

Managing a Shared Resource: Water Governance Across the Mediterranean

# MedLab Thematic Week

## Focus on Islands.

## Welcome

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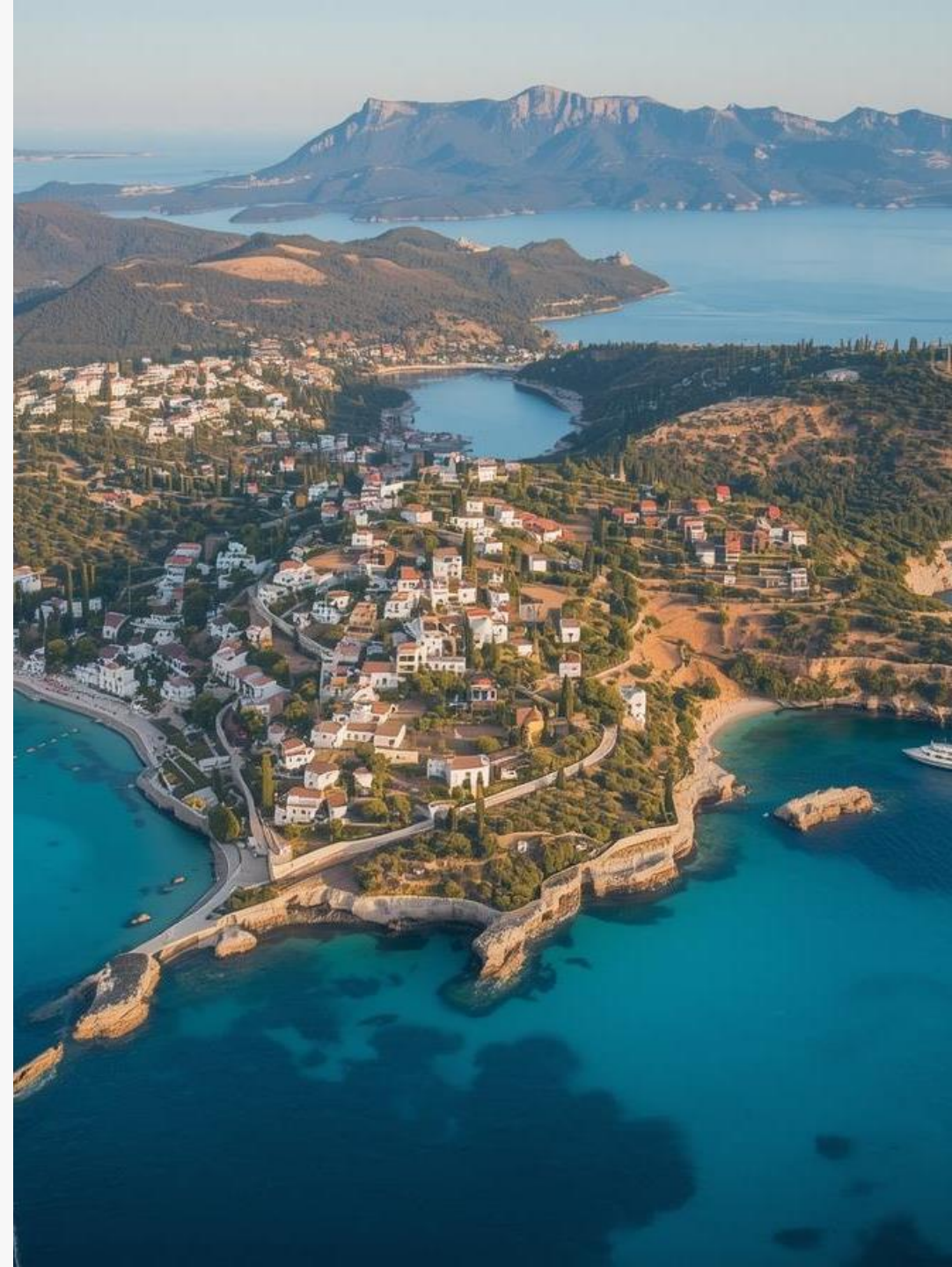
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# Interreg as a Policy Lab for Med Focus on Islands

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# Panel Discussion

- Ignasi Mateo Rodríguez | [MedWaves](#), [LooP Zone](#) project
- Khaoula El Cadi | [ASSIDJE](#), Tunisia
- Konstantinos Patlitzianas | CRES, [ENERGOPOIO](#) project
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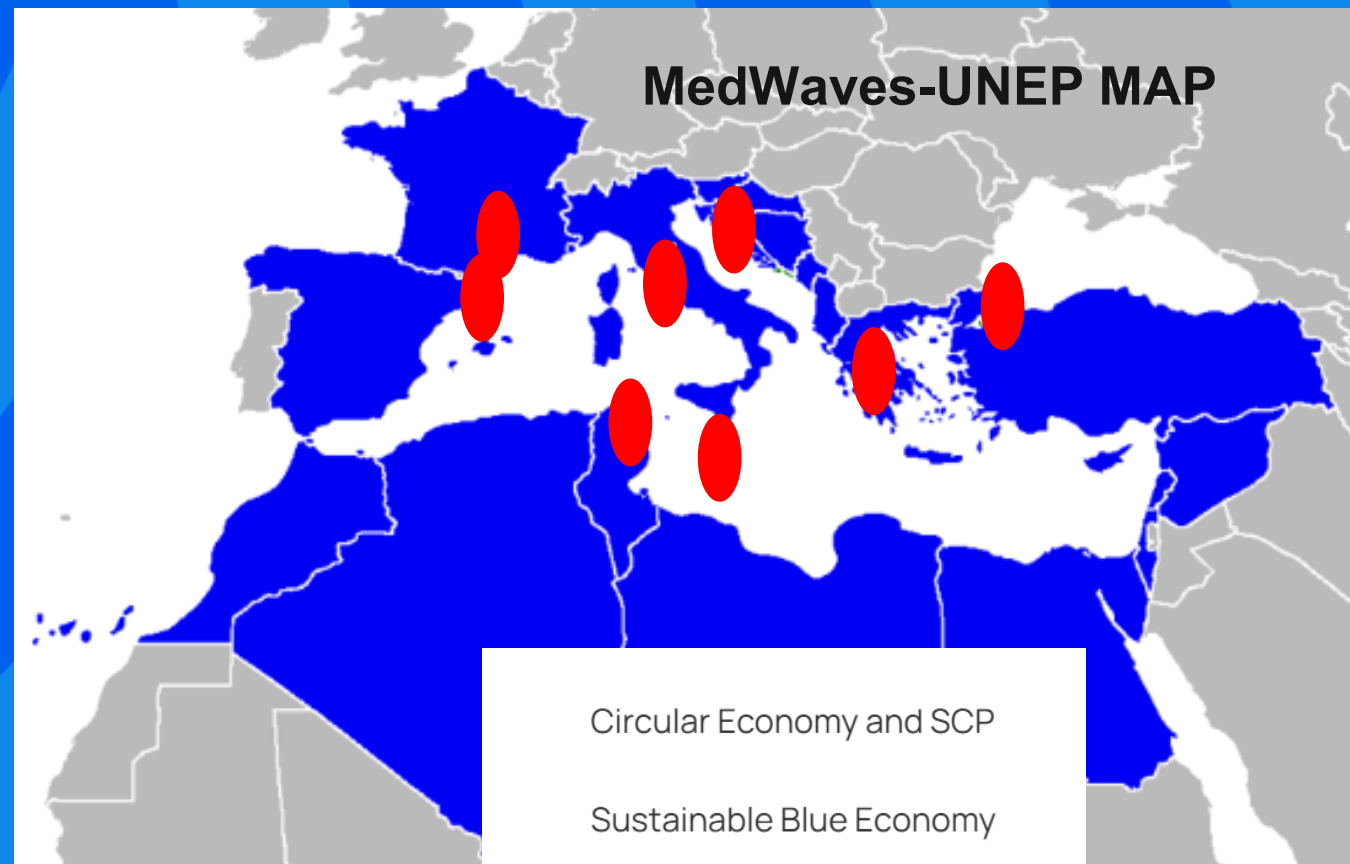




**MedWaves** develops its activity under the **Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)** for the protection and development of the Mediterranean basin, an organization belonging to **UNEP**, acting as one of its Regional Centre.

Our mandate is based on the Convention for the Protection of the Mediterranean Sea against Pollution (**Barcelona Convention**).

**MedWaves** has been also designated as Regional Centre by the Parties of the **Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs)**.



Circular Economy and SCP

Sustainable Blue Economy

Marine Litter & Plastics

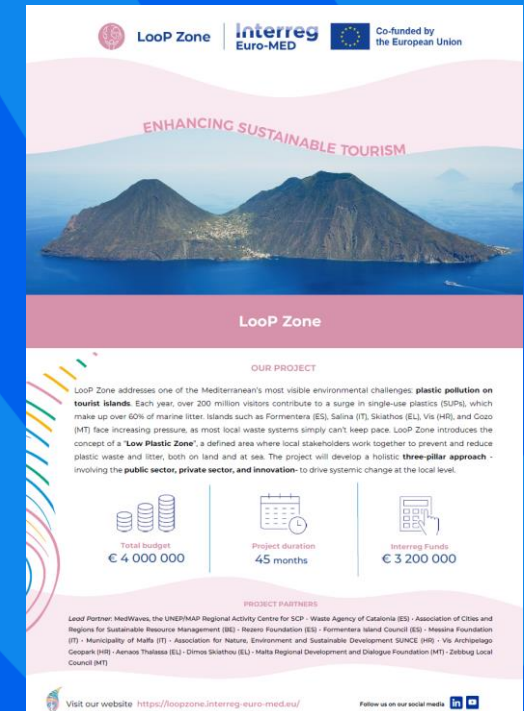
Toxic Chemicals

## CapiMed+ capitalization of 7 initiatives to tackle SUP

### BMM Pilot platform for Sustainable Med small Islands communities



### Loop Zone project: avoiding SUP in HORECA sector



# Thank you

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# RECHARGE, RÉTENTION ET RÉUTILISATION DES CITERNES D'EAU À DJERBA, UN AVENIR MEILLEUR FACE AU CHANGEMENT CLIMATIQUE. (3R CC)

**OBJECTIF**  
IDENTIFIER ET VALORISER LES CI-  
TERNES D'EAU PUBLIQUES, SENSIBI-  
LISER LA POPULATION, RÉHABI-  
LITER ET RÉUTILISER LES EAUX COL-  
LECTÉES.



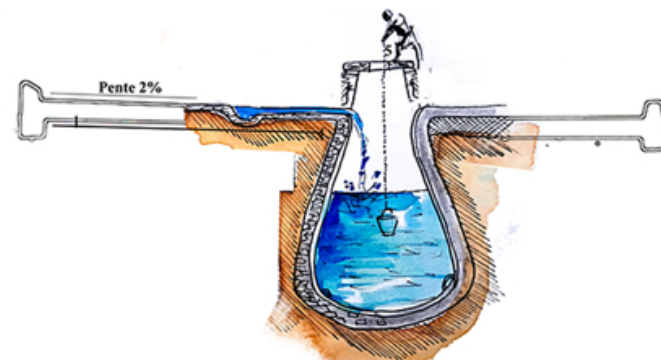
## Un patrimoine hydraulique riche et diversifié

« L'homme s'est efforcé depuis l'Antiquité, de s'adapter à cette situation. La richesse du patrimoine hydraulique à Djerba témoigne de l'ingéniosité paysanne et de l'adaptation remarquable de l'insulaire au problème de l'eau »

Face aux caractéristiques climatiques et aux paramètres physiques de son île, Nos ancêtres ont créé une architecture hydraulique qu'ils ont perfectionné l'art de la gestion de l'eau. La diversité des techniques de stockage et de captage de l'eau.

Le Mejel et la Fesquia sont un excellent exemple de l'ingénierie de l'eau. Les savoir-faire relatifs à la gestion de l'eau en milieu aride ou semi-aride ont une valeur unique aux yeux des Djerbiens.

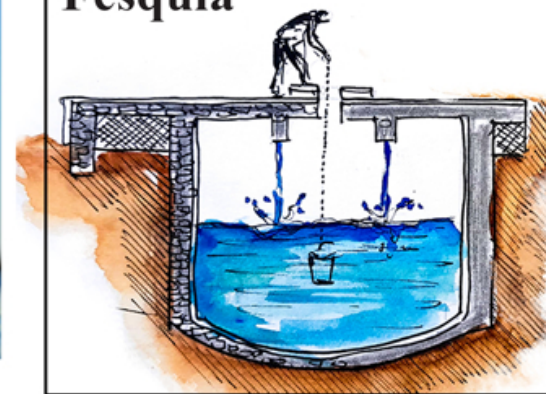
### Majel:



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Une citerne enterrée de forme conique qui rappelle suffisamment celle d'une carafe évasée à sa base. L'eau se rassemble dans un réservoir de stockage souterrain afin de garantir sa salubrité ainsi que sa fraîcheur.

### Fesquia



فَسْقِيَة

La Fesquia est aussi une citerne de stockage d'eau, elle diffère en termes de formes de largeur et de profondeur. Elle est simplement constituée par une chambre enterrée.

## L'Eau et la Femme : Un Lien Patrimonial à Découvrir





# Further Projects

- [MAPA](#) co-financed by **Interreg Italy – Croatia** project that is strengthening the protection status of three (Island of Silba, Parco del Conero, Foce Trigno) existing Protected Areas as Marine Adriatic Parks (MAPA) with the direct involvement of the local communities to strengthen local influence on nature protection; ensure the long-term sustainability of measures and create a balance between nature protection and the life of the community.
- Projects co-financed by **Interreg Euro-MED** focusing on island solutions: 1) [EcoMedIslands](#) optimizes islands waste management by rolling out a circular economy strategy, cutting waste at the source and boosting reuse and recycling. 2) [MED H2](#) supports Mediterranean islands in managing water sustainability through the conservation of tangible and intangible hydraulic heritage. 3) [LooP Zone](#) boosts circular economy practices through Low Plastic Zones in islands. 4) WATERISE provides wastewater and rainwater treatment solutions for reuse in overtourism in islands. Including two test projects: [AQUAMAN](#) evaluates aquatic systems for the mitigation of water scarcity in Mediterranean islands and coastal tourist destinations under severe pressure. [CO2 PACMAN](#) supports Mediterranean islands in their transition to climate neutrality.



# Additional Materials

- The [White Paper](#) on Sustainable Tourism / Small Islands as Hubs for Climate Resilience in the Mediterranean
- Learn more about [BeMed-islands community](#)
- BlueMissionMed project “**Innovative Transformative Solutions**” (ITS) **which contribute towards achievement of the objectives of the EU Mission** to Restore our Oceans and Waters, particularly **Objective 2** (prevention and elimination of pollution from our oceans and waters). <https://bluemissionmed.eu/innovative-trasformative-solutions/>

# Possibilities to build links with EU sea basin and macro-regional cooperation

- Learn more about WestMED thematic working groups: <https://westmed-initiative.ec.europa.eu/assistance-mechanism/#thematic-groups> and its work in Tunisia: <https://westmed-initiative.ec.europa.eu/tunisia/>. WetMED is an excellent platform to promote events and connect to wider [conferences](#).
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR), Pillar 4 Sustainable Tourism is working on a cross-cutting flagship initiative *Mediterranean Diet*. It aims to bring together knowledge and experience on improving collaboration between different stakeholders from tourism industry, agriculture, food, rural, youth and skills sector. To connect to this work, please contact the Pillar 4 coordinators: <https://www.adriatic-ionian.eu/contacts/pillar-coordinators/>

# Cooperation works

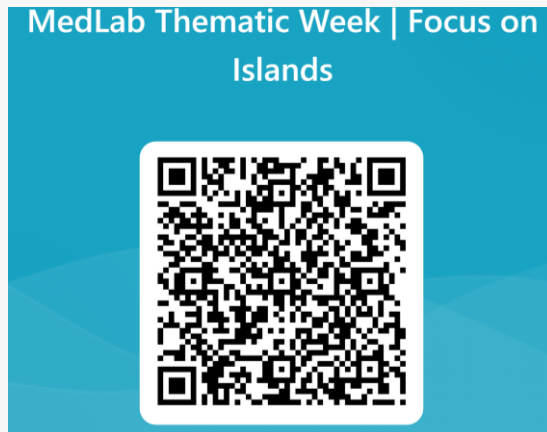
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