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General Objective
Favour the social and economic development of small-scale fishing communities by promoting the diversification of economic activities and the integrated enhancement of coastal territories.

Specific Objective
The specific purpose of the project is to “establish a Mediterranean Network (Euro-Mediterranean Observatory) joining public and private institutions with a view to define common strategies for the social and economic development of small-scale fishing communities and set up a local technical support system aimed at favouring multi-activity and increasing the income of the operators involved”.

Definition of strategies for the socio-economic development of small scale fishing communities

Establishment of the EURO-MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY on economic diversification activities of the fishing sector (composed by each project partners)

ROLE OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY:
- Establishment of the WORKING GROUPS at local level;
- Definition of the METHODOLOGY and COMMON TOOLS for the socio-economic and regulatory framework analysis of the fishing sector;
- Validation of the partners’ reports and analysis;
- Collection of the BEST PRACTICES on economic diversification activities.
Definition of strategies for the socio-economic development of small fishing communities

**WORKING GROUP**
(composed by Project partner and main stakeholders as Fishermen’s Associations, Fisheries Local Action Groups, Cooperatives, Marine Protected Areas, etc.)

**SOCIO-ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF SMALL SCALE FISHING COMMUNITIES**

**REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ANALYSIS IN FAVOUR OF THE DIVERSIFICATION ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES**

**EURO-MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY** will define the common strategies for the socio-economic development of small fishing communities

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Technical support and assistance to small fishing communities to aid multi-activity and strengthen the competitiveness of fishing operators.

Identification of a common set of services for the implementation of the strategies to support the multi-activity of small fisheries

**TRAINING COURSE** for the training of regional desk operators

**Setting up and contextualization of Regional Desks for the integrated and sustainable development of small fishing communities**

**LOCAL DESK**
Services to small fishing communities
The main common elements which are shared by all the selected successful stories are:

- The direct involvement of the small scale fishermen and the community (women, stakeholders, cooperatives, associations, etc.) regardless the typology of the carried out diversification activities;
- Financial and technical support;
- Generally the nature of fishermen communities is unwilling to change towards new activities as their cultural heritage is conservative and traditionally oriented;
- The diversification processes worldwide are carried out throughout the entire value chain including capture, processing, trade, etc., both for marine and inland water fisheries resources.

44 best practices have been selected

In ASIA and AFRICA the multi-functionality activities are more related to the food security and poverty alleviation.

In AMERICA, particularly in Central-South America, multi-functionality strategies are demanded to fishery cooperative and organizations that are more able to support fishermen in new marketing strategies, added value for their products and involvement in the fishery management plans.

In EUROPE diversification is well developed particularly in Northern Regions regarding cooperation with scientific research, awareness programs, tourism, and environmental services.

In OCEANIA the small scale fisheries diversification is mainly focused on the fisheries management, in conserving marine resources, biodiversity protection according to the indication of local institution.
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