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# 6<sup>th</sup> Forum

of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region  
**Along the coasts of the shared sea**  
Izola, 11-12 May 2021



## Bottom up MPAs networks: growing together

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# MedPAN – Mediterranean Protected Areas Network

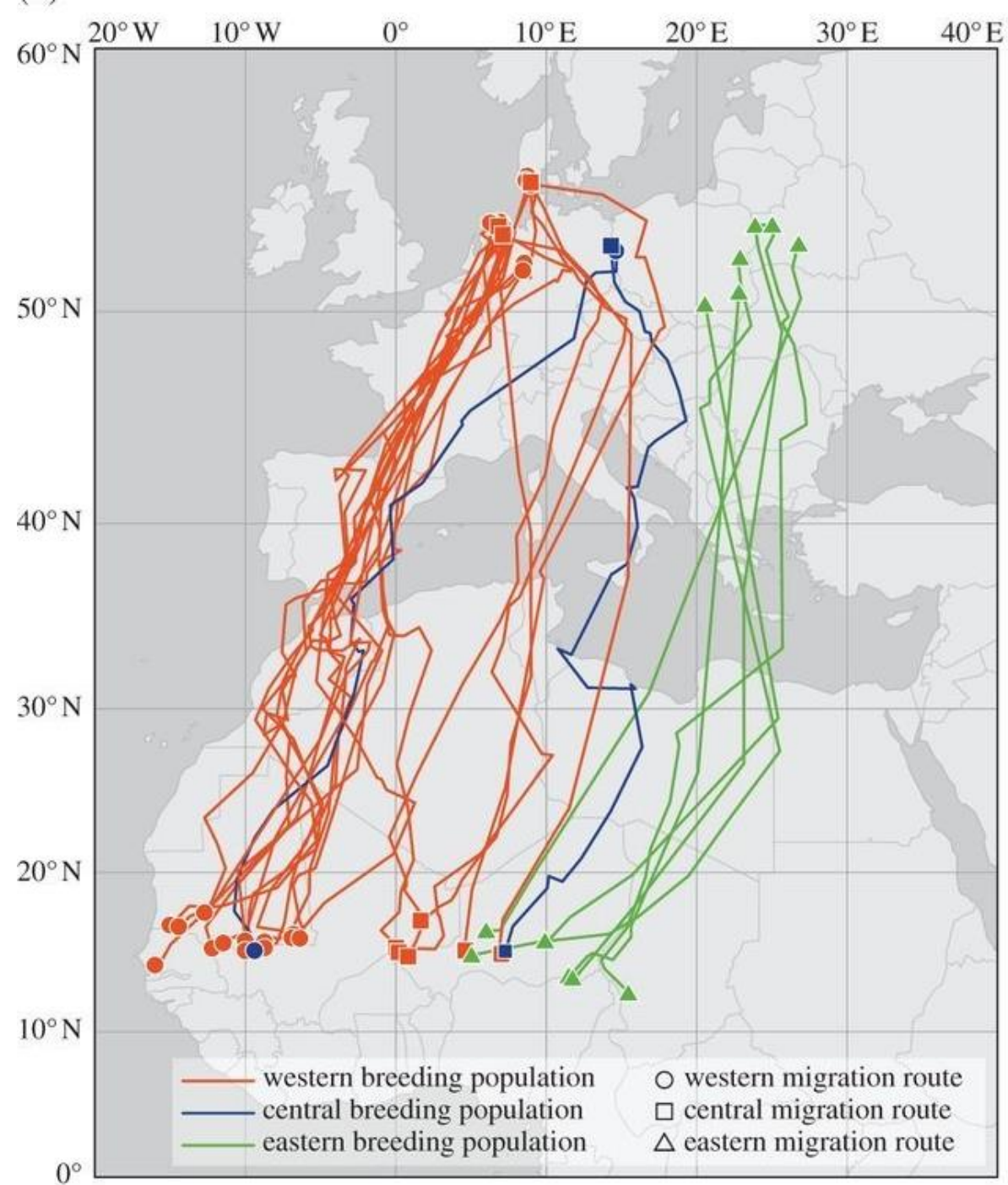


MedPAN is a **network** of  
Marine Protected Areas  
managers dedicated  
to halt the  
**loss of biodiversity**  
in the Mediterranean Sea.



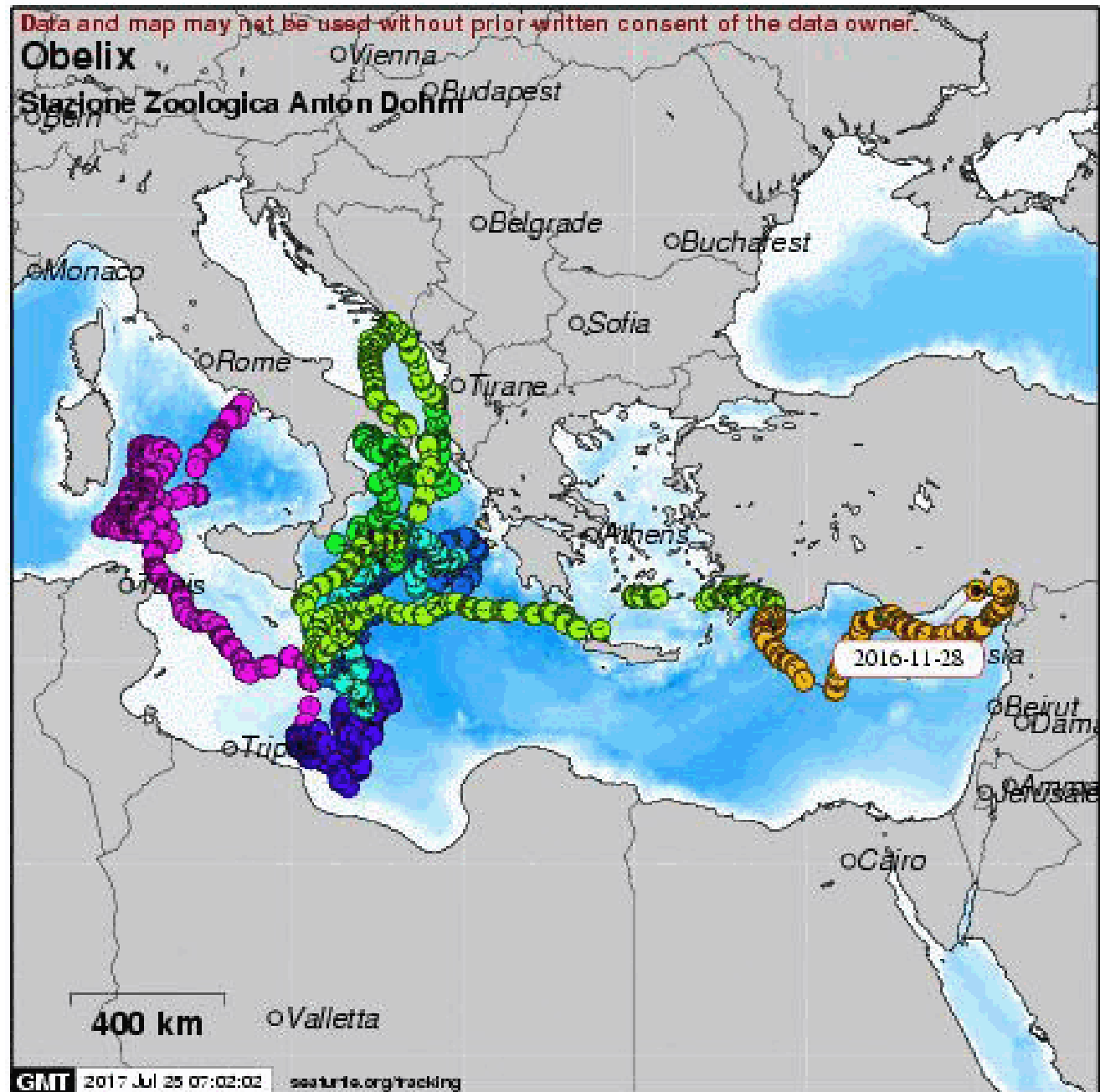
# Birds migrations

*All species*



# Turtles migrations

*Caretta caretta*



Distance Traveled: 16045 km

Straight-line Distance: 1912 km

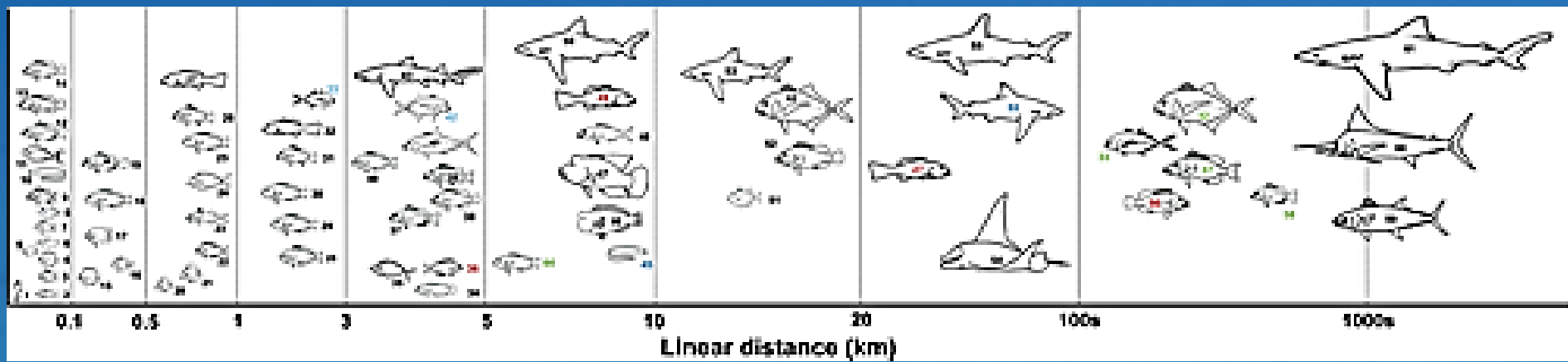


# Marine Protected Areas **Network definition**



A collection of individual marine protected areas operating cooperatively and synergistically, at various spatial scales, and with a range of protection levels, **in order to fulfil ecological aims more effectively and comprehensively than individual sites could alone.**

The network will also display **social and economic benefits**, though the latter may only become fully developed even long time frames as ecosystems recover.





**Natura 2000 Network  
(terrestrial and marine areas)**

-  Birds Directive sites (SPA)
-  Habitats Directive sites (SCI, SAC)
-  Sites - or parts of sites - belonging to both Directives
-  Outside coverage

**TOP**



**DOWN**

**Natura 2000**



0 500 1 000 1 500 km





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# MAPAMED



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All the Mediterranean hosts several endangered species and ecosystems, and is ecologically vulnerable, having been subjected for years to growing human pressure.

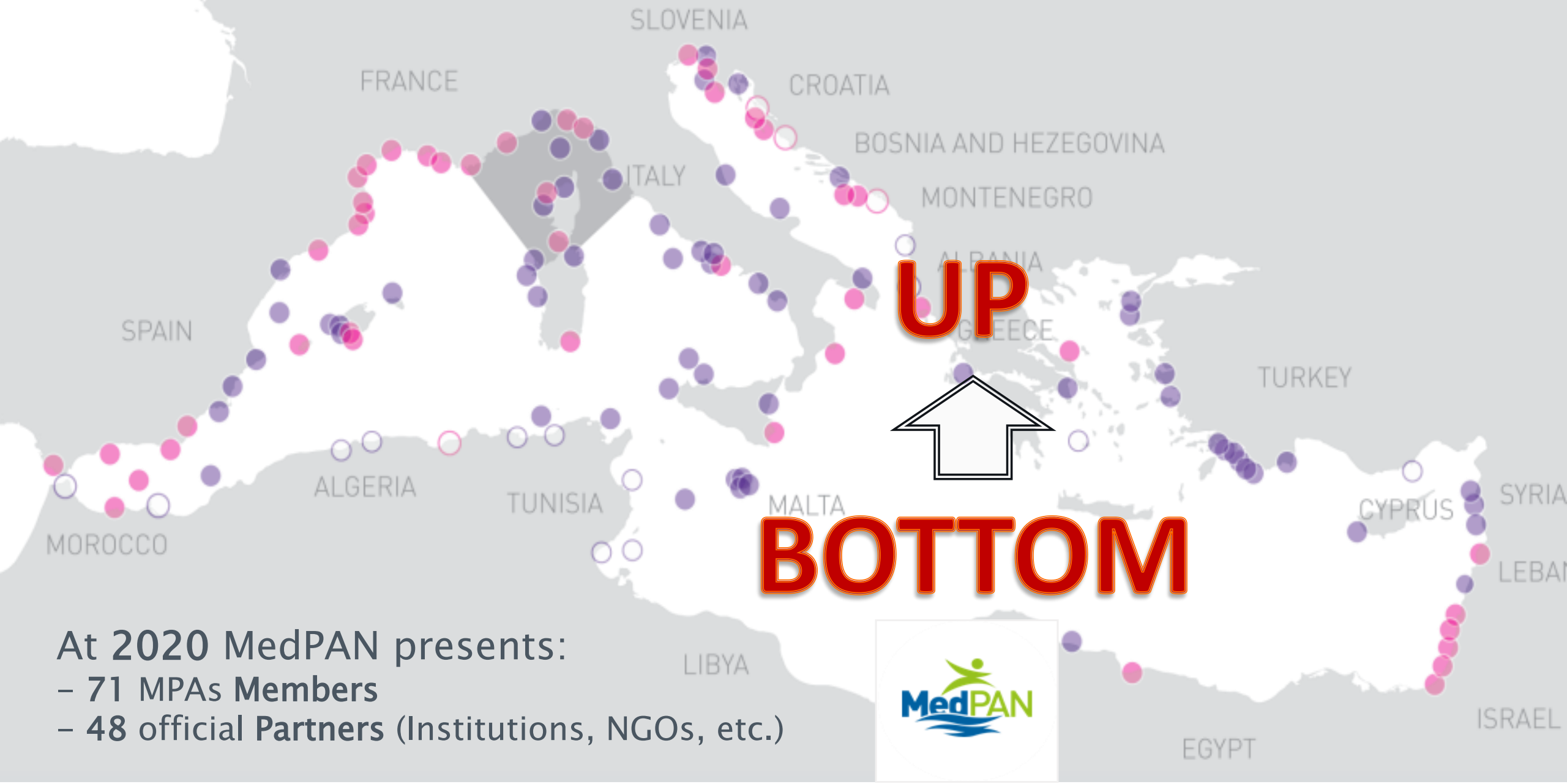
Since 1990, **MedPAN** already exists as a Network of Managers of Marine Protected Areas in the Mediterranean

The network aims at easing **contacts between MPAs**, giving them support in management activities. It successfully promotes and implements cooperation programmes and strategies, **improving MPAs effectiveness.**





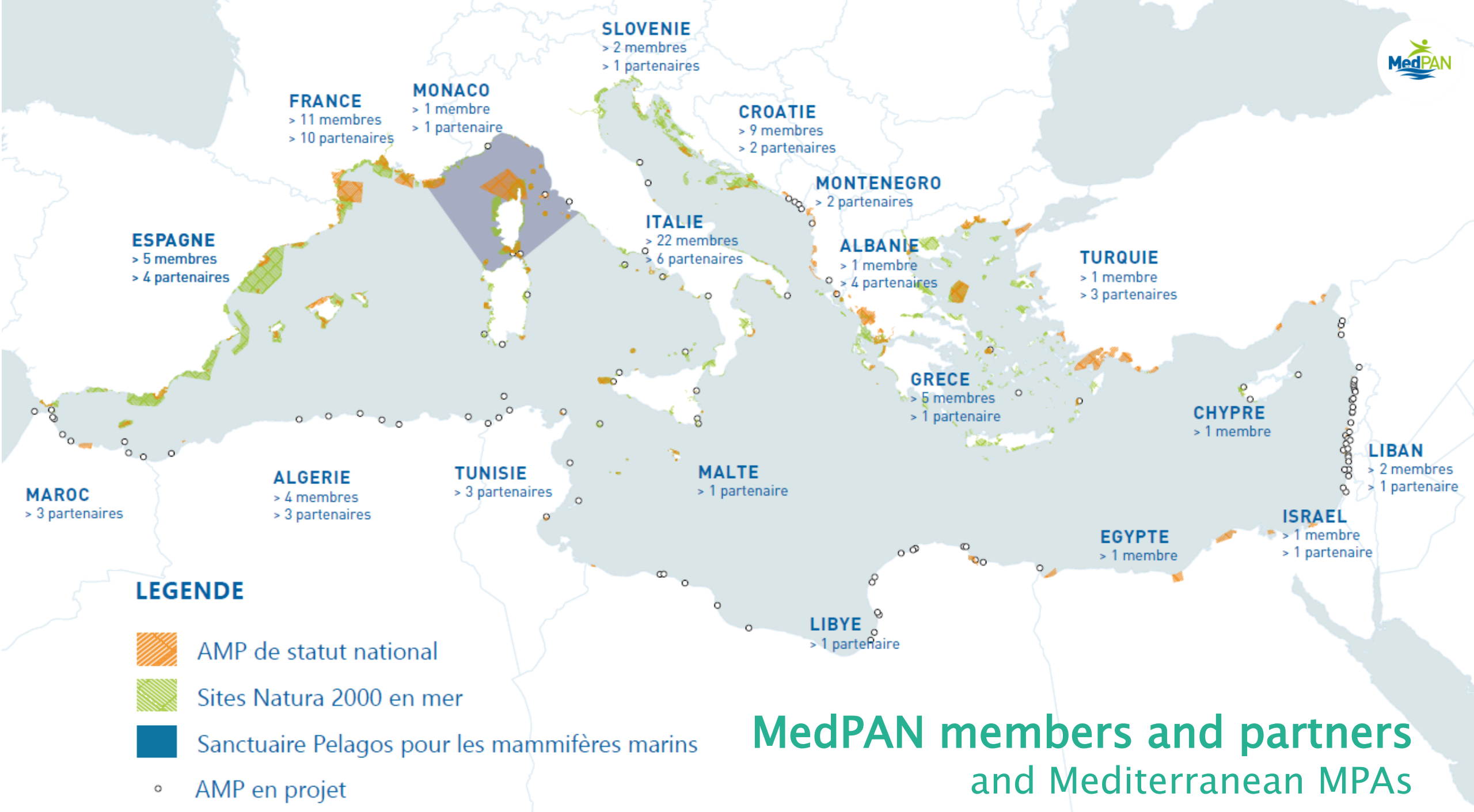
# The MedPAN was born in 2008 as a non profit organisation



At 2020 MedPAN presents:

- 71 MPAs Members
- 48 official Partners (Institutions, NGOs, etc.)









## MedPAN's mission:

Actively contribute to achieve a representative, connected, integrated and effectively managed system of Mediterranean MPAs, through a **strong and active networking of MPA managers and other actors at all levels that increases knowledge and capacities of MPAs** while improving awareness, MPA policy implementation and funding.

*2019-2023 and beyond strategy*



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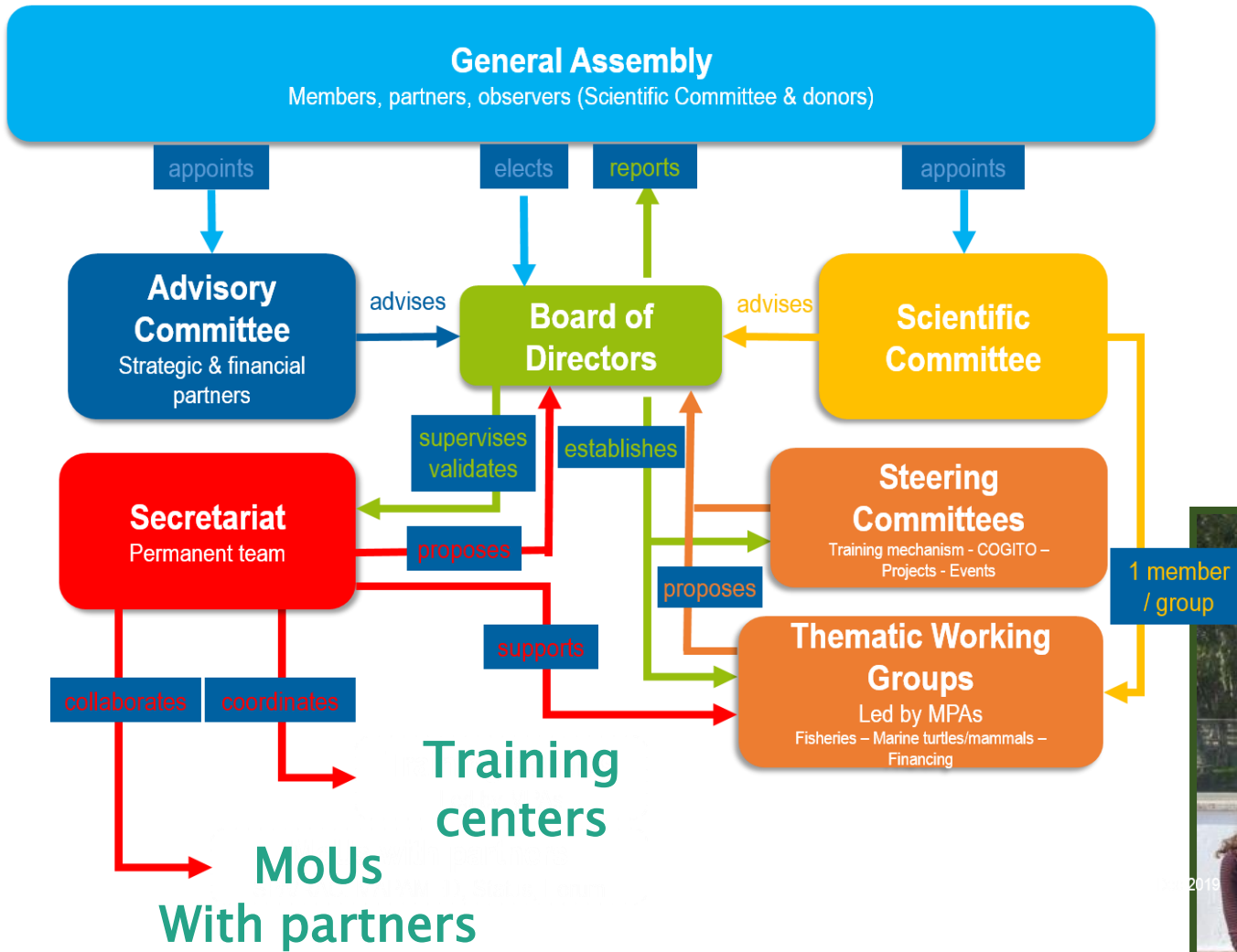


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# MedPAN Governance layout



2021 Board of Directors

# "MPA NETWORKS" project

France



Lead partner



Slovenia



Krajinski park Strunjan  
Parco naturale Strugnano  
Landscape Park Strunjan

Croatia



**BRIJUNI**  
Nacionalni park  
National Park

Albania



Spain



Italy



Torre del Cerrano  
Area Marina Protetta



Greece

7  
countries

10  
partners

Nov 2019  
Apr 2022

2.664 k€  
budget



# MedPAN "Small projects"

Since the beginning of the Small Projects scheme in 2011:

- **13 Call for Small Projects** were launched.

- **47 projects were completed**, 12 projects are ongoing
- **A total budget of € 980 778** was mobilised by MedPAN.

- **Grants amount** to €10 000- €40 000 per project.

- **Over 54 Mediterranean MPAs** in 16 countries were supported.



# "COGITO" project



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Conservatoire du  
littoral

CRITICAL ECOSYSTEM  
PARTNERSHIP FUND

\* UNEP/WWF through the "MedPAN network" project financed by the European Union

## MOROCCO

- Essaouira Archipelago
- Djebel Moussa
- Al Hoceima National Park
- Nador Lagoon

## ALGERIA

- Habibas Islands
- Gouraya National Park
- Taza National Park
- El Kala National Park

## TUNISIA

- Tabarka
- Galite archipelago
- Zembra archipelago and Cap Bon peninsula
- Kuriat Islands and Monastir Bay
- Gremdi, Roumadiya, Sefnou and satellite islets

## ALBANIA

- Cap Rodonit / Lalzi Bay
- Sazani island / Karaburun-Sazan Marine National Parc / Vlora Bay

## TURKEY

- Datça Peninsula SEPA
- Kaş-Kekova SEPA

## LEBANON

- Palm Island Nature Reserve



# "MPA/No-Take Zones" project



## PILOT SITES:

- Creation of no-take zones [16]
- Improvement of existing no-take zones [6]
- Improvement management effectiveness of existing



Lead Partner





# "MARINE TURTLES" project

## DIRECT PARTNERS



## NATIONAL PARTNERS



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<https://medmarineturtles.org/>



# Training session

Port-Cros National Park, France – 17–19 September 2019

Mapping habitats, species and pressures  
in shallow coastal waters

in partnership with Port-Cros and Calanques National Parks, Septentrion  
Environnement



A map of the Mediterranean Sea is the background of the slide. Five white circular callouts with arrows point to specific locations: Port-Cros National Park (France), Brijuni National Park (Croatia), Kuriat MPA (Cyprus), Zakynthos National Marine Park (Greece), and Gökova MPA (Turkey).

Port-Cros  
National  
Park

Brijuni  
National  
Park

Kuriat  
MPA

Zakynthos  
National  
Marine  
Park

Gökova  
MPA

## REGULAR TRAINING PROGRAMME

Strong operational focus 5 hosting MPAs Partnership approach  
Gradually implemented from 2019  
Several topics: fisheries, financing, marine mammals, marine turtles

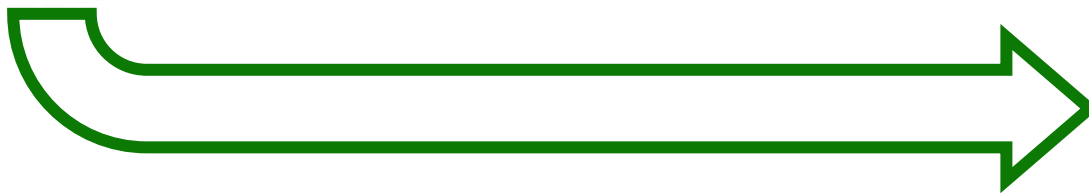


# The Strategy to 2030

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by 2030, 30%





# Support Mediterranean vision and financing

On 2012 in Antalya–Turkey, during the 1° FORUM, a Road Map was approved to 2020 Aichi objectives

THE FORUM  
of Marine Protected Areas  
in the Mediterranean

Organised by:



PRINCE ALBERT II  
OF MONACO  
FOUNDATION

In partnership with:

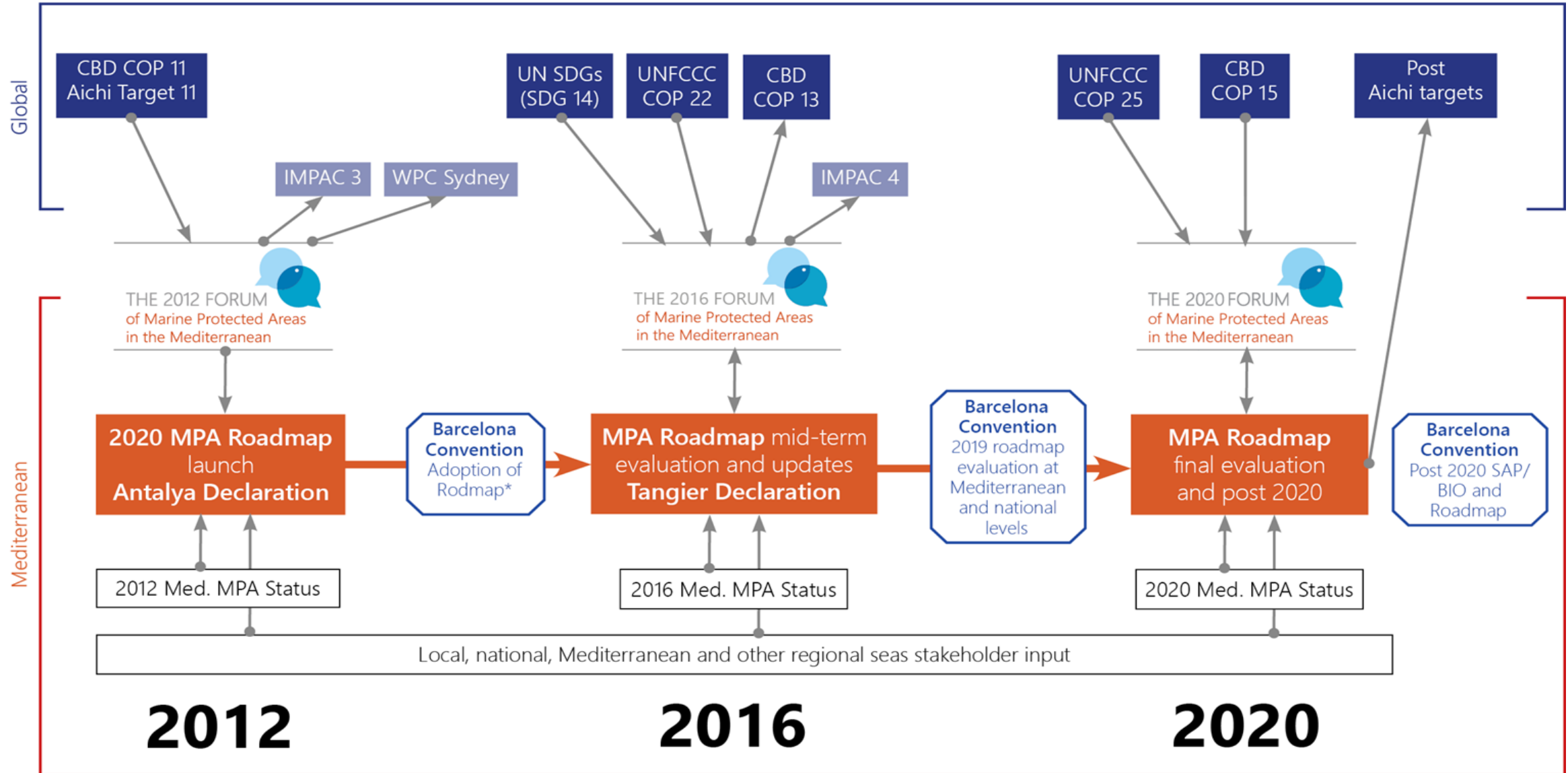


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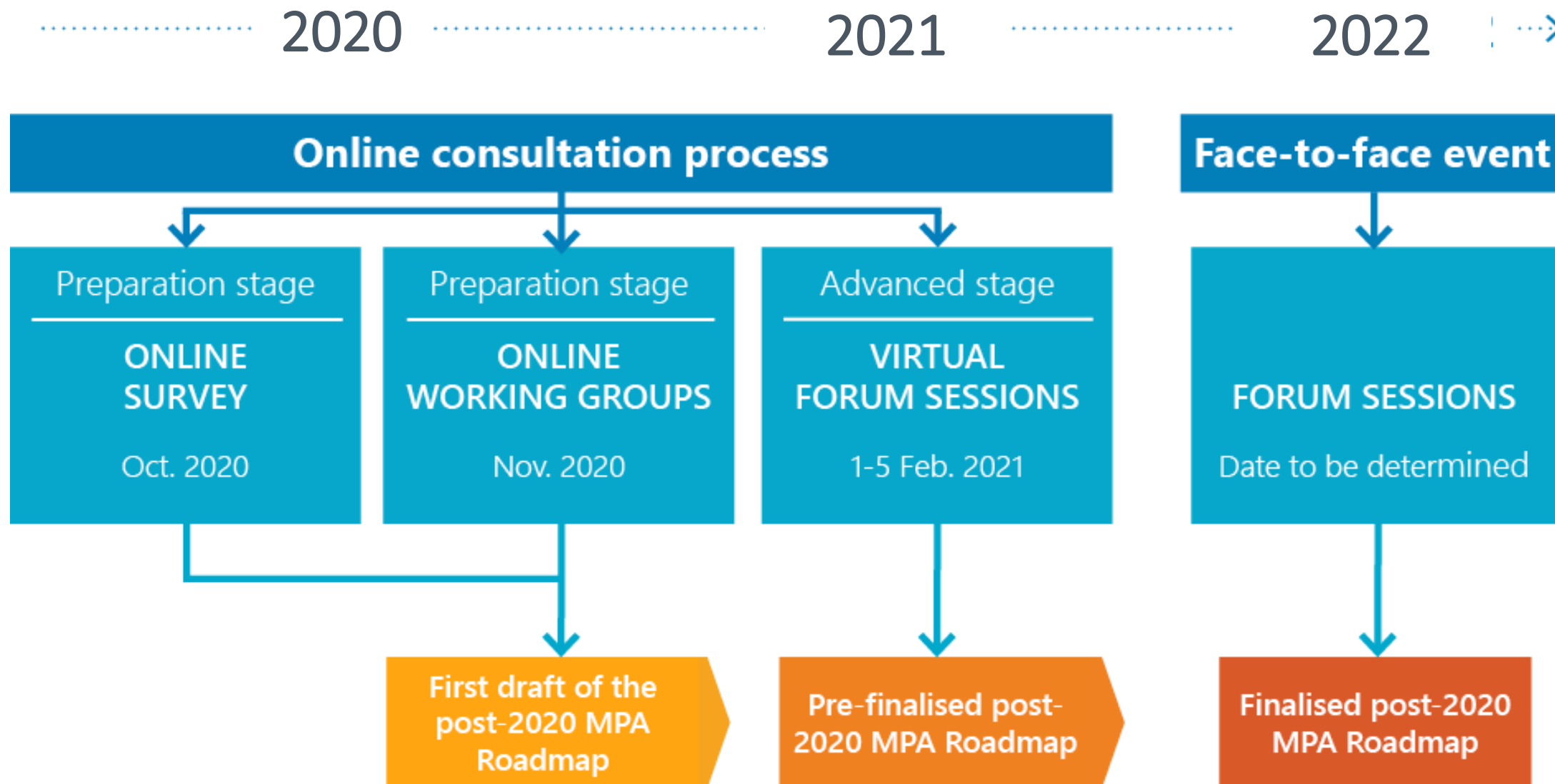


# The evaluation and update process of the Mediterranean MPA roadmap



# The 3rd MPAs Forum process

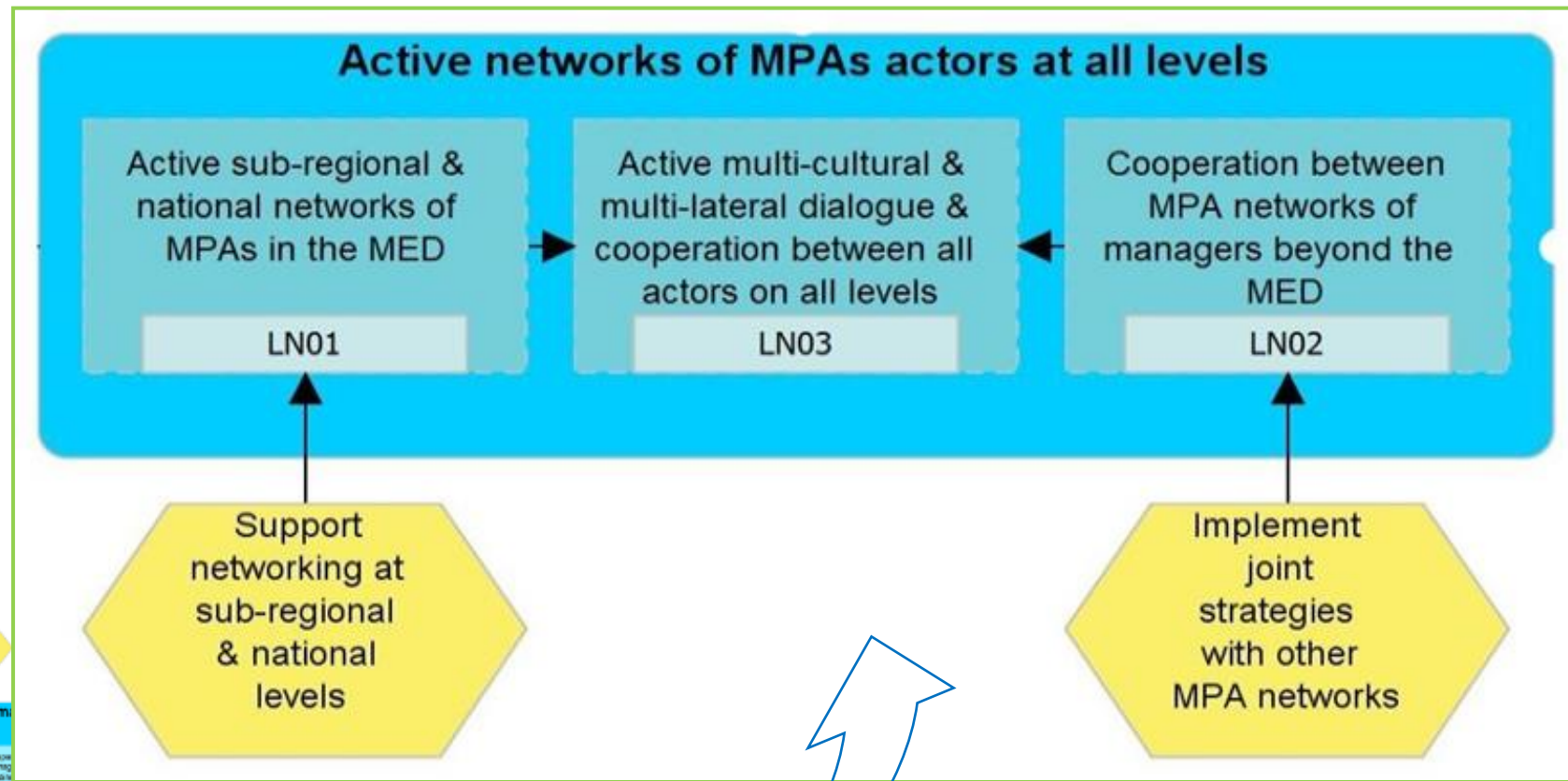
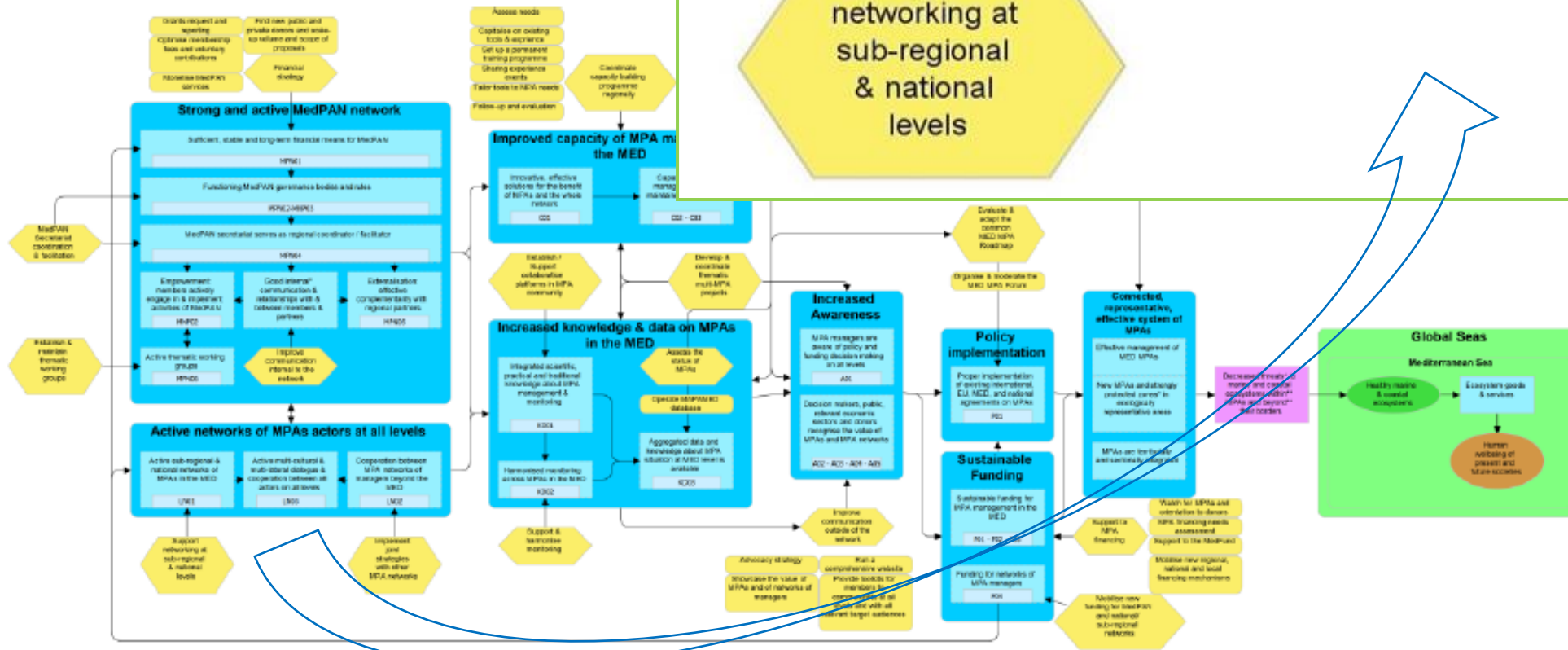
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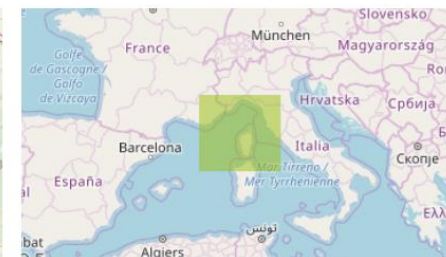
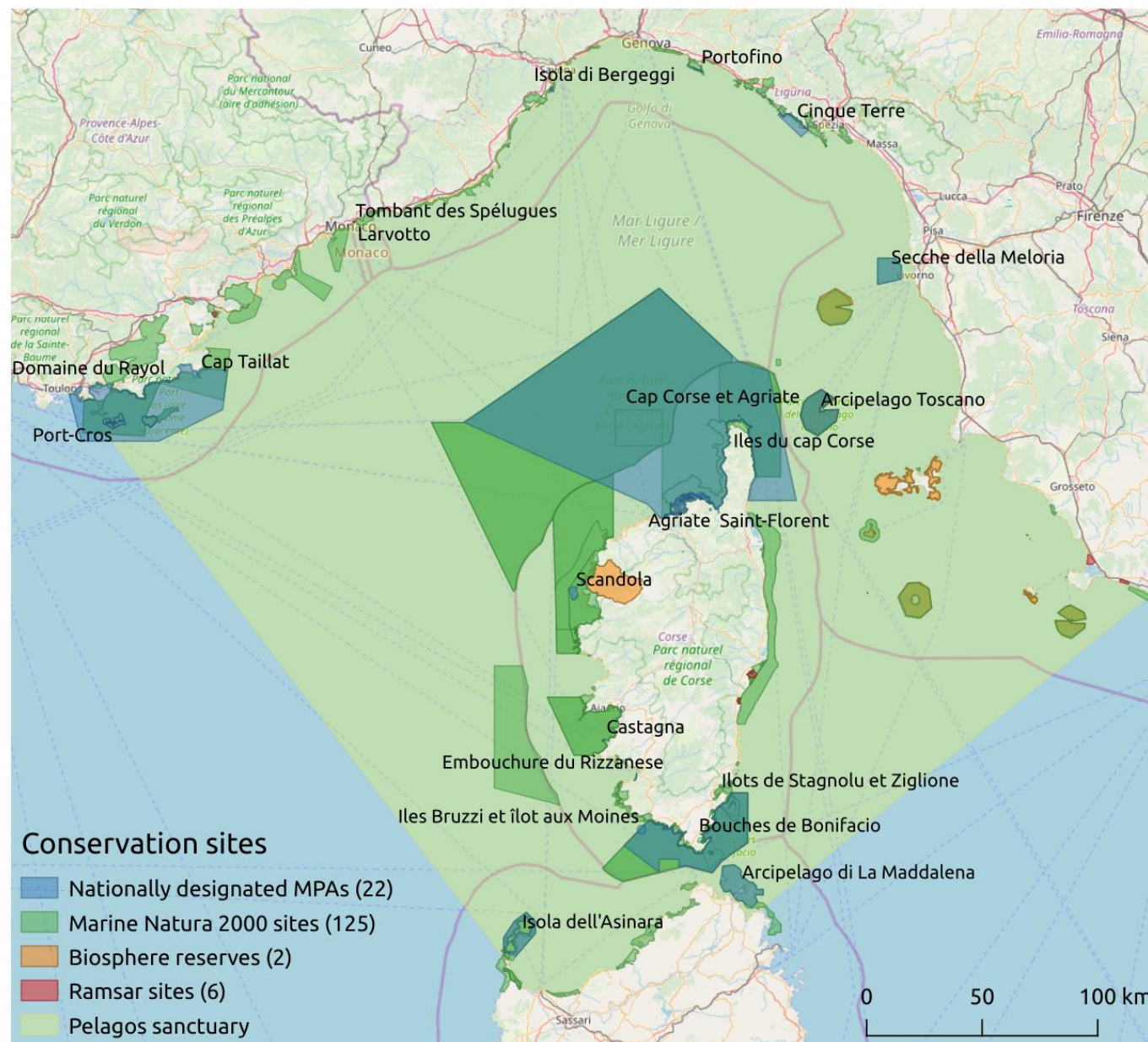


# MedPAN Strategy for 2019-2023 & beyond



# Pelagos

as  
a sub-regional network  
of  
existing protected areas



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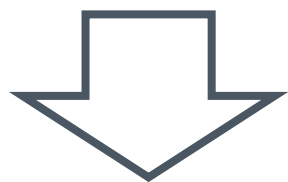
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- The European database on Natura 2000 sites (end2018).
- MAPAMED, the database on Sites of interest for the conservation of marine environment in the Mediterranean Sea. MedPAN, UNEP/MAP/SPA-RAC. November 2017 release.
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EPSG:3857 (WGS 84 / Pseudo-Mercator)

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