



INTERREG MED Green Growth Community successfully organizes its 3rd transnational event on the Role of regional & local policy makers in enhancing Green Innovation!

Over 90 stakeholders from the MED and Balkan areas gathered at the 3rd INTERREG MED Green Growth Transnational Event in Durrës between 15th and 16th November 2018. The event has been hosted by the Region of Durrës, the Balkan partner of SYNGGI, the INTERREG MED Horizontal Project in charge of the development of the programme Green Growth Community.

The MED Green Growth Community 3rd transnational event offered its participants participatory sessions to debate about the significant role of policies and green growth interventions in domains such as funding, public procurement, rural revitalization and resilience, urban development, sustainable agriculture and industries. The event benefited from the participation of a **large number of MED stakeholders**, such as national, regional and local authorities, companies, professional associations and research centres coming from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania. Various institutional actors (ministries, national institutes of statistics, international and regional development agencies, and municipalities) from different regions and countries presented their initiatives and vision on green growth innovation in four panels – **General considerations on green policymaking, Green Growth financing and procurement tools, MED experiences in enhancing green innovation and policies, Green cities for a greener Mediterranean** – and one round

table on **Defining a national and regional analytical framework for policy coherence for sustainable development.**

The event has been opened by high-level local and regional representatives: the President of the Regional Council of Durres, Mr. Alfred Mullaraj; the Prefect of Durres, Mr. Roland Nasto; the Mayor of Durres, Mr. Vangjush Dako; the vice-president of Adriatic Ionian Euroregion, Mr. Aldrin Dalipi; Interreg MED JS, Ms. Maria Groueva.

The INTERREG MED Green Growth Community represents one of the eight thematic communities created by the INTERREG MED Programme for the sustainable development of the Mediterranean Region. It is composed of over 150 public authorities, SMEs, research bodies and NGOs that are involved as partners or stakeholders. Its purpose is to promote a sustainable development in the Mediterranean area based on the sound management of the natural resources thanks to innovation and considering the effects on the labor market by promoting social justice and green jobs.

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