



LIFE 4 MECA

A WAKEUP CALL FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN



OBJ01 Supporting ratification of MARPOL Annex VI among North African Countries and investigate how the issue of ECA substandard ships from non-EU countries can be addressed, e.g. by having fewer inspections when calling in EU ports.



OBJ05 Build upon results of LIFE4MEDECA (ending in 2023), SAFEMED V and WESTMED Initiative to create synergies/complementarity. Use the experience in the development of the existing ECAs to support the Atlantic ECA.



OBJ02 Provide technical support to the development of Atlantic-SECA scenarios and exchange best practice for the Atlantic ECA also in coordination with UNEP MAP (REMPEC) and IMO.



OBJ06 Set up structures for supporting legislative governance, transfer of best practice and/or dialogue with industry (i.e. vessel owners and operators, ports).



OBJ03 Provide expertise to the MED ECA Countries.



OBJ07 Identify further needs through communication and dialogue.



OBJ04 Map and facilitate access to existing financial incentive mechanisms also through coordination for cooperation and enforcement, including Ministries of Environment, Ministries of Transport, other authorities responsible for maritime shipping and other relevant authorities.

BACKGROUND

LIFE4MECA is the follow-up of the LIFE4MEDECA preparatory project that, from 2021 to 2023, supported the establishment of the ECA (both SECA and NECA) in the Mediterranean.

As some MED countries have not ratified yet the related IMO conventions, they need support to prepare for the MED SECA implementation as well as in preparing their maritime and oil industry to the necessary adaptation.

To meet such challenges, the LIFE4MECA project will:

- provide the “core” expertise of its co-beneficiaries is complemented, if necessary, by external experts; accordingly, a specific budget is allocated, within WP3, to deal with non-EU countries and may include Egypt, Algeria and Tunisia for the MED SECA and might focus on Morocco in the contest of the ATLANTIC SECA;
- carry out targeted consultations with its wide group of Stakeholders (WP5) which, built on the LIFE4MEDECA STG, is geographically enlarged to the Atlantic;
- provide, through its properly staffed “Technical Secretariat” (WP5), and a continuous flow of information within stakeholders to support capacity building (WP3), enlargement of the LIFE4MEDECA’s knowledge centre (WP4) and networking with other LIFE projects (WP5)
- establish an institutional Advisory Board which, based on that of LIFE4MEDECA suitably geographically expanded and composed of relevant EU and national competent authorities, will facilitate a coordinated cooperation and enforcement

RESULTS

The overall expected result of the LIFE4MECA project is to provide technical support to the development of Atlantic-SECA scenarios and exchange best practices for the Atlantic ECA establishment, also in coordination with UNEP MAP (REMPEC) and IMO. To achieve this, the project will provide expertise to the MED ECA Countries by setting up structures for supporting legislative governance, transfer of best practice and/or dialogue with industry (i.e. vessel owners and operators, ports). Therefore, a clear added value in terms of EU policy implementation and development (including the European Green Deal) will be delivered and the creation of a level playing field between seaports and ship operators will be supported.

QUANTIFIED OUTPUTS FROM LIFE4MECA PROJECT ARE AS FOLLOWS

- 3 project annual fact sheets and policy briefs
- 1 overview document mapping ATLECA needs and one strategy document on sub-standard ships
- 6 capacity building sessions for MED countries in need of technical assistance
- 2 ATLECA roadmaps respectively for technical support and access to finance
- 6 air quality measurements campaigns and related awareness rising local workshops
- MECA Knowledge Centre
- MECA coordination structure for cooperation and enforcement
- LIFE4MECA legacy plan
- Networking with at least 20 relevant project promoted by LIFE, WESTMED and/or the EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030
- 3 workshops with Stakeholders for dissemination of interim project results.

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