

i-news

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i-news is a communication tool for IrRADIARE's partners. In i-news topics of common interest, shared challenges, opportunities for innovation, ideas in progress, investment possibilities will be disclosed. With i-news foster collaboration and interaction, maximizing impacts, with the common goal of giving each innovative project the greatest possible success.

COMPOSTING GOES TO SCHOOL

Over two days, December 20 and 22, around 320 students from Alfredo da Silva Elementary and Secondary School were made aware of the composting process by IrRADIARE team, in the context of SMILE project. This group of students was selected to participate in the school composting contest, which will begin next year. It was with enthusiasm that the students welcomed this new initiative, which will have the support of the entire school community, who may come to know more closely the whole process of composting food waste. The awareness sessions included content on climate change and circular economy, in order to introduce the students to new, more sustainable practices, as far as waste is concerned. Stay tuned and [contact us](#), to know more!



Launch of Hydrogen Europe Regional Pillar

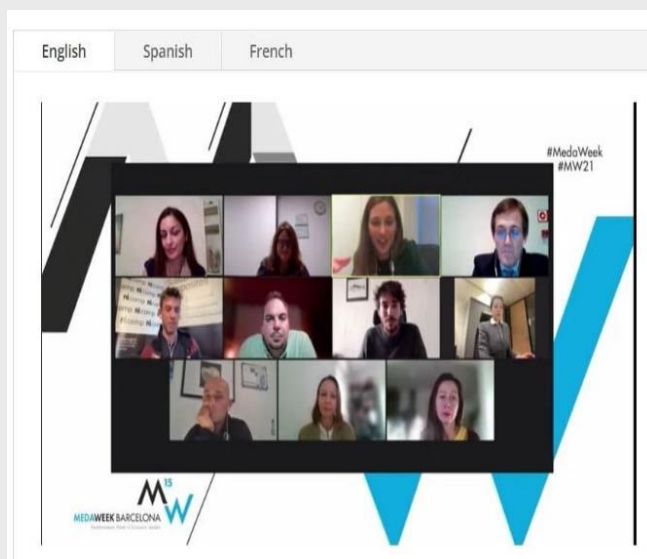


The launch event of the Hydrogen Europe Regional Pillar took place last 27th of January 2022. The official launch of the pillar was held online with the presence of high-level speeches from Hydrogen Europe CEO and elected representatives from the Hydrogen Valleys S3 Partnership leading regions. In addition, the keynote speech was held by Ms. Rosalinde van der Vlies, Director – Clean Planet at DG RTD (European Commission). Among the European Region member of the pillar, the Portuguese Médio Tejo region, is a frontrunner for enabling interregional cooperation for boosting the uptake of the hydrogen value chain. [Contact us](#) to know more.

Highlights

Mid-Term Conference of the Blue Growth Community "Med Blue Economy in Action: Blue Business Tools for SMEs"

On 18th November 2021, the Blue Growth Community organized its mid-term conference, in the framework of the Mediterranean Week of Economic Leaders, one of the most iconic economic conferences for the Mediterranean business sector, aiming to present the main results coming from the MED Blue Growth projects. It was the opportunity for experts and companies participating in the MED Blue Growth projects to share their experiences and best practices to the Mediterranean Blue Economy sector and show real possibilities of investment and economic development offered by these projects as examples of Sustainable Blue Economy. [Contact us](#) to know more.



AURORAL GENERAL MEETING

Another great and fruitful consortium meeting. AURORAL consortium met for the third time on 26-27 January 2022. During two days of meeting, partners shared work carried out in each Work Package, discussing objectives, tasks, deliverables and plans for upcoming months. During the second day, a presentation of AURORAL pilots was held and a Survey for pilot regions was debated with pilots' managers. [Contact us](#) to know more.



Integr@tencion final event

Integr@tencion project final event took place on 16th December 2021, in Zamora and online. The event, under the theme *Current and future challenges of the Integr@tencion Ecosystem*, was attended by the project partners, the entities that collaborated throughout its development and the winning companies of the Impact Hub, which were granted a diploma and the go-to-market voucher. Learn more about the project's results on new models of person-centred care. Watch the recording of the event [here](#)





SAVE THE DATE FOR Interreg EUroMED ACADEMY

The Interreg Euro-MED Academy is the result of the spontaneous collaboration between the eight Thematic Communities and PANORAMED with the support of the Interreg MED Programme's Joint Secretariat and the coordination of UNIMED – Mediterranean Universities Union. The Academy, based on knowledge and competences developed under the framework of Interreg MED territorial cooperation projects, is opening its virtual doors in February 2022. [Contact us](#) to know more.

European Hydrogen Valleys Partnership Plenary Meeting

Last December 9th the Hydrogen Valleys Partnership Plenary meeting took place. Among the main themes tackled were: the Clean H2 partnership, Pilot action on H2 solutions in carbon intensive regions, HRS for trucks, H2 airports, Fit for 55, new Regional Pillar. The meeting was a great occasion for showcasing the success of the interregional partnerships on European Hydrogen Valleys. [Contact us](#) to know more.



REFFECT AFRICA

Last November 17th and 18th, the REFFECT AFRICA kick-off meeting was held in Spain. REFFECT AFRICA focuses on the on-site and real-time demonstration of an innovative system for improved gasification waste from agri-food sector. A multi-level approach has been designed to achieve success. The results obtained in the research and demonstration phases will be assessed with regard to their environmental, economic and social performance carrying out an LCA for each demonstrator, thus developing a methodology that will enable the replication of the REFFECT AFRICA plants. More: [here](#)

Events

Info day on the 2022 AGRI Promotion Calls for proposals

Online 1-2 February 2022

DG Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and the European Research Executive Agency (REA) are organising an Info Day online regarding the publication of the 2022 Calls for proposals for grants for information provision and promotion measures concerning agricultural products,. As part of this event, matchmaking sessions dedicated to interaction between potential project partners are organised. Register: [here](#)

Workshop: Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation delivering smart, green, safe and competitive waterborne transport

Residence Palace (Brussels) and online / February 2022

The workshop will present the results of seven years of investments in research and innovation towards smart, green and integrated waterborne transport, which took place in the framework of Horizon 2020. The event will also provide an outlook to the future in the light of the new Horizon Europe programme. Register: [here](#)

Opportunities

The Opportunities section presents project ideas to be developed in partnership.

[Contact us](#) for more information and expression of interest in possible partnerships or exploration of results.

Green Hydrogen Mobility Innovation

The use of green hydrogen as an energy vector will play an important role in contributing to the EU's ambitious objective to be the first climate- neutral economy by 2050. The common Areas for Green Hydrogen Mobility Innovation project aim to establish a European Interregional route for interurban and long-distance hydrogen mobility. This project will facilitate the dialog and promote a joint program between regions for common standards and regulations in Hydrogen long-distance transportation, allowing the free circulation of fuel cell coaches and linking the regions through a green mobility service. More? [Contact us](#)

We-Restore: united 4 nature

This project aims to demonstrate the upscaling and replication of best practices in what regards to ecosystem restoration and also to demonstrate how to maximise synergies between priorities for restoring biodiversity, mitigating and adapting to climate change. Expected impact is to provide cities and regions with relevant tools in the context of adaptation and mitigation to climate change and to promote sustainability and environmental responsibility. [Contact us.](#)