



The Co-Evolve4BG project will promote the sustainable development of tourism activities in coastal areas

29.11.19 Co-Evolve4BG (Co-Evolution of coastal human activities & Med natural systems for sustainable tourism & Blue Growth in the Mediterranean), coordinated by the National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies of Tunisia and financed by the European Commission through the ENI CBC Med Programme, has started to work.

The main objective of Co-Evolve4BG is to analyse and promote the co-evolution of human activities and natural eco-systems in touristic coastal areas, towards sustainable development of tourist activities based on the principles of Integrated Coast Zone Management (ICZM) and Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP), promoting at the same time Blue Growth in the Mediterranean.

The growth of tourism in the Mediterranean, especially in coastal areas, and the effects of climate change will continue to affect the stability and erosion of landscapes, soil and coasts, exert pressure on species and water resources, and increase waste dumping and sea pollution.

In this context, the analysis and demonstration actions foreseen in the project will improve the sustainable development of coastal and maritime tourism by making full use of the potential of the Blue Economy and by promoting the creation of business and employment opportunities in the field of services aimed at this type of tourism, coastal management and adaptation to climate change.

The actions to be carried out within the framework of the project are as follows:

- An integrated analysis of the threats and factors favouring sustainable tourism at Mediterranean level.
- A toolkit containing indicators to analyse the level of sustainability of tourism.
- Two training sessions addressed to the partners and local actors involved in the pilot actions.
- Pilot actions for sustainable tourism development to be developed in Lebanon, Greece, Tunisia, Spain and Italy.

The Co-Evolve4BG project consortium consists of nine partners from Mediterranean countries: National Institute of Marine Sciences and Technologies (Tunisia), Region of Lazio (Italy), Region of Eastern Macedonia and Thrac (Greece), University of Murcia (Spain), Valenciaport Foundation (Spain), National Environmental Protection Agency (Tunisia), Ministry of Public Works and Public Transport (Lebanon), Al Midan NGO (Lebanon) and AMWAJ Environment (Lebanon).

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