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Project Abstract

ENSAMBLE will promote twinning activities among local coastal communities, and other relevant stakeholders, for the sustainable development of the fishing sector.

The project proposal is the result of a preliminary analysis carried out by the project partners, FLAG “Costa degli Etruschi” (Tuscany - IT), Petra Patrimonia Corsica (Corse - FR), WWF Mediterranean North Africa (Tunisia), LegAmbiente Toscana (Tuscany - IT).

Starting from the analysis of the “state of the art” of fishery and aquaculture sector in the Mediterranean countries, some specific needs have been highlighted and verified:

- a growing aging of the fishing and aquaculture local actors (fishermen, fishing and aquaculture firms) together with a very low attractiveness of these jobs especially for young people;
- a clear lack of legislation in some of the countries participating in the project with particular reference to the WestMed Countries;
- the need to find new solutions and entrepreneurship models for the diversification of fishing and aquaculture activities in the North Mediterranean Countries.
- In order to meet the needs pointed out in the analysis, the project activities will focus on:
- the empowerment of the local communities of WestMed area and North Mediterranean (from Italy, France and Tunisia) in order to share and promote sustainable solution to environmental protection and economic diversification of fishing sector throughout the tools of Community-Led Local Development methodology;
- the exchange of good practices and the implementation of pilot and information actions to increase the professional skills of the fishing actors in order to improve entrepreneurial skills, give new strength and attractiveness to the sector of fishing by developing new job opportunities (tourism, accommodation, transformation, restoration, etc.) and actively involving women and young people in the entire supply chain.

Indeed, the project aims to create a network between local communities of fishermen in Tunisia, France and Italy throughout a participatory methodology in order to facilitate the elaboration of a Community-Led Local Development approach in some fishermen communities of North Africa together with the exchange of best practices with Italy and France in which the CLLD approach has been already developed by local fishermen communities.

As a result of this participatory process the definition of a Local Development Strategy for the establishment of FLAG-type models also in non-EU countries, will contribute to establish a Mediterranean twinning between former EU FLAGs and CLLD based fishing communities in Tunisia and to facilitate a private-public participation processes.

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Project Acronym ENSAMBLE

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Beneficiaries

FLAG "Costa degli Etruschi" (Italy)

WWF Mediterranean North Africa, WWF NA (Tunisia)

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