

The transmediterranean project PELAGOS (Promoting innovative nEtworks and cLusters for mArine renewable energy synerGies in cOasts and iSlands) is a pilot project funded under the Interreg-MED 2014-2020 program with a total budget of 2.4 million Euros and a total duration of 30 months. The main aim of the project is to increase the transnational activity of networks of the key actors in the Blue Energy of the Mediterranean. The overall objectives of PELAGOS project are to:

- a) Design and build a Mediterranean Cluster on Marine Renewable Energy sector;
- b) Accelerate the deployment of Key Enabling Technologies (offshore wind turbines, wave energy converters, osmotic systems, tidal current devices, ocean thermal energy conversion technologies) in growing market sectors (sustainable tourism, aquaculture, shipbuilding and repair, marine transport);
- c) Promote the internationalization of the Cluster and its members;
- d) Stimulate smart and sustainable growth in the Mediterranean.

To do so, PELAGOS has undertaken the following activities:

- a) bringing together all the actors of the Blue Energy value chain through specific support services (capacity building, networking, business growth) as well as via the on-line platform on Blue Energy;
- b) Implementation of pilot activities in each of the 6 regional HUBS (Portugal, Spain, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Cyprus) and enhancement of the transnational cooperation between them through
- c) the development of the Mediterranean Blue Energy cluster.

The official PELAGOS website is: <https://pelagos.interreg-med.eu/>

Each national HUB is composed by National key actors dedicated to research, development and innovation (SMEs, technology providers, researchers, RTOs, start-ups, spin-offs, entrepreneurs, policy makers, large firms, citizens), while the Mediterranean cluster is composed of the national HUBs and additional Mediterranean key Innovation Support Organizations involved in the MRE sector (RTOs, Universities, Business Support Organizations, NGOs & Energy Agents, Maritime Clusters, Technology Transfer Offices & Innovation Poles).

HCMR is the Greek HUB coordinator that offers some services to its members (50 national key actors), such as: a) capacity building seminars on entrepreneurship and technology transfer, on Blue Energy markets and MRE technological applications, and innovation soft-skills development, b) Open Innovation Pathway services to SMEs/ start-ups/ spin-offs by assessing their innovation potential, mentoring them how to develop attractive business plans and undertake high-risks joint projects, and offering broker services to channel financial resources to the most promising business plan.

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To increase transnational activity of innovative clusters and networks of key sectors of the MED area



**PELAGOS** aims to develop smart and sustainable growth by enhancing a transnational MED Cluster in the Blue Energy sector and by facilitating the distribution of targeted solutions and products specifically calibrated for the Mediterranean region.

**PELAGOS** offers support to the relevant stakeholders by promoting knowledge sharing in R&D, and by enhancing social acceptance. It inter-connects technology and service providers, large enterprises, power distributors, financial operators, policy makers, administrative bodies, NGOs, and citizens.

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