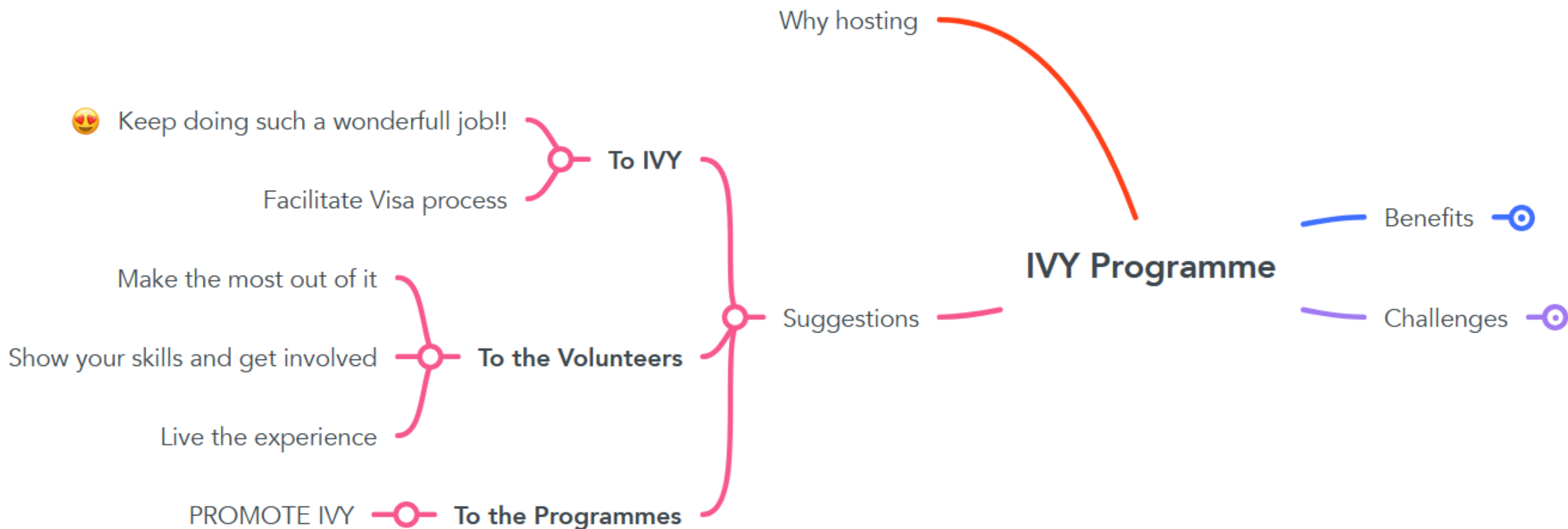
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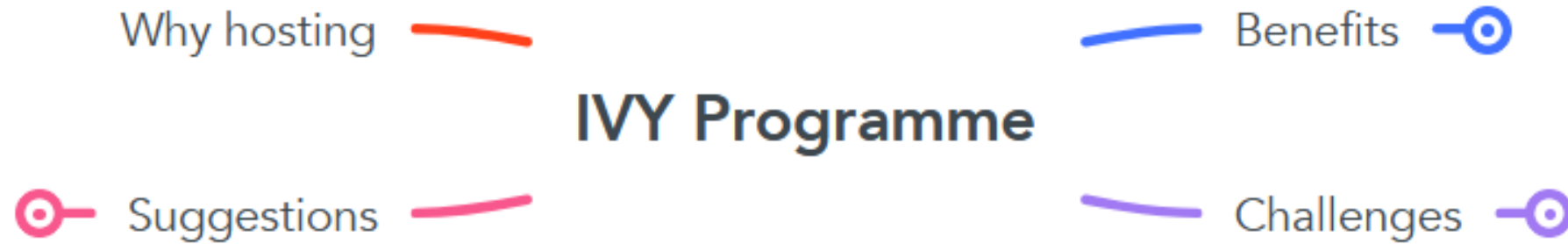
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Thank you

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