



MED4EBM Project is a transnational cooperation initiative supported by ENI CBC MED and led by UNDP National Office, Jordan. The Project is technically geared by Technical Partner (PROGES). It spans across two Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and one Marine Natural Reserve in the southern Mediterranean plus one MPA on the Gulf of Aqaba, Red Sea.

The four coastal and marine zones are:

- Golfo di Corigliano, Riserva Naturale del Lago di Tarsia e della Foce del Fiume Crati (Italy)
- Gulf of Aqaba (Jordan)
- Kneiss Islands Nature Reserve (Tunisia)
- Tyre Coast Nature Reserve (Lebanon)

The MPAs involved in the MED4EBM project face similar problems and benefit of transnational cooperation for lessons learnt and exchange of experiences, building shared knowledge and know-how.

MED4EBM MPAs operate through intense and continuous efforts to establish a stakeholder cooperation and coordination platform across a wide range of stakeholders, including administrative bodies and government agencies, international programmes and projects, social programmes and projects, economic associations and resource-dependent sectors such as fishing, tourism and transport.

Methodologies and tools have been jointly developed to support tailor-made Ecosystem Based – Integrated Coastal Zone Management (EB-ICZM) in each of the MPAs involved in the project, with a management tool based on specific analytical methods and software supporting the EB-ICZM implementation in the four MPAs and facilitating the involvement of interested parties and institutional decision-makers. The MPAs make valuable use of the Integrated Spatial Planning (PROGES-ISP) software and a series of methodological, procedural and organisational tools, for planning, managing and long-term monitoring of ecosystem dynamics, covering the entire cycle of information gathering, planning, decision-making, management and monitoring of implementation.