



## MED4EBM A2.4.2 REPORT

*“Organisation of the launch event for the “Mediterranean Centre for EBM”*

**PARTNER:** PP2 – AMICI DELLA TERRA

On May 12 and 13, 2022, the Mediterranean Forum for Applied Ecosystem Management, a permanent center for sharing experiences and knowledge and supporting the application of land management methods and tools, was presented in Sibari(CS), Italy.

The Forum, one of the products of the MED4EBM project, is expected to be a tool through which the project partners (Amici della Terra, UNDP Jordan, TCNR, JREDS and INSTM) and their network of stakeholders will continuously exchange ideas, proposals and experiences on ecosystem services and the application of integrated management, while also offering advisory services and training.

In these two days we discussed about tools and application protocols used in the four pilot areas of the MED4EBM project, previous similar experiences in Italy, and also the future organization of the Forum and the services it can offer.

The event was held in hybrid form and was structured into **six thematic sessions**.

The **first session** consisted of institutional speeches by Amici della Terra Onlus President Monica Tommasi, Cassano allo Ionio Municipality Mayor Giovanni Pappasso (a Gulf of Corigliano municipality, a MED4EBM project stakeholder who hosted the event), ARPACAL Director General Domenico Pappaterra and Agostino Brusco the director of the Tarsia Lake and Crati River Mouth Nature Reserves. The ENICBC Med program was introduced with speeches by Irene Morell Rodriguez, representative of JTS and Maria Luisa Losavio, representative of the Puglia Region, national contact point for ENICBC Med in Italy. To close the session Mohammad Badran as lead applicant introduced the MED4EBM project.

The **second session**, coordinated by Manrico Benelli, a member of Amici della Terra EBM team, focused on defining and contextualizing EBM and ICZM through examples of previous applications in Italy. In this session, Luigi Enrico Cipriani presented experiences of integrated coastal zone management in the Tuscany Region illustrating in particular coastal erosion control systems. Giuliano Trentini representing CIRF, on the other hand, illustrated projects of nature based solutions and ecosystem based management in riverine areas and in the Venice lagoon. Marco Falcetta, representative of PROGES, partner of the MED4EBM project illustrated with his presentation how EBM, ICZM and nature based solutions can be and indeed it is desirable that they are complementary in land management.

In the **third session**, partners from the four target areas showed methods, strengths, critical issues and state of the art in the application of tools and methods of the MED4EBM project. Edoardo Scepi, EBM Expert from Amici della Terra, explained in his introduction what are the main issues to be addressed and challenges in the application of Ecosystem-Based Integrated Coastal Zone Management. The special features of each application in the target areas were then presented by Zakaria Al Mashaqba for JREDS - Gulf of Aqaba, Nahed Msayleb for TCNR - Tyre Coast Nature Reserve, Amel Bellaaj Zouari for INSTM - Kneiss Islands, Matteo Onori for Amici della Terra - Gulf of Corigliano.

The **fourth session** concluded the first day of work with a propaedeutic session in which Manrico Benelli and Marco Falcetta introduced a proposal to be discussed in the final session of the second day on the future governance, strategic goals and main activities of the Forum.

The second day opened in the **fifth session** with a specific focus on the Gulf of Corigliano. Illustration of EBM application, expected results and discussion with gulf stakeholders were facilitated by the presentation made by Matteo Onori and Manrico Benelli. Also speaking were Michelangelo Iannone for ARPACAL, Emilio Sperone for the University of Calabria, Paola Rizzuto for "Contratto di fiume Crati," Giovanni Misasi for the order of biologists, and Francesco Nocera for ARSAC. All the mentioned stakeholders expressed satisfaction with the work done so far and a willingness to continue to collaborate for the success of the project. In particular, ARPACAL and ARSAC have formalized their intention to sign agreements to share data to be used through ISP for land analysis and management.

In the **sixth and final session**, project partners and other participants discussed the future of the forum and its sustainability based on the presentations shown in the fourth session. At the end of the discussion it was decided that Amici della Terra

would arrange a proposal document taking into account all the instances presented by the different partners through which to continue the discussion in the steering committees or in dedicated meetings.

## EVENT TITLE

Launching event of the Mediterranean Forum for Applied Ecosystemic Management  
THE EBM APPROACH FOR THE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF MARINE-COASTAL  
ZONES

## DATE

May 12-13 2022

## VENUE

Conference room via Callistene, Sibari - Cassano allo Ionio(CS), Italy

## YOUTUBE VIDEO COMPLETE PLAYLIST

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXJmH0R8Hep6j0Q8VHe262Z9ADApp2sO>

## VIDEO INTERVIEW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WTieBbuf6g&t=1s>

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### *ATTACHED FILES*

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