

Acronym – INCORE-MED

Title – Inclusive Coastal Resilience in the Euro-Med

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Description – INCORE-MED advocates for reinforcing governmental and civil society capacities towards public participation and inclusive democracy in the context of Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Maritime Spatial Planning. It paves the way for citizen engagement through **participatory methods** to integrate climate adaptation based on ecosystems and democratic innovations into those frameworks.

Multiple examples of social protests/resistance have historically and contemporarily emerged in the Mediterranean, questioning the current state-of-affairs due to the potential ecological and socioeconomic negative impacts in coastal and marine areas. Lack of citizens' engagement can be considered as one of the potential barriers to climate mitigation and adaptation. By contrast, innovative participation such as mini-publics (e.g. climate assemblies) are promising **co-creation tools** to address or prevent social conflicts in a more deliberative and systemic way. On the other hand, their impact on the policy level has been relatively modest up until now, since there are yet to be effective mechanisms to integrate their outputs into policies.

In this project, we want to introduce two innovative but already tested participatory methodological tools: **Scenario Workshop and Adaptation Pathways** (SWAP) and **Democracy Labs** (DLabs). They will be adapted and tested in coastal-marine areas of Croatia, Italy, Portugal, and Spain. The processes engaging civil society as prominent actors will compensate for the current technocratic and top-down approach to coastal & marine planning/management, and improve deliberation, while ensuring a certain level of integration of citizens' input into the climate adaptation and ecosystem conservation. The project's innovative approach will thus promote nature stewardship, while improving the prevention and resolution of social conflicts, and citizens engagement, which have become critical barriers to the advancement of climate adaptation and nature conservation.

Objectives – The project aims at increasing the capacity of regional and local governments and civil society organisations to define plans and implement solutions in the framework of **coastal and marine planning and management**, hence achieving climate adaptation and sustainable development based on ecosystems and resilience in a deliberative and systemic way, by reinforcing public participation and inclusive democracy approaches to prevent and address present or potential conflicts.

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