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# HOMER

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## The Project

HOMER Project, Harmonising open data in the Mediterranean through better access and Reuse of public sector information, co-funded by the ERDF through the MED Programme, aims to stimulate the accessibility and re-use of Public Sector Information (PSI) across the Mediterranean, in coherence with one of the key actions of the Digital Agenda for Europe and the PSI Directive. Through a coordinated strategy addressing the specific barriers to PSI re-use in the MED area, HOMER will enable governments in Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Greece, Malta, Cyprus and Montenegro to unlock the full potential of PSI in strategic economic sectors for the MED growth.

HOMER, with a budget of more than €3.5 million, focuses on the topic of open data, a world-wide policy aiming at making Public Sector Information (PSI) available and exploitable by recognising the benefits of making data open and reusable such as government transparency and the development of digital market. In line with the EU Digital Agenda, HOMER will facilitate the wider deployment of PSI in Spain, Italy, France, Malta, Greece, Slovenia, Cyprus and Montenegro, enabling their public governments to better address the legal, cultural and technological challenges linked to PSI policy. Starting from exposing 5 strategic sectors, characterising the MED political agenda of the next decades (Agriculture, Tourism, Environment, Energy and Culture), a dedicated Task Force composed of IT and open data experts will be able to support HOMER institutional partners to face the legal, cultural and technological obstacles of the open data policy.



In this way, HOMER will be able to open hundreds of public datasets, enhancing digital heritage transparency across the Mediterranean. But HOMER aims to go beyond this first milestone: the "opened" PSI will be then federated, setting up the basis for a transnational open data Federation.

HOMER started the activities in April 2012 and its estimated implementation end date is in March 2015.

## HOMER main objectives

To identify the main obstacles of a wider re-use of PSI at MED level, addressing the specific legal, cultural and technological barriers of PSI and to set up an effective strategy able to harmonise open data policy and portals across the MED area.

To establish a standardised process for the development of open data portals in each project territory, opening relevant data with an impact on policies in the Mediterranean area: tourism, agriculture, environment, culture and energy.

To develop a MED Federation of open data portals aimed at encouraging interoperability between sectoral data.

In addition, the project will carry out two pilot actions aimed at stimulating innovative entrepreneurial ideas and the participation of citizens in the definition of policies through the utilization of open data.

## Work packages

The project is divided into four work packages:

**Coordination and management** (coordinated by the Piemonte Region).

It is a horizontal work package which involves all partners for the coordination and the administrative and financial management of the project.

**Communication and dissemination** (coordinated by Agencia de Gestión Agraria y Pesquera de Andalucía).

In line with the regulations established by the Department for Communications of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the MED Programme, this work package aims to ensure an effective communication of HOMER results, to raise awareness on the benefits of an harmonised open data Policy for the Mediterranean and to create synergies with relevant initiatives of the MED area and of the EC PSI policy.

**Capitalisation** (coordinated by Decentralised Administration of Crete).

This work package aims to ensure the long lasting impact achieved by HOMER results through the implementation of an analysis of MED PSI social and economic impact, the development of a federation of open data portals among partners, the delivery of official Implementation plans and the development of synergies with relevant existing MED/ENPI CBC, IPA, EU projects.

**To improve access to public data** (coordinated by Collectivite Territoriale de Corse).

This work package designed for the improvement of the access to public information aims to share and assess the State of the Art of databases in each territory among the governments and public bodies involved and to develop a joint standardisation process (both under technical and legal aspects) aimed at the development of open data portals in each project territory.

Under this work package, the two pilot activities will be launched; a "HACK4MED!" hackaton to stimulate the development of digital application, by exploiting public datasets opened and federated and an "open data e-participation" focused on the participation of citizens in the definition of projects or policies through the co-elaboration of new applications.



## MED Programme

HOMER is funded through the MED Programme, approved by the European Commission. HOMER is implemented in regions of Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Montenegro and Slovenia.

HOMER is in line and supports the main objective of the MED Programme: "to make the whole MED area a territory able to meet international concurrence in order to ensure growth and employment for the next generations. Support territorial cohesion and actively intervene in favour of environmental protection within the framework of sustainable development."

## HOMER partners

This project, led by the Italian region of Piemonte, involves 19 partners from eight countries of the Northern Mediterranean basin: Italy, Spain, France, Greece, Cyprus, Malta, Slovenia and Montenegro.