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The ENSERES project is a capitalization project funded by the ENI CBC Med Programme and coordinated by the University of Malaga. It will seek over the next 2 years transformative changes with an integrated solution approach at transboundary level, both in and outside areas under legal protection, and involving public authorities, socio-economic actors and civil society organisations engaged in natural and urban areas, focusing on the pilot areas Gulf of Gabes (Tunisia) and Tyre (Lebanon).

## Linking cities and marine protected areas (MPAs)



Provision of sustainable solutions to local economies: Effective Protection and financing inside + Conservation & Restoration outside MPAs

**Objectives:** ENSERES aims at capitalising on available ecosystem-based management tools in integrated coastal zone management processes for preserving coastal and marine ecosystems as sustainable livelihoods for coastal urban communities in the Mediterranean basin, and transferring these tools through capacity building and mainstream its use through networking activities of the partners.

**Approach:** ENSERES focuses on transferring and mainstreaming ecosystem-based management tools to implement integrated coastal zone management (ICZM) processes in multi-level conservation and territorial practices. It will build the capacities of public authorities and natural resource users, boost sustainable financing mechanisms for co-management, and act for the operative territorialisation of actions at various scales.

# **Expected results**

Multi-lingual ENSERES Toolkit and training material for local to regional stakeholders

Tools transferred and adopted by users in cities and marine protected areas

Management tools included in regional strategies

Extended Mediterranean Biodiversity Knowledge Platform











### **Partnership**

#### **Core partners**













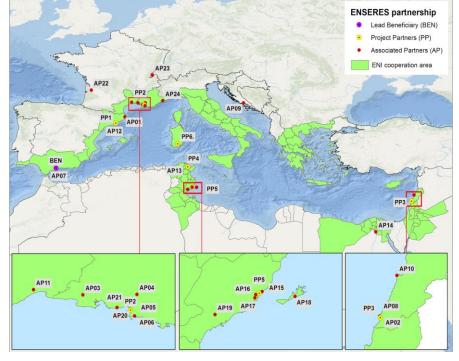












BEN - Lead Beneficiary

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PP1 - MedCities Association (ES)

PP2 - Mediterranean Protected Areas Network (FR)

PP3 - Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (LB)

PP4 - UNEP MAP's Specially Protected Areas Regional Activity Centre (TN)

PP5 - Municipality of Sfax (TN)

PP6 - MedSea Foundation (IT)

#### **Associated Partners**

AP01	Parc Natural del Montgrí, les Illes Medes i el Baix Ter	AP 14	Nature Conservation Egypt (NCE)
AP02	Tyre Municipality	AP 15	Société d'Etudes et d'aménagement des côtes nord de la Ville de
AP03	Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative		Sfax (TAPARURA)
AP04	Conservatoire du Littoral	AP 16	National School of Engineers (University of Sfax)
AP05	Région Sud-Provences Alpes-Cote d'Azur	AP 17	Municipality of Thyna
AP06	Parc National des Calanques	AP 18	Municipality of Kerkennah
AP07	Mediterranean Experience of Ecotourism Network	AP 19	Municipality of El Graiba
AP08	Responsible Mobilities	AP 20	Plan Bleu Regional Activity Centre (Plan Bleu RAC)
AP09	Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAC/RAC)	AP 21	Parc marin de la Côte Bleue
AP10	Society for the Protection of Nature in Lebanon	AP 22	Blueseeds / VertigoLab
AP 11	Office français de la biodiversité	AP 23	International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World
AP 12	SCP/RAC (Regional Activity Center for Sustainable		Commission on Protected Areas
	Consumption and Production)	AP 24	The MedFund
AP 13	Agence de Protection et d'Amenagement du Littoral (APAL)		

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