



Program Title: **Interreg III Strand B - Archimed**

Pilot project: **TechNET** -Trans Euro Mediterranean Cultural Heritage NETwork

Brief Description of Archimed Program

ARCHIMED program of European Initiative Interreg III (Strand B) aims via an innovated and integrated approach of interregional cooperation to promote the spatial integration, the economical and social cohesion and the sustainable and balanced development of south-east Mediterranean region.

The program is applicable to organizations active in four EU member states namely Greece, Cyprus, Malta and South Italy (purely in the regions of Sicilia, Calabria, Basilicata, Puglia και Campania) as well as to third countries (Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, Libya, Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Palestine).

Partnership of organizations originated from EU member states into approved projects is mutually funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) –percentage varies from 50%-75% depending on the origin country- and by national funding. Partnership of third countries cannot be funded by ERDF and the specific partners cover the total cost of their partnership.

The authorized projects will be implemented by interregional organizational structures, including at least 3 partners of minimum two of the above EU member states.

Work packages that are considered eligible and in accordance to the measures' objectives, include networks of interregional cooperation, study implementation, development of tools, piloting projects, applications and methodologies, exchange of experiences and best practices, transfer of know-how and last but not least communication and promotion tasks.

Brief Description of TechNET Project

TechNET project refers to the cooperation of island and coastal areas for the formulation of a mutual socio-economic development strategy. The project aims to implement a model of sustainable local development in maritime villages of the Mediterranean Basin in order to prevent village traditional activities from degradation. In parallel, the project aims to promote tourism and associated activities as well as to elaborate a sustainable development model supporting the typical and traditional activities of maritime villages.

Maritime villages of the Mediterranean Basin are at risk of cultural, social and environmental degradation although at the past traditional activities connected with the sea represented the fundamentals of such an economy. Thus, the main objectives of the project include:

- Development of the Mediterranean maritime villages and methodology sharing
- Improvement of public initiative
- Research and formulation of new approaches to socio-cultural issues of euro-Mediterranean countries with particular reference to maritime villages
- Individuation of influences and protocols for the economic development of the euro-Mediterranean countries oriented to tourism and related activities. Creation of a net among all the involved countries.
- Creation of a Mediterranean Study Centre and a network to exchange best practices and problem solving
- Safeguarding of productive system of environmental sustainability
- Definition of a “model of sustainable local development” with particular reference to maritime villages flexible to apply to other contexts
- Definition of strategies applicable to regional planning

- Horizontal and vertical mainstreaming, common projecting, spreading of results, promotion to political and juridical institutions

In the spirit of Interreg, the present project intends to formulate a mutual strategy regarding the socio-economic development of maritime villages in the Mediterranean Basin. The project will take advantage from other similar initiatives already implemented and regarding similar problems and contexts. Moreover the activity of Mainstreaming will guarantee a constant involvement of local stakeholders with the purpose of reducing the negative effects produced by a bottom-up program. The object is to benefit the adaptation of enterprises, workers, public and private sector operating in the study areas. The initial timetable defines the beginning of the project in January 2006 and its completion in December 2007.

Partners

1. Cultural Heritage Councillorship – Regione Siciliana- Italy -
Lead Partner
2. Palazzo Intelligente Foundation – Sicily-Italy
3. Serrara Fontana City Council (Ischia) Campania - Italy
4. Forio City Council (Ischia) - Campania - Italy
5. Development Agency of Iraklion– Greece
6. Municipality of Achillion- Greece
7. Development Agency of Larnaca – Cyprus

Project funding per partner

1. Cultural Heritage Councillorship: € 432.000
2. Palazzo Intelligente Fondazione : € 288.000
3. Forio City Council : € 135.000
4. Serrara Fontana City Council : € 135.000
5. Heraklion Development Agency: € 540.000
6. Municipality of Achillion : € 135.000
7. Development Agency of Larnaca: € 135.000

Concisely, the work packages per responsible partner are presented in the following table.

Work Package No	Work Package title	Responsible Partner
WP1	GENERAL MANAGEMENT	Cultural Heritage Councilorship – Regione Siciliana- Italy
WP2	EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE on maritime villages situation, their socio-economic conditions and chance of integrated development Historical and cultural RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS for the definition of a “model of sustainable local development”	Development Agency of Heraklion–Greece
WP3	PILOT PROJECT Implementation of a model of intervention and development In the individuated areas and sectors exportable to all the smaller coastal centres of the Mediterranean area	Cultural Heritage Councilorship Regione Siciliana- Italy
WP4	CREATION OF NETWORK	Palazzo Intelligente Fondation , Regione Siciliana- Italy
WP5	MAINSTREAMING	Palazzo Intelligente Fondation , Regione Siciliana- Italy