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## **Partnership**



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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

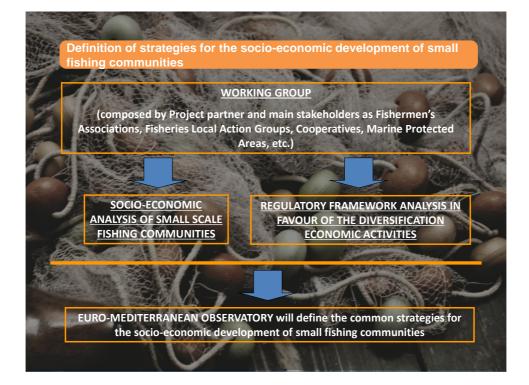
Establishment of the <u>EURO-MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY</u> on economic diversification activities of the fishing sector (composed by each project partners)

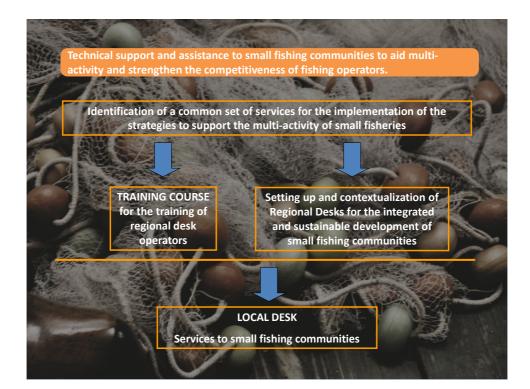
ROLE OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN OBSERVATORY :

- 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







## SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MULTIFUNCIONALITY BEST PRACTICES

44 best practices have been selected

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.

SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES MULTIFUNCIONALITY BEST PRACTICES

44 best practices have been divided into geographical macro areas (EUROPE, ASIA, OCEANIA, AMERICA, AFRICA).

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

In <u>AMERICA</u>, particularly in <u>Central-South America</u>, 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 <u>EUROPE</u> diversification is well developed particularly in Northern Regions regarding cooperation with scientific research, awareness programs, tourism, and environmental services.

In <u>OCEANIA</u> 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.

