



CHARTER

for Mediterranean FLAG

Cooperation

Preamble

This document aims to formalize the commitment of the Mediterranean FLAGs (Fisheries Local Action Groups) to Mediterranean cooperation.

Supported by FARNET, this project aims to bring together the different actors involved in the development of coastal Mediterranean areas in a working group in order to increase their visibility around the Mediterranean.

It is an initiative for territorial marketing and capitalizing on sectoral synergies in order to build on the know-how and skills of local actors.

This Charter for Mediterranean FLAG cooperation provides a framework for its signatories for a partnership approach for a period of one year, with a tacit understanding of annual renewal. This cooperation may evolve depending on the context and degrees of cooperation desired. An amended version of the Charter could be proposed but would require re-signing.

Objectives of the Charter for Mediterranean Cooperation

- Bring the partners together around common objectives and interests and define a framework for common actions
- Provide an organisational framework to cooperation and define common actions, working methods and promotion
- Strengthen the local development strategies
- Strengthen the cohesion and identity of the Mediterranean coast, fostering a Mediterranean and European identity among the participating territories
- Work together around common projects
- Share resources and tools

Framework of the Charter for Mediterranean Cooperation

The Framework Declaration for Mediterranean Cooperation commits its signatories morally and symbolically and offers a framework to those actors wishing to engage in concrete cooperation activities.

This Declaration aims to foster integration and coordination and to encourage synergies. It also aims to initiate the operational phase of promoting and building on the local know-how and skills of those involved in the development of Mediterranean coastal areas.

Working Methods for Mediterranean Cooperation

This Charter for Mediterranean Cooperation aims to provide a framework for territorial marketing actions put in place and for the involvement of partners in Mediterranean exchange.

This initiative is founded by the Spanish, Greek, Cypriot and French FLAGs which are signatories below but is open to all Mediterranean FLAGs who subsequently present their interest and motivations, pending acceptance by current signatories of this Charter for Mediterranean FLAG Cooperation.

Any signatory may withdraw from this Charter but must first inform the other members.

The Charter is a collaborative initiative around common work priorities and carries a commitment to contribute to the objectives set and the costs associated.

The objectives include:

- support the development of direct sales of local fisheries products
- develop educational activities related to local fisheries
- develop fisheries related tourism and eco-tourism activities
- develop environmental actions in conjunction with the fisheries sector
- put in place common communication actions
- study the possibility of developing a « Mediterranean quality brand ».
- further projects that contribute to the development of Mediterranean fisheries areas.

The budgets to make available to attain these objectives will be studied by the partners in working group meetings.

The signatories commit to:

- ❖ **Promote the initiative and the network**
- ❖ **Contribute to developing promotional tools**
- ❖ **Work on common projects and share tools and experience**
- ❖ **Participate (or be represented) in the working group meetings**
- ❖ **Promote the work of the network in their respective communication media**
- ❖ **Agree to be quoted as a moral entity in communication**



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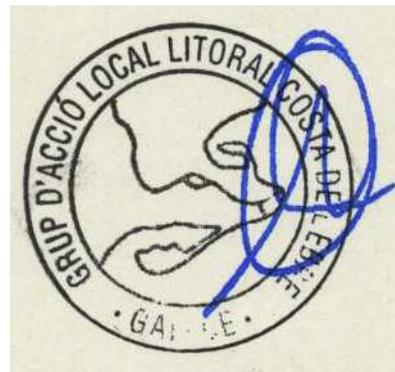
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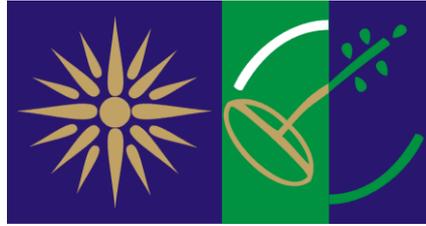
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