Introduction – the Blue Growth Community

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Blue Growth Community – 1st Capitalization event
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Overview: Blue Growth Community’s evolution

**Blue Growth Community (BGC)**

a) 1\textsuperscript{st} phase: InnoBlueGrowth project (2017-2019)

a) 2\textsuperscript{nd} phase: Blue Growth Community project (2019-2022)

**Goals**

- Enhance capitalization
- Dissemination and transferability of modular projects results
- Better take on of technical modular projects into policy-making at multi-level governance scale
- Benefit the development of the Blue Economy and entrepreneurship for SMEs
Overview: Who we are?

Blue Growth (BGC)

**Partners:**
- CoNISMa (LP)
- ASCAME
- Plan Bleu
- CPMR
- NTUA
- University of Montenegro
- IrADIARE

**Associated Partners:**
- Cotec Foundation
- Hellenic Centre for Marine Research
- Région Occitanie
- Insuleur
- Région Provence-Alpes-Côté d’Azur
- University of Cyprus
- Associació Barcelona Clúster Nàutic
- Piraeus Chamber of Tradesman
- Sicilia Region (Dpt. of Tourism, Sport and Entertainment)
- Liguria Region
- Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche – IRPPS
- Adriatic-Ionian Euro region
- ANIMA Investment Network
- Puglia Region
- Calabria Region
- Region of Crete
- Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region
Why a capitalization event?
Overall objective of Blue Growth community

→ Main objective: *To ensure the capitalization and transferring of outputs produced by our community of projects* dealing with Blue economy issues in the Mediterranean region for an efficient mainstreaming and strategic liaising with identified targets.
1st CAP event on Marine Renewable Energies

→ Capitalizing on outputs from 3 Blue Growth projects dealing with Marine renewable energies: PELAGOS, MAESTRALE and BLUE DEAL

→ Expected outputs:
  - A widened and shared knowledge among scientists, decision-makers and entrepreneurs on levers for promoting sustainable development of MRE in the Med
  - Sharing of best practices in reconciling development of MRE with biodiversity and eco-tourism
  - Promote transfer and strengthen capitalization of the jointly elaborated tools/measures and results that explicitly target collective territorial appropriation and ownership
  - Support to Mediterranean SMEs in the Blue energy sector to find potential investors and to identify additional source of funding
1st Day (10th Nov.): mainly devoted to an overview of MRE development in the Med region, to the enabling framework (incl. legal & regulatory) to foster it and how to reconcile MRE, biodiversity and eco-tourism;

2nd Day (11th Nov.): An E-Blue Agora co-organized with the Circle the Med Forum, dedicated to SMEs with the presentation of tools, funding opportunities and a matchmaking session in the framework of the 1st BLUE DEAL Business Forum;
The Blue Growth community will release a capitalization report on Marine renewable energies in the Med region in December 2020!
Thank you for your attention

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