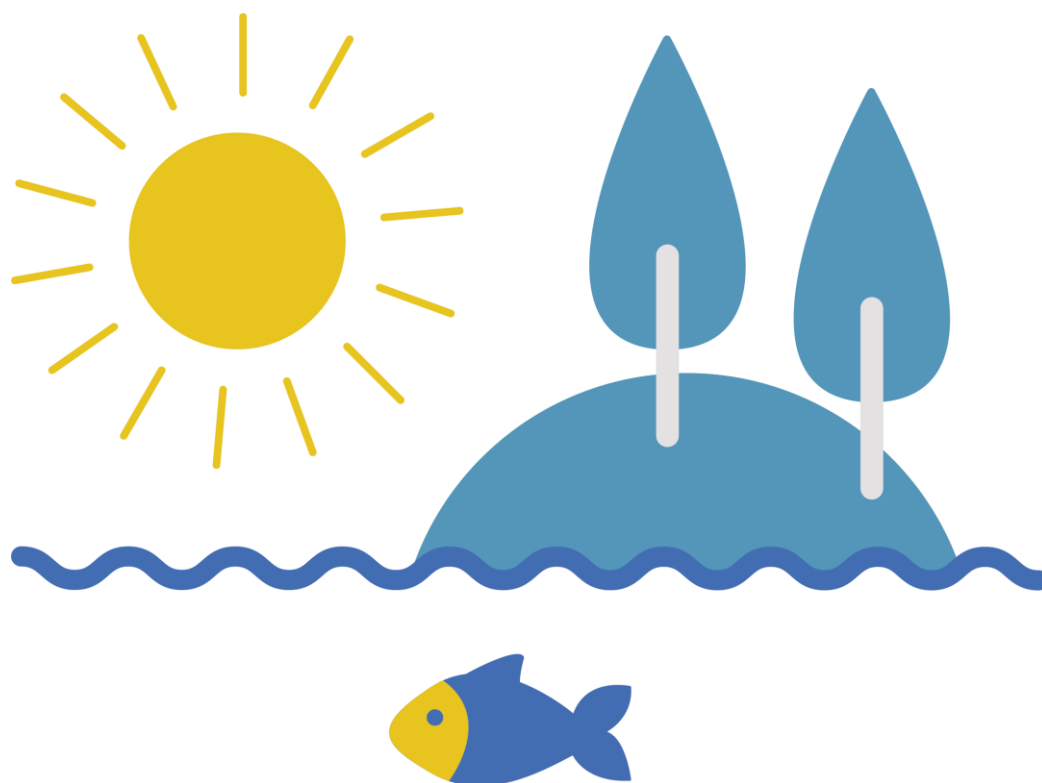


MedLab Annual Meeting. Draft Agenda



29 October 2025. From 13.30 to 16.00

MedLab Annual Meeting: Interreg implementation and role in the Mediterranean





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Background

The MedLab Annual Meeting brings together the key actors driving Interreg cooperation across the Mediterranean. Participants include the Managing Authorities and Joint Secretariats of the 17 Interreg programmes in the region, members of their Monitoring Committees, National Contact Points, representatives of the WestMed initiative and the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), as well as colleagues from the European Commission (DG REGIO).

This year's meeting takes place at an important moment for the Mediterranean. The launch of the New Pact for the Mediterranean, and the European Ocean Pact are creating new opportunities for regional collaboration. These developments invite us to reflect on how Interreg can be further recognised as a successful instrument for cooperation in the region, and to define its role within the Pacts, as well as looking ahead to the post-2027 framework.

At the same time, it is essential to take stock of the achievements in the current 2021–2027 programming period. Programmes are advancing with calls and budget engagement, and first projects are already underway. Capitalisation and synergies are also taking shape, with KEEP.eu serving as the visibility and evidence hub, and INDEX supporting early detection of overlaps and acceleration of connections between projects and programmes. Among other coordination efforts, the Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM) has successfully piloted joint action on sustainable tourism, providing a concrete example of how collective work can enhance visibility and impact.

This dual perspective, reflecting on current progress while keeping in mind the strategic and future dimension, will define the spirit of this year's meeting.

Objectives

The MedLab Annual Meeting aims to:

- Present the latest **policy and strategic developments** for the Mediterranean and explore **Interreg's role** within the **New Pact for the Mediterranean** and the **European Ocean Pact**;
- Review **programmes implementation progress** – calls, budget engagement, first results, and capitalisation/synergy activities;
- Consolidate tools for capitalisation (**INDEX, KEEP**)
- **Share the developments from Mediterranean Multiprogramme Mechanism (MMM), SYNERGIES (Italy) and MEDCOOPNET** as pilot actions for coordination and synergies in the Mediterranean.



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13.30 – 13.40

Welcome & scene setting

- Opening by Interact TESIM and DG REGIO
- Purpose of the meeting

13.40 – 14.05

Changing Mediterranean context

- The New Pact for the Mediterranean (tbc DG MENA and IEMED)
- European Ocean Pact (tbc DG Mare)

Panel

14.05 – 14.55

Strategic discussion

- Interreg's added value for the Mediterranean Pact
- Future of synergies and capitalisation in the region

Debate Format

14.55 – 15.10

Effective use of KEEP, INDEX for capitalisation and synergies

Presentation and Q&A

15.10 – 15.40

Current programme implementation state of play

- Calls launched and budget engagement
- Achievements and lessons learned

Presentation followed by Debate

15.40 – 15.55

Updates of Initiatives for Synergies in the Mediterranean

- National approach: *Sinergie* Italian strategic project for synergies
- Programmes approach: Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism (MMM)
- Project approach: MedCoopNet Project

Presentation and Q&A

15.55 – 16.00

Conclusions and next steps

Interact and TESIM