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The B-Blue Project :

a Med community to exploit the innovation potential of the Blue Biotechnologies

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B-Blue: a Strategic Project

<u>Main Project's Goal</u>: To build the Med Blue Biotechnology community and activate a coordination mechanism in the Blue Biotechnology sector at Mediterranean level (including Med Southern Shore countries)





Common challenges tackled at Med level

✓ To reduce the *fragmentation* of the Med Blue Biotechnology sector

✓ To create the missing common ground of knowledge in the sector & foster the lacking connection among different stakeholders (research, industry, finance)

✓ To improve its innovation potential & its capacity to catch business opportunities through joint initiatives in the wider context of the Blue Economy

✓ To increase interest of society for marine related issues & consumers awareness/acceptance of novel blue bio-products

✓ To promote cross-sectorial initiatives (i.e. valorization of marine byproducts in other sectors & use of ICT & microorganisms for bioremediation).



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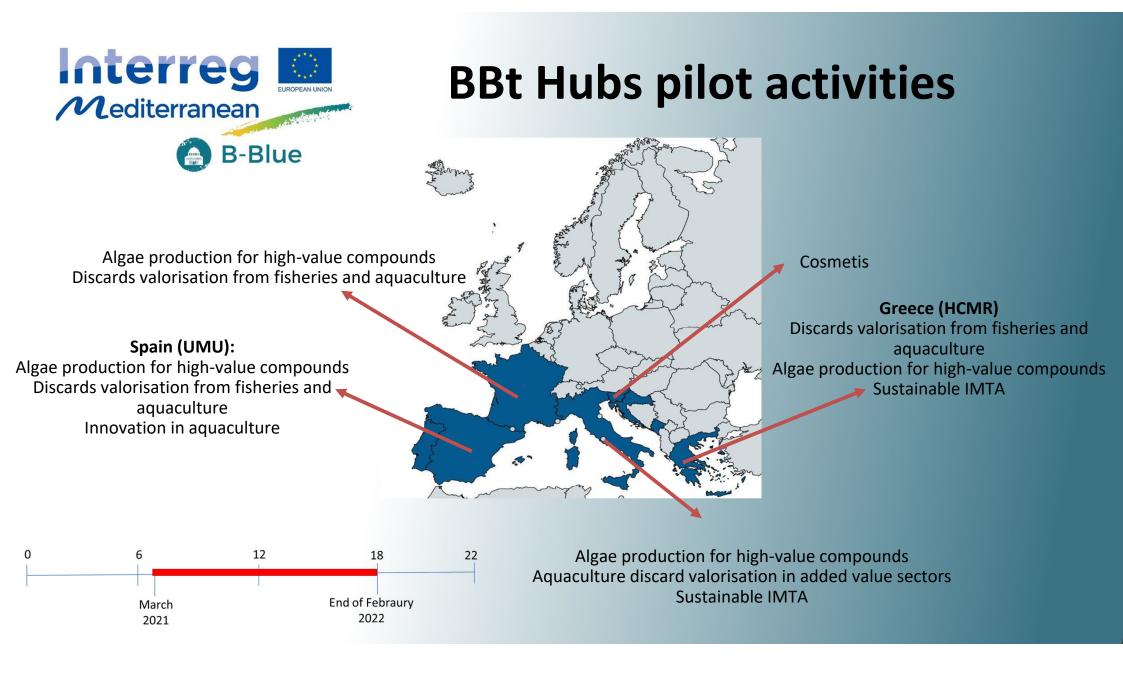
How to create the Med Blue Biotechnology community?

- the multilayers integrated structure of B-Blue:
- activation of the digital Blue Biotechnology (BBt) community (exploiting the Marina Platform)
- development and release of a digital matchmaking tool (on the Marina Platform)
- activation of 5 BBt Hubs at territorial level on specific value chain and connection with existing network of territorial multistakeholders labs

<u>Tools</u>: local & transnational workshops, territorial laboratories, hackathons, research activities, desk studies, digital contents, reports



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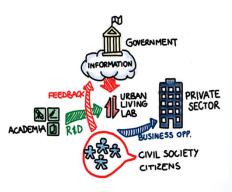




Knowledge development/collection on specific value chains



Green/Blue



BBt HUBs: an engine to unlock innovation potential



Demonstration site involving research, business and public authorities

PROMOTING NEW COLLABORATIONS

E.g.: Public-Private Partnership, new projects, ect...



Identification an overcoming of legal barriers; dedicated funding schemes



NETWORKING National and international events

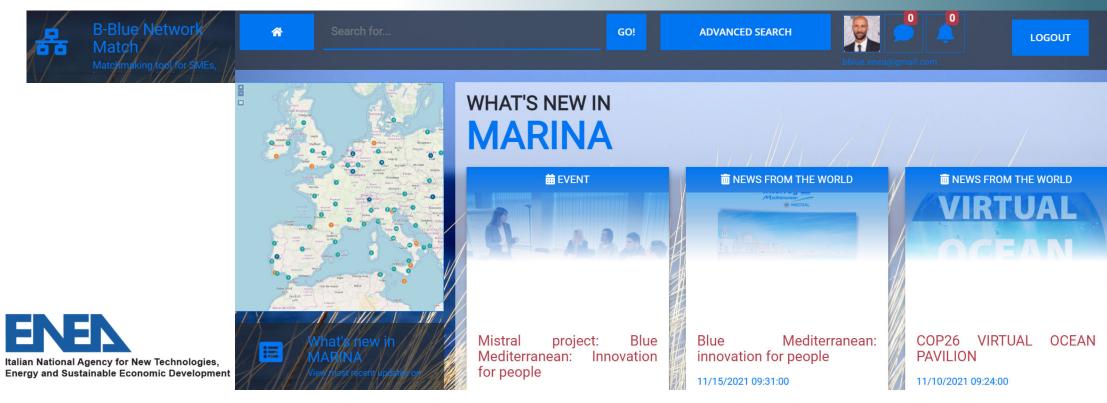




The digital community and the matchmaking tool

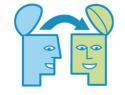
The B-Blue Community on the Marina Platform:

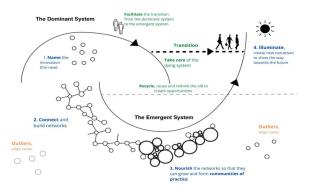
https://www.marina-platform.eu/registeredarea/users/showMembersByCommunity/10





The outliving of the Blue Biotech Community







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BBt HUB: a model to be adapted & replicated

- Outliving of the BBt HUBs community, also in connection with wider communities already existing and/or foreseen (i.e. Local Alliances + Action plan to connect the B-Blue HUBs to wider networks)
- Euromediterranean dimension: collaboration with Cluster Blue Italian Growth and Cluster Maritime Tunisienne: mapping suitable territories for replicating the Italian HUB experience in Tunisia





The B-Blue HUB model is adaptable to all the MED contexts **including MENA countries**

https://sites.google.com/view/b-bluebbhitalyrepository/home

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B-BLUE - Building the blue biotechnology community in the Mediterranean

B-BLUE FINAL CONFERENCE

Date: 04 May 2022 **Time**: 09:30 – 12:00 **Place**: Online and in Bari, Italy



Save the date!

B-BLUE Project final conference

Presentation of the main results & of the Mediterranean Innovation Alliance on Sustainable Blue Bioeconomy

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BBt Cooperation mechanism

as part of the wider

Mediterranean Innovation Alliance for Sustainable Blue Bioeconomy (MedIA-SSBE)

Promoted by BLUEBIOMED and B-Blue in cooperation the Blue Growth Thematic Community and PANORAMED

Focus on the MedIA-SSBE WORKING MODEL:

- Co-design workshop of the working group on the Blue Biotechnologies: blue biotechnologies as a tool for circular and sustainable resources management.
- Co-design workshop on HUB alliance: working model within the overall working model of the MedIA-SSBE to make the HUBs network a territorial engine for transformative innovation



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