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// Context

AQUAMAN is the abbreviated name of the project *AQUAtic systems' evaluation for the Mitigation of wAter scarcity in mediterranean islaNds and coastal tourist destinations under severe pressure*, a transnational initiative aimed at addressing one of the greatest challenges currently faced by the Mediterranean region: **water scarcity**.

Focusing on sustainability and efficient management of water resources in areas under pressure from tourism, the **Interreg Euro-MED Program** funds the project.

The project brings together a consortium of **partners from six European countries** (Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, and Portugal), comprising institutional partners (a Ministry of Tourism, a National Water Agency, and a National Tourism Authority), members of the academic and research sectors, all specialists in water scarcity issues, as well as an island municipality, a network of small islands, and an international organization that includes a multidisciplinary team of entities.

// Objectives

The main objective of the AQUAMAN project is to strengthen the capacity of local authorities in water management by promoting:

- the use of non-conventional water sources, such as rainwater and treated wastewater;
- the reduction of water demand in critical sectors, namely tourism;
- the optimization of water distribution systems;
- the transfer of knowledge from previous EU projects, such as those funded by the Horizon 2020 (H2020) and PRIMA programmes.

// Planned Actions

To achieve its objectives, AQUAMAN foresees:

- the development of practical tools to support local water management;
- the creation of *living labs* focused on cultural and sustainable tourism, to test solutions in real-life settings;
- the implementation of pilot measures in islands and coastal regions under high tourist pressure;
- the sharing of best practices among the different partners and communities involved.

// Duration

The project has a duration of 28 months, running from April 2025 to July 2027.



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- El legado andalusí Andalusian Public Foundation (Project Leader), Granada, Spain
- European Public Law Organization, Greece
- Small Islands Organization, France
- University of La Laguna, Tenerife, Spain
- National Technical University of Athens, Greece
- University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy
- Energy and Water Agency, Malta
- Turismo de Portugal, Portugal
- Municipality of Ponza, Italy