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Project mission	Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage
<i>Project priority</i>	Greener MED
<i>Specific objective</i>	RSO2.4: Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches
<i>Type of project</i>	Test
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<i>Work package title</i>	MAINSTREAMING AND CAPITALISING LOCAL4FLOOD integrated multi-stakeholder governance model - IMGGM
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<i>Partner in charge (author)</i>	Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean
<i>Partners involved</i>	All



Summary of the event

This document provides an overview of the organisation of the **Transnational Institutional Forum**, or **Final Conference**, held on **17 June 2026** in **Perpignan**. The event was included in the **LocAll4Flood** project proposal, specifically under **Activity 3.6 – Advocacy and Policy Conferences** of **Work Package 3**. This activity included the delivery of the **Transnational Institutional Forum**, namely the project's final conference, to be held in France with the aim of presenting the main outcomes of LocAll4Flood and paving the way for agreements to ensure the continuation and transfer of the solutions developed throughout the project. The approved application also specified that institutional representatives and key speakers would be invited to participate.

Objective and Organisation

The organisation of the Final Conference was entrusted to the **Euroregion Pyrenees-Mediterranean**, which acts both as the lead partner for Activity 3.6 and for Work Package 3.

The choice of the Euroregion to organise the event was primarily justified by its institutional nature as a public authority. Since the final stage of the project focused on promoting the project's results to Mediterranean public authorities capable of adopting and implementing them, it was particularly appropriate for the conference to be coordinated by a transnational public cooperation body. Moreover, the Euroregion brings together two regional governments that actively participated in LocAll4Flood (Catalonia and the Balearic Islands), while also providing a gateway for the transfer of the project's outcomes to France, and more specifically to the Occitanie Region, its third member authority. It should be recalled that no French pilot catchment area is included in the project.



Preparation of the Final Conference was coordinated by the Euroregion from the outset, with the active involvement of all project partners, and particularly the **BETA Technological Centre**, with which the Euroregion worked in close cooperation. Regular online coordination meetings involving the entire partnership were held from January 2026 onwards.

One of the first issues addressed during the preparation process concerned the overall purpose of the event, beyond what had already been defined in the approved application form. While the conference was intended to present the results generated by LocAll4Flood throughout the project and attract potential adopters of these outcomes, the partnership also agreed that the event should go beyond the traditional format of a final Interreg project conference. Instead, it would become a genuine forum dedicated to flash flood risk in the Mediterranean. For this reason, the term "Final Conference" was deliberately avoided as the public title of the event, which instead became "**Managing Flash Floods in the Mediterranean Region**". The ambition was twofold: firstly, to establish a recognised forum for discussion on Mediterranean flash flood risk, supported by the legitimacy of an Interreg Euro-MED project; and secondly, to present the conference not as the conclusion of LocAll4Flood but as the starting point for the capitalisation and transfer of its results.

In this respect, the **LocAll4Flood Exploitation Strategy**, prepared under **Activity 3.5 - Transfer and Mainstreaming** in parallel with the organisation of the conference, made a contribution to shaping the event. An entire chapter of the strategy is devoted to the final conference as one of the consortium's principal dissemination channels.

Venue and Date

One of the key aspects determined at an early stage of the preparation process was the choice of venue. Although the approved application specified that the conference should be held in France, the host city remained to be decided.



As **Occitanie Region** is the French member of the Pyrenees Mediterranean Euroregion, it was a natural choice to organise the event within its territory. Furthermore, as the project focuses on flash floods, it was considered appropriate to hold the conference on the Mediterranean side of the region, where torrential rainfall and flash flooding are characteristic phenomena, rather than within the Garonne catchment, which drains towards the Atlantic and is more typically affected by slower river floods.

The city of **Perpignan** was ultimately selected for two main reasons. Firstly, it hosts the headquarters of the Euroregion, thereby facilitating the practical organisation of the event. Secondly, it is geographically close to both Catalonia and the Balearic Islands, making it easier for representatives from the pilot territories to attend.

The conference took place at the **Palace of the Kings of Majorca**, a prestigious historic monument offering facilities well suited to a conference. The venue also symbolised the shared medieval history of the Balearic Islands and the region of Roussillon (Catalonia).

The working languages of the conference were **English and French**, the two official working languages of the Interreg Euro-MED Programme. English was the common language used by the LocAll4Flood partnership, while French was essential in order to encourage the participation of stakeholders and institutions based in the Occitanie Region.

The conference was held on **17 June 2026**. As the project officially ended on 30 June 2026, this date allowed virtually all project results to be finalised and presented while still leaving sufficient time before project closure for the completion of administrative procedures, including the submission of financial documentation and the post-event dissemination and capitalisation activities.

Communication

Communication activities began in March 2026 with the publication of information about the conference on the project's website and social media channels, complemented by targeted email invitations sent to organisations likely to be interested in the event.



All LocAll4Flood partners were responsible for circulating the invitation among their respective networks, particularly to stakeholders involved in the governance of the pilot sites, as well as to relevant organisations within their regions and countries.

The Euroregion, for its part, developed its own invitation list from several complementary sources. This included representatives of its three regional governments, together with all river basin authorities in the Occitanie Region, identified as potential future users of the solutions developed through LocAll4Flood. The invitation list was further expanded through approximately 150 Mediterranean stakeholders — both potential disseminators and end users — identified during the preparation of the LocAll4Flood Exploitation Strategy, as well as representatives of flood-related projects identified through Deliverable 3.4 on project synergies. Finally, thanks to its long-standing involvement in Mediterranean cooperation networks, the Euroregion was able to invite numerous additional institutional contacts from across the region.

All information relating to the conference was centralised on the **LocAll4Flood Interreg Euro-MED website**, including the regularly updated programme and the online registration form.

In addition, several promotional posts were published on LinkedIn throughout the communication campaign. A press release was issued prior to the conference, followed by a second press release after the event. Two regional media outlets attended the conference and provided coverage.

Participation in the Event

A total of **65 participants** attended the conference held in Perpignan on 17 June 2026, from seven countries: France, Spain, Malta, Greece, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Germany. The geographical distribution of participants largely reflected the location of the event, with attendees from France and Spain accounting for the overwhelming majority. Participation from the remaining countries mainly corresponded to the locations of the project partners and pilot sites. Although some Mediterranean countries — particularly Italy — were not present, this was offset by the strong representation of Mediterranean institutions.



With regard to the profile of participants, the conference successfully reached its primary target audience, namely public authorities, which accounted for approximately half of all attendees. The remaining participants were mainly representatives of research organisations, while the private sector was represented by companies that had been directly involved in the implementation of the project. Following the event, 17 participants completed the satisfaction survey. The average overall **satisfaction score was 4 out of 5**, reflecting a high level of appreciation for the conference. Although no quantitative feedback was collected from the remaining participants, the qualitative comments received were consistently positive. This perception was further reinforced by the fact that almost all participants remained until the end of the conference (leaving the site visit aside).

Conclusions

The LocAll4Flood partnership considers that the conference successfully achieved its objectives and provided an effective platform for promoting the project's results. A key objective was to showcase the main outcomes of LocAll4Flood. This was achieved primarily through **four thematic panel discussions**, each focusing on one of the project's core areas of work:

- Integrated governance;
- Early warning systems;
- Public awareness;
- Nature-based Solutions.

Each roundtable was moderated by a LocAll4Flood partner with direct knowledge and experience of the project's achievements in the relevant field, ensuring that the results were presented accurately and effectively. The moderators were joined by representatives from local organisations involved in one of the pilot sites, who shared first-hand experience of the project's benefits for their respective territories. Their contributions demonstrated the practical impact of LocAll4Flood and highlighted the close connection between the project's activities and local needs.

To enrich the discussions further, each panel also included representatives of external organisations presenting complementary initiatives beyond the scope of



LocAll4Flood. This broadened the debate, encouraged the exchange of experiences, and highlighted opportunities for future cooperation.

Finally, contributions from representatives of Mediterranean institutions provided a broader geographical perspective, fully consistent with LocAll4Flood's ambition to transfer its solutions across the Mediterranean region and to support the wider uptake of innovative approaches to flash flood risk management.





Annexes

Annex I: Programme

Annex II: Pictures

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Managing flash flood risks in the Mediterranean region



17 June

Palace of the Kings of Majorca
Perpignan (France)

Conference

9:00 Accreditations and reception

9:30 Institutional opening

- Éric Cadoré, Regional Councillor and President of the Water and Risks Prevention Commission, *Occitania Region*
- Sandra Ruiz Navarro, Head of the Flood Risk Management Department, *Catalan Water Agency, Government of Catalonia*
- Gerardo Torrente, Secretary-General of the Balearic Water and Environmental Quality Agency (ABAQUA), *Government of the Balearic Islands*

10:00 LocAll4Flood project in a nutshell

- Meritxell Abril, Researcher, *BETA Technological Centre (Spain)*

10:15 Coffee break and exhibitions

10:45 1st Round table

Governance, getting the right people to work together

- Valeri Penchev, Ph.D. Eng, *Black Sea - Danube Association for Research and Development (Bulgaria)*
- Ganka Georgieva, Vice-Mayor, *Dalgopol Municipality (Bulgaria)*
- Vincent Darmuzey, Head of the Water and Risks Department, *Departemental Directorate for Land and Sea of Pyrénées-Orientales (France)*

11:45 2nd round table

Early Warning Systems, giving authorities the appropriate data

- Jordi Roca, Project Manager, *Hydrometeorological Innovative Solutions (Spain)*
- Martin Paul Aquilina, Station Officer, *Civil Protection Department (Malta)*
- William Morales, Hydraulic consultant, *ABM Consulting (Spain)*
- Francesc Bonet, Civil Protection Officer, *Blanes City Council - RESIST project (Spain)*

12:45 The Euro-MED Interreg Programme, a cooperation framework for Mediterranean risk reduction

- Curzio Cervelli, Joint Secretariat Coordinator, *Interreg Euro-MED Programme*

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13:00 Lunch and exhibitions

14:00 *3rd Round table*

Awareness, helping society understand and prepare

- Celso García, *Balearic Islands University (Spain)*
- Perit Eng. Marzio Melis, Policy Officer, *Energy and Water Agency (Malta)*
- Francesc La Roca, Head of Water Policy Observatory, *New Water Culture Foundation (Spain)*

15:00 *4th round table*

Nature Based Solutions, green infrastructure to reduce flood risk

- Dr. Christos V. Makris, Assistant Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace, Research Associate, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece)*
- Anna Rodríguez, Projects Coordinator, Hydraulic Engineering, *ABM Consulting (Spain)*
- Dr. Kleoniki Demertzi, Researcher, *Greek Biotope-Wetland Centre / Project Wetland4Change (Greece)*
- Estanislao Pujades, Tenured Scientist, *Institute of Environmental Assessment and Water Research, Spanish National Research Council-CSIC / Project Water4Med (Spain)*
- Semra Fejzibegović, Department for Sustainable Development, *City of Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina)*

16:00 **Other Mediterranean frameworks for flood risk management**

- Octavi Quintana, Director, *Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA)*
- Laurent Alfonso, External expert of Civil Protection Regional Platform, *Union for the Mediterranean*

16:30 **The future of LocAll4Flood / Closing remarks**

- Joan Lloret, Environment Projects Officer, *Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean*
- Xavier Bernard-Sans, Secretary-General, *Euroregion Pyrenees Mediterranean*

17:00 **Visit of Corregada stream** (back to the Palace 3 hours later)

- *Têt Catchment Area Authority*

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Institutional opening. The Occitanie Region is highly vulnerable to the risk of flooding, particularly on the Mediterranean side. The Region provides financial support to the authorities responsible for managing the river basins within its territory to improve prevention and preparedness in the face of this natural hazard.



Institutional opening: The Catalan Water Agency adopts a tailored approach to flooding, drawing on a range of solutions depending on the characteristics of the areas it covers. Data management (using AI) is playing an increasingly important role in anticipating the impact of such events.



Institutional opening: The Government of the Balearic Islands is implementing increasingly innovative policies to tackle one of the main risks facing the region. Governance is key here, and coordination between the civil protection and river basin management departments has now been institutionalised.



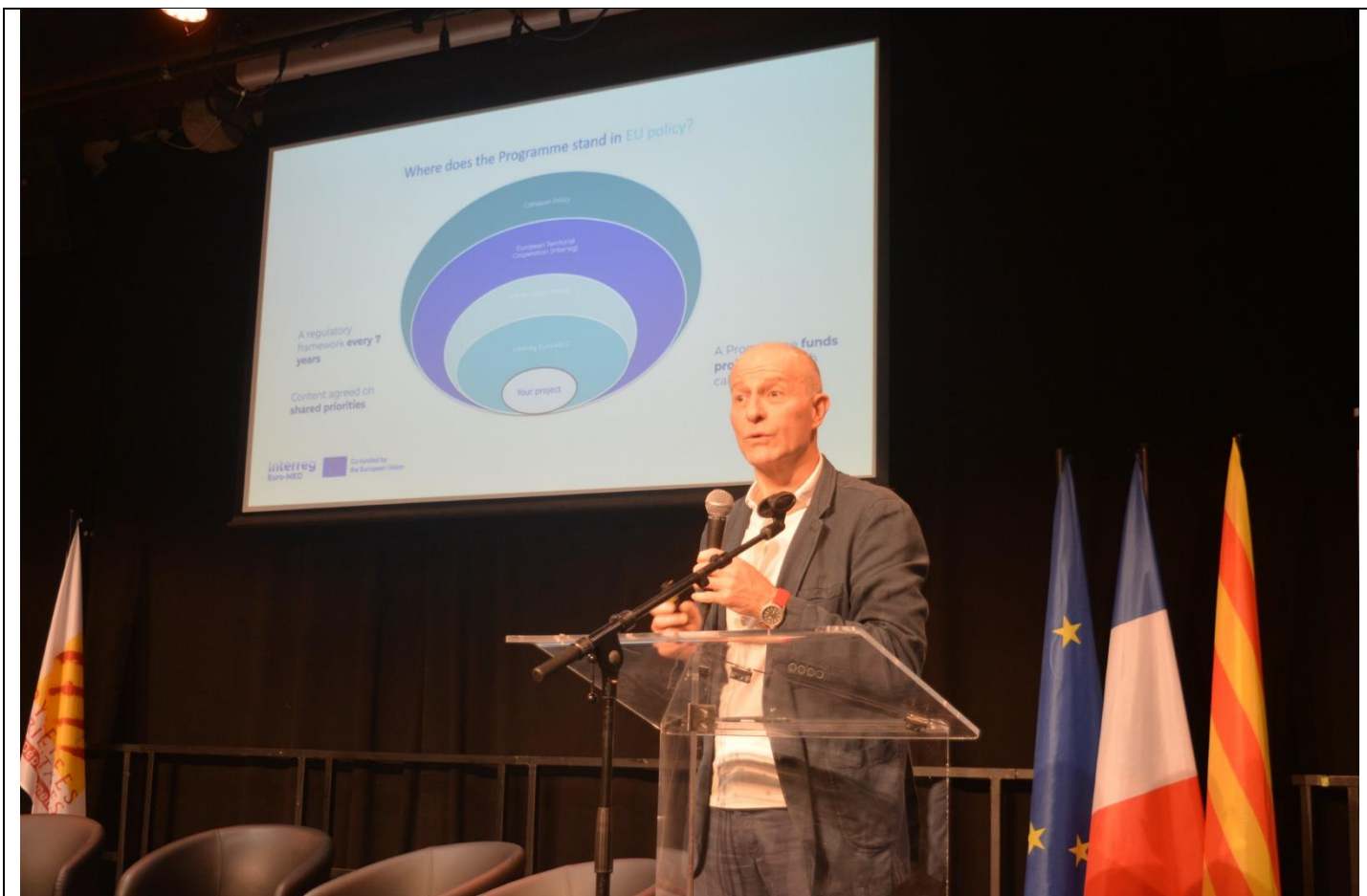
LocAll4Flood in a nutshell. The project focuses specifically on small Mediterranean catchment areas and proposes an approach centred on governance and the integration of actions, which has been developed theoretically and tested in nine different sites.



Round table n°1. Flood risk management does not rely solely on technical tools but, above all, on the quality of governance. And this quality depends on coordinating the various territorial levels, as well as the various sectoral public policies.



Round table n°2. Knowledge of the local area, combined with a reliable warning system and a well-informed public, forms the basis of effective risk management. There is a complementary nature of technology, organisation and operational readiness.



Euro-MED Programme. This European programme funds Mediterranean cooperation between 14 countries and counts climate change adaptation, risk mitigation, environmental restoration and territorial innovation among its main priorities. LocAll4Flood fits perfectly within this framework.



Exhibitions. The break gave participants the opportunity to explore LocAll4Flood's educational resources. These included an exhibition on flooding that is easy to set up. Other materials are a card game and a magnet for the fridge which sets out what to do in case of flooding.



Round table n°3. There is evidence of a lack of understanding amongst residents in flood-prone areas regarding how floods work and what actions to take in the event of danger. Awareness-raising initiatives must be accompanied by efforts on the part of the authorities to rebuild public trust.



Round table n°4. As they are less expensive than conventional infrastructure and generate more positive externalities, nature-based solutions can be a useful complement to reducing the severity of flooding, but they need to be co-build with local stakeholders.



PRIMA. This innovation programme has funded several flood risk management projects (lots of them about nature-based solutions) for an area, the Mediterranean basin, where flood risk is shaped by interaction of extreme climate, topography, land use and governance.



Union for the Mediterranean. This international entity has worked on floods issues. It has developed an action plan on civil protection and disaster risk management. Also, it coordinates with EU Commission a regional platform of dialogue on civil protection.



The future of LocAll4Flood. The official ending of the project shouldn't be the end of its results capitalisation. The LocAll4Flood solutions will be available during longtime in the web, collaboration is being sustained in the pilot catchments and the partnership is exploring different ways for replication in the Mediterranean scale.



Tet Basin Authority. The body responsible for flood risk management in the Têt catchment organised a field visit to find out about its flood mitigation measures on the Corregada stream.