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PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: MEDCIS - Support Mediterranean Member States towards coherent and coordinated implementation of the second phase of the MSFD

FUNDING PROGRAMME: European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

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SCIENTIFIC FIELDS: Aquaculture, fisheries

HOST DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Sciences, Informatics and Statistics

SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBLE: Antonio Marcomini

FINANCIAL DATA:

Project total costs	Overall funding assigned to UNIVE
€ 999,896.00	€ 19,866.80

ABSTRACT:

The **main objectives** of this project are:

- to facilitate and provide the methodological standards for the next phase of Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) towards coordinated approaches between Member States, across the Mediterranean by reviewing, comparing, selecting and adapting appropriate existing methodologies;
- to focus on Mediterranean regional/subregional cooperation towards the standardization of suitable approaches to achieve GES, taking in consideration the specificities of the basin and of the countries

MEDCIS, will address most of the descriptors at Mediterranean level (all subregions) with a focus on the following:

- Biodiversity including NIS and seafloor integrity
- Marine litter
- Noise.

Case studies will be performed in selected areas (e.g. N. Adriatic Sea), in order to test the MSFD implementation proposals.

More specifically MEDCIS will:

Review and update the 2012 Assessment (MSFD Article 8), the determinations of GES and Threshold values (MSFD Art. 9), the Environmental Targets and associated Indicators (MSFD Art. 10), at Mediterranean marine region/subregion level by developing case studies to test the performance of the proposed assessment tools (e.g. NEAT).

Establish nested sets of geographical assessment areas for the Mediterranean, to update the 2012 assessment.

Improve the management and access to data from monitoring programmes used in the assessments in accordance with MSFD Art. 19(3) and the INSPIRE Directive.

Upgrade monitoring programmes (MSFD Art. 11), towards the coordination of monitoring in a region or subregion, the development/ improvement of joint monitoring programmes to assess the distribution and extent of pressures and their impacts. Special attention will be on NIS and Marine Litter monitoring programs.

Develop a common approach for assessing the implementation of PoMs by providing the necessary tools and mechanisms towards a coherent reporting (MSFD Art. 18) and regionally joint or coordinated measures;

Establish a network with RSCs (particular UNEP/MAP), MSFD competent authorities, policy makers and other stakeholders, as well relevant projects to ensure coordination across regions/subregions, and boost dissemination of results and the direct use of the project's outcomes in accessible manner to stakeholders.

Planned Start date	Planned End date
1st March 2017	28th February 2019

PARTNERSHIP:

1 Consorzio per la Gestione del Centro di Coordinamento delle Attività di Ricerca inerenti il Sistema Lagunare di Venezia (CORILA)	Italy	Coordinator
2 Università Ca' Foscari Venezia	Italy	Partner
3 Hellenic Centre for Marine Research	Greece	Partner
4 Institut français de recherche pour l'exploitation de la mer	France	Partner
5 Centro tecnológico experto en innovación marina y alimentaria	Spain	Partner
6 Instituto Español de Oceanografía	Spain	Partner
7 Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Split	Croatia	Partner
8 Università del Salento	Italy	Partner
9 Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia	Slovenia	Partner
10 National Institute of Biology	Slovenia	Partner
11 National Technical University of Athens	Greece	Partner
12 National and Kapodistrian University of Athens	Greece	Partner
13 Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche	Italy	Partner
14 Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale	Italy	Partner