



*Bridging the Science-Practice-Policy Gap in Mediterranean  
Biodiversity Protection*

## PANACeA



**Barcelona (Spain)**

**Knowledge Sharing Event**

**23 - 24 October 2017**

**Venue:** [Area Metropolitana de Barcelona \(AMB\)](#)

Calle 62, 16 Building A · Planta 7ª Sala Polivalent | Zona Franca 08040

**Strategic Interreg Med Biodiversity Protection Meeting**

**25 October 2017**

**Venue:** To Be Confirmed

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## Background

**PANACeA** is a pan-Mediterranean initiative aiming at streamlining management efforts in Protected Areas for enhanced Nature Conservation & Protection in the Mediterranean Sea. The Project has led to the articulation of an **EU Interreg Med Community** focusing on **Biodiversity Protection** (the “**MED Biodiversity Protection Community**”), bringing together a comprehensive network of experts from public & private institutions actively working to protect biodiversity and natural ecosystems in **Mediterranean Protected Areas**. Filling the current gap between **Science, Management and Policy** is one of the priority targets of this **EU MED Biodiversity Protection Community**.

During the kick off meeting of the **EU MED Biodiversity Protection Community** in Marseille (15-16 March, 2017), participating public administrations, research institutions and conservationists in the region stressed the need to effectively link the efforts of applied **research** on biodiversity monitoring and protection with **management practices** in protected areas - wetlands, rivers and coastal areas alike - and together influence **Policy Making** at various levels to achieve more coordinated and integrated management of ecosystems.

Based on this need, **PANACeA** is devoting this upcoming “Knowledge Sharing Event” in **Barcelona** (Catalonia, Spain) towards **linking the needs of regional practitioners to researchers and to facilitate evidence-based policy making**.

## Objectives

The Event will strive to foster a constructive, productive dialogue between **researchers, practitioners** and **policy making officials** and to issue a set of recommendations for bridging the **Science-Practice-Policy** gap, in support of enhanced management and conservation of biodiversity and ecosystems in Protected Areas.

The dialogue will be articulated around 3 cross-cutting issues that have been specifically identified as relevant to the Community:

1. **Addressing emergent, transboundary biodiversity protection challenges** in Protected Areas, with a focus on **climate change** and **marine litter**.
2. **Sustainable resource management**, with a focus on fisheries.
3. **Integrated ecosystem monitoring**, focusing on freshwater, coastal, and marine ecosystems.

The **specific objectives** of the event will be:

- To present past and current initiatives gathering scientific knowledge around the above cross-cutting issues and identify gaps in research data that may hinder evidence-based policy making.
- To introduce scientific and technological innovations being addressed by Projects



undertaken within the MED Biodiversity Community.

- To highlight effective strategies and tools currently helping to close the Science-Practice-Policy gap and to foster a debate geared at enhancing these key Interfaces, in support of biodiversity management and protection in Protected Areas and beyond.

As a result of the discussions, a **Report** will be produced outlining the identified **Recommendations on “Strategies and Tools for Bridging the Science-Practice-Policy Gap for Biodiversity Protection in the Mediterranean”**.

#### **Target Audience and Participants**

The following **Target Audience** and **Participants** will be invited to take part in the event:

- Practitioners in the management of protected areas in the MED region.
- Academic institutions, researchers and experts.
- Local, regional and national administrations with a mandate to manage biodiversity and/or protected areas.
- European and International institutions and programmes: DG MARE, DG Environment, UNEP MAP CU, MCS, UfM, Horizon 2020, GFCM, LIFE+, UN SDSN, among others.

#### **Venue**

The **Knowledge Sharing Event** (October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017) will be held in:

[Area Metropolitana de Barcelona \(AMB\)](#)

Calle 62, num 16 Building A, planta 7<sup>a</sup> Sala Polivalent

Zona Franca 08040 Barcelona

The **Community Building Meeting** (October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017) will be held in:

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#### **Registration**

Registration is required. Please kindly [REGISTER HERE](#)

## AGENDA

### DAY 1: MONDAY 23 OCTOBER 2017

**13h30 Welcome: Light lunch and registration**

**14h30 Event Opening**

- Xavier Tiana. Head of International Relations, Barcelona Metropolitan Area. MedCities General Secretary
- Dania Abdul Malak. PANACeA Project Coordinator, Director ETC-UMA
- Antonio Farrero. AMB Coordinator for Infrastructures: The AMB territorial strategy for biodiversity protection

**15h00 Setting the Framework: Enhancing the role and applicability of Science in the management of Protected Areas in the Mediterranean**

- **Identifying recent scientific developments & gaps in biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean.** *(TBC)*
- **Making science applicable: the Science-Practice-Policy Interface.** *Representative, MedPAN Scientific Committee (TBC)*

**15h45 Bridging Science, Practice and Policy Making in Biodiversity Protection. Introduction to the Panels: Objectives, methodology and expected outputs**

- *Julia Vera Prieto. PANACeA facilitator. Managing Director, Wildsea Europe*

**16h00 Panel 1: Emergent and transboundary challenges to Protected Areas: Addressing the effects of climate change and marine litter on biodiversity through evidence-based management practices and policies**

**Chair:** Ameer Abdulla. IUCN WCPA. Senior Research Fellow, Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Science, University of Queensland

**Panelists:**

- Representative, Project MedSeaLitter *(confirmed, representative TBC)*
- Representative, SCP/RAC, Project Act4Litter *(confirmed, representative TBC)*
- Representative, Project MPA-Adapt *(confirmed, representative TBC)*
- Rosa Mendoza Castellón. Government of Andalusia. Project LIFE+ Blue Natura
- Camino Liqueste. DG Environment, European Commission

**Guest Challengers (to trigger an open debate with all panelists and participants):**

- Marta Martinez Gil. Coastal and Marine Sustainability Directorate, Spanish Ministry for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and Environment *(TBC)*
- Silvia Casini. Project Plastic Busters, University of Siena-DSFTA
- Michaël Grelaud. ICTA-UAB. Project BlueIslands *(TBC)*

**18h00 Closing**



**DAY 2: TUESDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2017**

**8h30 Bridging Science, Practice and Policy in Biodiversity Protection (continue from Day 1)**

**08h30 Panel 2: Sustainable Resource Management in Protected Areas: Sustainable Use of (Artisanal) Fisheries**

**Chair:** Giuseppe Sciacca, CPMR Islands Commission

**Panelists:**

- Gilles Van de Wall, FARNET-The European Fisheries Areas Network
- Representative, Project FishMPABlue2 (*confirmed, representative TBC*)
- Representative, Project CONFISH (*confirmed, representative TBC*)
- Representative, Project RESERVEBENEFIT (*TBC*)
- Sergi Tudela. Director General for Fisheries and Marine Affairs, Government of Catalonia

**Guest Challengers (to trigger an open debate with all panelists and participants):**

- Representative. General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) (*TBC*)
- Mauro Randone. Marine Project Officer, WWF (*TBC*)
- Representative, Project WETNET (*confirmed, representative TBC*)

**10h30 Knowledge market with interactive session and coffee break**

**11h30 Panel 3: Integrated ecosystem monitoring & management: Addressing key challenges for the Mediterranean**

**Chair:** Sylvain Petit, UNEP MAP PAP/RAC

**Panelists:**

- Antoine Laffitte, PlanBleu (*TBC*)
- Gyorgyi Gurban. UN Environment EcAp Med II Project Manager (*TBC*)
- Nadia Pinardi. EMODnet Med Sea Checkpoint coordinator (*TBC*)
- Jordi Bordanove. Coordinator of Conservation and Promotion Services AMB. OPERAs Barcelona's Hybrid Dunes Project
- Representative, Project AMAre (*confirmed, representative TBC*)
- Representative, Project WETNET (*confirmed, representative TBC*)

**Guest Challengers (to trigger an open debate with all panelists and participants):**

- Representative, PACA Region (*TBC*)
- Representative, The Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative - MEDWET (*TBC*)
- Hugues Heurtefeux. EID Mediterranè, Project POSBEMED
- Samir Jodanovic, Development Agency of the Una-Sana canton, Project ECOSustain



**13h30 Bridging Science, Practice and Policy in Biodiversity Protection: Conclusions from the Panels**

- Ameer Abdulla
- Giuseppe Scaccia
- Sylvain Petit

**13h45 The future steps for the MED Biodiversity Community. Closure of the meeting**

- Dania Abdul Malak, PANACeA Project Coordinator, Director ETC-UMA

**14h00 Light Cocktail & Field Visit**

- **14h00: Light lunch**
- **15h00 Field visit:** Electric Bike Tour through the Delta Llobregat Natural Area and visit to the Hybrid dunes: Metropolitan coastal management in a scenario of climate change.

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