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What's new for Green Living Areas?

Organised in the framework of the Green Living Areas Thematic Community Kick-off event

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Environment Park, Via Livorno, 60 - Turin





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Background

The event **“What’s new for Green Living Areas?”** is organised on the **11th of April 2024** by the **Community4LivingAreas - C4LA project**, with the collaboration of the **Dialogue4LivingAreas - D4LA project**, in the framework of the **Green Living Areas Thematic Community Kick-off event**.

Since January 2024, 19 projects from the Interreg EURO-MED programme, working under the **“Green Living Areas” mission**, have started their journey to **improve the sustainability of the territories** and consequently, the quality of life in the EURO-MED region, supporting local and regional authorities and main stakeholders in this transition. The Thematic Projects will not be alone in facing this challenge and will be accompanied by one Mission task force composed by 2 governance projects, supporting them in different dimensions:

- 1. The Community4Living Areas project – C4LA**, on the one hand, will build a strong community among the projects of the mission, facilitating the **creation of synergies** among their activities and results. The C4LA project will be a **booster of the Thematic projects’ results and impact**, allowing also to obtain cross-fertilisation with other EU programmes working in the same direction and on the same themes. Moreover, the C4LA project will give a common direction to the 19 Thematic Projects, allowing the results to flow together towards the same main goal.
- 2. The Dialogue4LivingAreas project – D4LA**, on the other hand, will **amplify the transfer of policies** by fostering dialogue among policymakers and public stakeholders, focusing on **continuous policy improvement and transformation**.

The main objective of the event **“What’s new for the Green Living Areas?”** is to **exchange best practices** related to tools, strategies, and policy instruments for **promoting greener territories and engaging citizens in the transition**. It is the first cross-fertilization and amplification of the Community resonance and the occasion of the **launch of the Institutional Dialogue Process of the Green Living Areas Mission**.

The event is dedicated mainly to **local and regional authorities, public policymakers, civil society**, and generally speaking, actors leading projects aiming to increase climate resilience and sustainability in Mediterranean territories.



Agenda

What's new for Green Living Areas?

Chairwoman: Alexia Boulanger, Environment Park

8.45 – 9.15: Registration

9.15 – 9.30: Welcome from Environment Park, Judith Cazas – Interreg EURO-MED Programme and Danilo Ceh – C4LA lead Partner, on behalf of the Green Living Areas mission

9.30 – 11.00: Session 1 – Resilient territories: tools, plans, and strategies

Moderator: Miljenko Sedlar, REGEA, Head of Climate

Keynote: Miljenko Sedlar, REGEA, EU missions, regional & local strategies, and implementation

Panelists:

1. Carbon neutral territories, Simone Bastianoni, University of Siena
2. Urban Planning & Climate change adaptation, Andrea Moro, iiSBE Italy
3. The Turin Green and circular transition, Laura Ribotta, Turin Municipality
4. Chalki green Island, Evaggelos Fragkakis, Chalki Municipality
5. RECROSSES: One-stop-shop supporting Renewable Energy Communities, Stefano Dotta, Environment Park, Green Building area manager

11.00 – 11.30: Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.15: Session 2 - Launch of the Institutional Dialogue Process: a collaboration to shape Policies for Green Living Areas

This session is particularly tailored to policymaking stakeholders

Moderator: Bernard Massabo, Secretary-General of the Euromed Cities Network, Nice Côte d'Azur Metropolis and D4LA project Lead Partner

Introduction - What is the Institutional Dialogue Project on Green Living Areas about?

Keynote speech(es) - Elodie Bossio, Deputy Director Fedarene and Roberta Boniotti, Executive Secretary MEDENER

Policy state of the art - Policy Mapping Analysis, from both the Thematic Projects and the selected Key Euro-Mediterranean policy makers' points of view.

Workshop

- The Institutional Dialogue Project's approach to shaping policy instruments.
- What are the benefits of participating?
- Interactive launch of the Living Lab questionnaire, dedicated to policy instruments.

Exchange on the interest from the Public Partners and the Euro-Mediterranean policy makers in the Green Living Areas aspects, on their knowledge of policy instruments having a replication potential, and on the possibility to valorise the Thematic Project's results into public policies.

Conclusion and next steps

- Engagement of the Thematic Projects for the year 2024
 - First Institutional Dialogue in October 2024
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13.15 – 14.30: Networking Lunch

14.30 – 16.15: Session 3 – How can citizens be engaged with the green transition at the local level?

Moderators: Mihaela Babić and Hrvoje Maras (REGEA)

Introduction – Hrvoje Maras (REGEA)

Solutions for engagement of citizens from the Green Living Areas Community:

1. Yolanda Nicolau (Valencian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces) – LOGREENER project
2. Cristina Daniel (Energy and Environment Agency of Arrabida) – INFIRE project
3. Eudokia Balamou (ANETEL) – NUDGES project

Panel session – Experiences with citizen involvement and advice for the new projects:

Moderators: Mihaela Babić and Hrvoje Maras (REGEA)

Panelists:

1. Francesco Filippi (MUSOL Foundation) – LOCAL4GREEN project
2. Oriana Corino (Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo) - One-Stop-Shop for Citizens
3. Oliver Gajda (EUROCROWD) - crowdfunding/-investing
4. Lizeth Lopez (ALDA Europe) – Greenscape CE project

Closing remarks – Hrvoje Maras (REGEA)

16.15 – 16.30: Conclusion and closing remarks

