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## 1. Summary of the document

This document outlines the implementation and the WP5 related activities, i.e. the organisation of capitalisation conferences in the framework of high-level summits in 2023. It includes a definition of the overarching aim and objectives of the related capitalization activities, outlines the target audiences, and provides a summary of the 3 capitalization conferences that took place during the lifespan of the project for enhanced mainstreaming and replication of project outcomes and recommendations to other Mediterranean policies and initiatives on integrated waste management plans.

## 2. Capitalisation: what is it about?

Capitalization is the process that refers to the organisation of data concerning the implementation of programmes, projects, their impacts, the methods used in order to make the accumulated experience usable for other programmes, projects or stakeholder groups. In short, the capitalization process aims to enhance, exchange and diffuse the achievements of the project.

The capitalization activities of the Med4Waste project clustered under WP5 are vital for the achievement of the overarching aim and specific objectives of the project, towards the delivery of solid results.

## 3. Capitalisation Conferences Objectives

WP5-Capitalisation Conferences (led by MIO-ECSDE) aimed to:

- ▶ Consolidate and tap into the knowledge that has been produced by relevant projects and initiatives;
- ▶ Create synergies and foster exchanges among and between stakeholders;
- ▶ Facilitate and ensure long-term access to the project's results;
- ▶ Mainstream the project results into European, Mediterranean, and national policy processes;
- ▶ Foster the establishment of new alliances able to address the emerging needs of the cooperation area.

## 4. Capitalisation Conferences Target Groups

The Med4Waste Capitalisation Conferences gathered the main Mediterranean actors related to waste management and circular economy, part of them already associated with the project as members of the 3 Med4Waste Capitalization Boards. In addition, and in line with the Quadruple Helix stakeholder approach, the following stakeholder groups have been engaged during the capitalization conferences:

- ▶ **Policy actors:** These include policy makers, decision-makers and elected officials (e.g. members of Parliament).
- ▶ **Socio-economic actors:** Local socio-economic stakeholders include associations, cooperatives, civil society organizations, non-governmental/intergovernmental organizations, foundations, and businesses.
- ▶ **Scientists:** These include members of the research and academic community, including those that provide science advice via established routes at local, national, regional or European level.

- ▶ **Public authorities:** These include public authorities at national, regional, and local levels.
- ▶ **Citizens,** people in society, are not a primary target group (indirect). The capitalisation activities of the project aimed however to reach educators, journalists, etc. from this group.

## 5. Med4Waste Capitalisation Conferences

### 5.1 Activity status

In the duration of the Med4Waste project, 3 capitalization conferences were organized in the framework of high-level summits, therefore exceeding the initial proposal and project's target value for the organization of 2 conferences.

Following a continuous mapping of major Mediterranean events in 2022 and 2023 and after careful consideration, the appropriate opportunities for the organisation of at least 2 capitalisation conferences were being identified and assessed. Monthly consultations with all partners during the project's TCMs were taking place so that a common decision was agreed in regards to the most promising opportunities for the successful dissemination of the project's results.

After the successful organisation of the first Med4Waste capitalisation event during the 9th Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference (["Towards a new Waste Management Governance: implementing circularity from the local to the regional level in the Mediterranean"](#)) and the project's [first participation in ECOMONDO 2022](#), an exhibition of high visibility, the necessary ground was set for the full-blown capitalization process of the Med4Waste project in 2023. Feedback from these events as well as other awareness-raising and cross-fertilization activities organised by Med4Waste has greatly guided the project's final steps and created a momentum for the project's planned Mediterranean Capitalisation Conferences by amplifying project outreach and creating a network of interested stakeholders of the region and beyond.

The following capitalization conferences have been organized by Med4Waste:

- **Towards a new Waste Management Governance: implementing circularity from the local to the regional level in the Mediterranean.**



FIELD	DESCRIPTION
<b>Event Title</b>	Towards a new Waste Management Governance: implementing circularity from the local to the regional level in the Mediterranean
<b>Organizer</b>	Med4Waste, Union for the Mediterranean, the Cyprus Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth
<b>Type of Event</b>	Public
<b>Date</b>	06.10.2022
<b>Location</b>	Nicosia, Cyprus
<b>Short description of the event and type of participation</b>	<p>During the 9th Europe for Environment Ministerial Conference, Med4Waste hosted an insightful side-event that brought together key actors of the Mediterranean region to discuss the Mediterranean transition towards a new Waste Management Governance.</p> <p>The side event aimed at strengthening knowledge sharing and stimulating debate around themes relevant to circular economy and waste management transformation in the Mediterranean, as well as</p>

	<p>showcasing successful and inspiring actions to promote adaptive waste management plans, policies and other management actions. Building on existing knowledge of local, integrated, effective circular economy practices of the public, private and social sectors, the event fostered discussions on how a new waste management governance can be facilitated in the region. Through insightful discussions, the event promoted policy-oriented innovations and new governance models for integrated and efficient municipal waste management public policies across the Mediterranean and beyond.</p> <p>The expected outcomes of the event guided the next steps of the Med4Waste project on mainstreaming policy recommendations for integrated waste management plans with a more effectively engaged private sector.</p> <p>In addition, the side event facilitated the extension of the policy dialogue and capitalization activities of the project to other countries not directly involved in the project as well as look into how the outcomes of the project can be mainstreamed in the whole of the Mediterranean.</p>
<b>Related links to event</b>	<a href="https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/med4waste-fosters-discussions-implementing-circularity-local-mediterranean-level">https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/med4waste-fosters-discussions-implementing-circularity-local-mediterranean-level</a>
<b>Number of participants/attendants</b>	30-50
<b>Participants target/Audience</b>	EU, Mediterranean

### AGENDA OF THE EVENT

TIME	CONTENT	SPEAKERS
13.10-13.20	and introduction to the side event.	<b>Scoulios</b> , Chairperson, MIO-ECSDE <b>ra Sensi</b> , Head of Environment, Green Economy at the Secretariat of the Union diterranean (UfM)
13.20-13.30	► The aspirations of the Med4Waste project. Next steps after the side-event.	► <b>Lara Panzani</b> , Maghreb Area Coordinator, COSPE
13.30-13.40	► Experiences from the MED-InA project on developing a Zero Waste approach through waste prevention, reuse, recycling and development of local activities.	► <b>Karim El Arnauty</b> , Project Officer – Cooperation Unit, AVITEM

<p><b>13.40-13.50</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Experiences from the DECOST project on decentralized community composting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Tahseen Sayara</b>, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Technical University Kadoorie</li> </ul>
<p><b>13.50-14.00</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ The role of cities to support a circular economy transition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Josep Canals-Molina</b>, Secretary-General, MedCities</li> </ul>
<p><b>14.00-14.30</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Panel discussion on the future of the Mediterranean Waste Management Governance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Esmat El Karadsheh</b>, Coordinator Eastern Mediterranean Office, ENI CBC MED</li> <li>▶ <b>Julien Le Tellier</b>, Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD), UNEP/MAP</li> <li>▶ <b>Francesco Lembo</b>, Managing Director, ACR+</li> <li>▶ <b>Kyriakos Parpounas</b>, Sustainability Leader at Grant Thornton Cyprus &amp; CEO Parpounas Sustainability Consultants</li> <li>▶ <b>Mahdi Khomsi</b>, International Relations Coordinator, BusinessMed</li> </ul>
<p><b>14.30-14.40</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Concluding remarks and wrap-up of the event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Alessandra Sensi</b>, Head of Environment, Green and Blue Economy at the Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)</li> </ul>



- A better urban organic waste management for a more resilient Mediterranean agriculture

FIELD	DESCRIPTION
Event Title	A better urban organic waste management for a more resilient Mediterranean agriculture
Organizer	MIO-ECSDE (Med4Waste), Union for the Mediterranean, ENI CBC Med and PRIMA Programmes
Type of Event	Public
Date	23.5.2023
Location	Online
Short description of the event and type of participation	<p>The high-attended event aimed to address the challenges and shared solutions regarding urban organic waste management and discuss the ways towards more resilient agricultural systems in the Mediterranean region.</p> <p>As waste management in many Mediterranean countries has multiple drawbacks that require strategic solutions and collaboration among institutions, the event was a unique opportunity to showcase the results of the ENI CBC Med and PRIMA projects on the sustainable use of organic waste which supported the event</p>

	<p>together with the UfM which supports the development and implementation of the project within the UfM 2030 GreenerMed Agenda.</p> <p>Following the 2023 International Compost Awareness Week under the specific thematic of “Healthier soil, healthier food...Compost!” the event was organised back-to-back with the 4th Meeting of the UfM Working Group on Environment and Climate Action held in Sitges, Spain, a significant meeting that takes stock of progress and updates on regional initiatives, programs, projects.</p> <p>The webinar was an excellent opportunity to present some of the actions being carried out by Med4Waste itself by the different project partners, namely BETA TC, AUB, MedCities, and BusinessMed. The capitalisation approach of the project was presented, as well as ongoing the upcoming activities of the Med4Waste team such as a catalogue of practices and successful case studies on waste management for replication in other territories, the Med4ZeroWaste &amp; Circular Economy Course and the project’s mentoring programme that is already providing guidance and resources to six cities and towns in the southern Mediterranean to improve their waste management plans through tailor-made actions. The outcomes of the Business Report in the field of waste management in the Mediterranean and the relevant opportunities that arise for the Mediterranean business ecosystem were also showcased.</p> <p>A session of the event was dedicated to the ENI CBC MED projects, CLIMA and DECOST which presented experiences on compost recovery and municipal waste management practices, while PRIMA projects, ISFERALDA and SUSTAINOLIVE, demonstrated the potential of compost in enriching agricultural soils in rural Mediterranean environments.</p> <p>The webinar also addressed key policy areas for the region, the Sustainable Food Systems in the Mediterranean (<b>SFS-MED</b>) initiative Lastly, a networking session took place on how collaborations contribute to a better use of organic waste during which representatives from the abovementioned projects held interesting discussions regarding on the ground challenges faced during project implementation in different local contexts and lessons-learnt.</p> <p>Overall, the significant work of Med4Waste and similar capitalisation projects was welcomed by the speakers and the audience for providing the necessary platforms to facilitate collaborations between projects, institutions and key stakeholders to share knowledge, good practices and updated research in the field from the entire Mediterranean region.</p>
<p><b>Related links to event</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.enicbcmed.eu/med4wastes-webinar-organic-waste-and-resilient-agriculture-aroused-high-interest-among-participants">https://www.enicbcmed.eu/med4wastes-webinar-organic-waste-and-resilient-agriculture-aroused-high-interest-among-participants</a></p>

<b>Number of participants/attendants</b>	150
<b>Participants target/Audience</b>	Mediterranean

**AGENDA OF THE EVENT**

TIME	CONTENT	SPEAKERS
10.00-10.15	▶ Cooperating for A Better Urban Organic Waste Management & A More Resilient Mediterranean Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Almotaz Abadi</b>, Deputy Secretary General for UfM Water, Environment and Blue Economy Division</li> <li>▶ <b>Antonella Giglio</b>, Acting Director-General of ENI CBC MED</li> <li>▶ <b>Octavi Quintana Trias</b>, Director of PRIMA Secretariat</li> </ul>
10.15-10.45	▶ Urgent Challenges to be Addressed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Laura Armengot Martínez</b>, Researcher of the Soil &amp; Nutrient Management Area, BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC)</li> <li>▶ <b>Joumana Sweiss</b>, Project officer at ENI CBC MED, Branch Office for Western Mediterranean</li> <li>▶ <b>Ali Rhouma</b>, Project officer at PRIMA</li> <li>▶ <b>Doha Zamel</b>, Water resources engineer at UfM</li> </ul>
10.45-11.15	▶ Mediterranean Dialogue for Waste Management Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Mercè Boy Roura</b>, Project coordinator of the Governance for Sustainability Area at BETA Technological Centre (UVIC-UCC)</li> <li>▶ <b>Samar Morkos</b>, Project manager at American University of Beirut</li> <li>▶ <b>Noe Viedma Alonso</b>, Project manager at MEDCITIES</li> <li>▶ <b>Federica Bruni</b>, Network and Development Coordinator of BUSINESSMED.</li> </ul>
11.30-11.45	▶ How Much Do You Know About Organic Waste Management & Sustainable Agriculture in The Mediterranean?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Lamees Assaf</b>, Communication manager at EDAMA.</li> </ul>
11.45-12.15	▶ Capacity Building Good Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Tahseen Sayara</b>, Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie (PTUK) - DECOST project</li> <li>▶ <b>Lama Nehme</b>, ARCENCIEL NGO - CLIMA project</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Kamal Targuisti</b>, University of Abdelmalek Essaâdi (UAE)</li> <li>▶ <b>Nissaf Karbout</b>, Arid Regions Institute (IRA)</li> </ul>
12.15-12.45	▶ How Do Collaborations Contribute to A Better Use of Organic Waste?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Kamal Targuisti</b>, University of Abdelmalek Essaâdi, SustainOlive project</li> <li>▶ <b>Nissaf Karbout</b>, Arid Regions Institute, ISFERALDA project</li> <li>▶ <b>Joan Marull - Maria José la Rota - Elena Louisa</b>, Metropolitan Laboratory of Ecology and Territory – Autonomous University of Barcelona, MA4SURE project</li> <li>▶ <b>Tahseen Sayara</b>, Palestine Technical University - Kadoorie, DECOST project</li> <li>▶ <b>Lama Nehme</b>, ARCENCIEL NGO, CLIMA project</li> <li>▶ <b>Itxaso Euba</b>, Training and employment labour insertion company, SIRCLES project.</li> </ul>
12.45-13.00	▶ Key Elements of Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ <b>Haris Paliogiannis, Policy Officer at MIO-ECSDE</b></li> <li>▶ <b>Alessandra Sensi</b>, Head of Environment, Green and Blue Economy at the Secretariat of the UfM</li> </ul>



- Decentralized management of municipal organic waste in the Mediterranean



FIELD	DESCRIPTION
<b>Event Title</b>	Decentralized management of municipal organic waste in the Mediterranean
<b>Organizer</b>	Med4Waste, “Water and Environment Support (WES) in the ENI Neighbourhood South Region” project
<b>Type of Event</b>	Public
<b>Date</b>	24.10.2023-26.10.2023
<b>Location</b>	Sardinia, Italy and online
<b>Short description of the event and type of participation</b>	<p>The EU funded “Water and Environment Support (WES) in the ENI Neighbourhood South Region” project joined forces with ENI CBC Med Med4Waste, and organised a regional workshop and study visit on “Decentralized management of municipal organic waste in the Mediterranean”.</p> <p>The 3-day event constituted the epilogue of the ENI CBC MED funded project, Med4Waste, featuring its key findings,</p>

	<p>recommendations and innovative solutions, that are transferable to various municipalities and different contexts within the Mediterranean region. It was also one of the many regional study visits that the WES project has organized, which is well into its fourth year of implementing more than 50 capacity building activities for stakeholders from the MENA countries.</p> <p>The event was very successful in fostering a collaborative environment, vibrant exchanges and the showcasing of good practices to achieve sustainable and applicable in the region organic waste management systems. Overall, the event was acknowledged as a well-designed opportunity that enabled dialogue and enrichment of knowledge on the prerequisites for effective organic waste management that will inspire tailor-made priority policy measures and implementation plans for truly effective practices at the local, national and Mediterranean-wide levels.</p>
<p><b>Related links to event</b></p>	<p><a href="https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/med4waste-conducted-its-final-event-decentralized-organic-waste-management-mediterranean">https://www.enicbcmmed.eu/med4waste-conducted-its-final-event-decentralized-organic-waste-management-mediterranean</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.wes-med.eu/wes-and-med4waste-projects-team-up-to-support-the-municipal-waste-sector-of-the-mediterranean-region-in-becoming-circular-and-sustainable/">https://www.wes-med.eu/wes-and-med4waste-projects-team-up-to-support-the-municipal-waste-sector-of-the-mediterranean-region-in-becoming-circular-and-sustainable/</a></p> <p><a href="https://south.euneighbours.eu/news/wes-and-med4waste-projects-team-up-to-support-the-municipal-waste-sector-of-the-mediterranean-region/">https://south.euneighbours.eu/news/wes-and-med4waste-projects-team-up-to-support-the-municipal-waste-sector-of-the-mediterranean-region/</a></p> <p><a href="https://mio-ecsde.org/med4waste-and-wes-solidify-efforts-for-informed-decision-making-on-organic-waste-management-in-the-mediterranean/">https://mio-ecsde.org/med4waste-and-wes-solidify-efforts-for-informed-decision-making-on-organic-waste-management-in-the-mediterranean/</a></p> <p><a href="https://medcities.org/med4waste-achieved-its-goals-of-improving-municipal-waste-management-along-the-mediterranean/">https://medcities.org/med4waste-achieved-its-goals-of-improving-municipal-waste-management-along-the-mediterranean/</a></p>
<p><b>Number of participants/attendants</b></p>	<p>200</p>
<p><b>Participants target/Audience</b></p>	<p>EU, Mediterranean, regional</p>

**AGENDA OF THE EVENT:**

[https://mio-ecsde.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WES-Med4Waste\\_24-26-Oct\\_draftagenda\\_final.pdf](https://mio-ecsde.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/WES-Med4Waste_24-26-Oct_draftagenda_final.pdf)