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Modulo per la ricerca di partner / Partner search form

per la presentazione di progetti di cooperazione a valere sull'Avviso pubblico 2/2025 – Targeted Call del Programma INTERREG VI-A Italia-Malta / for the submission of cooperation projects under the Public Notice 2/2025 – Targeted Call of the INTERREG VI-A Italia-Malta Programme

SEZIONE A: CARATTERISTICHE DELL'ENTE CHE RICERCA ALTRI PARTNER / SECTION A: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ENTITY SEEKING OTHER PARTNER/S.

1. Anagrafica Ente / Entity data

1.1 - Nome e Cognome / Name and Surname	Mario V. Balzan
1.2 - Nome dell'ente / Name of the organization	Ecostack Innovations
1.3 - Tipo di beneficiario / Type of beneficiary	<input type="checkbox"/> Autorità pubblica (locale, regionale o nazionale) / Public Authority (local, regional or national) <input type="checkbox"/> Agenzia Pubblica / Public agency <input type="checkbox"/> Università o Centro di ricerca / University or Research centre <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Impresa / Enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Organizzazione di sostegno alle imprese / Business support organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Camera di commercio / Chamber of commerce <input type="checkbox"/> Cluster / Cluster <input type="checkbox"/> Incubatore / Incubator <input type="checkbox"/> Living lab / Living lab <input type="checkbox"/> Istituto Tecnico Superiore / Higher Technical Institute <input type="checkbox"/> Istituto scolastico (di ogni ordine e grado) / Educational institution (of all levels) <input type="checkbox"/> Corpo di protezione civile e servizi di emergenza / Civil protection corp and emergency services <input type="checkbox"/> Organizzazione della società civile / Civil society organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Ente gestore di siti, riserve, parchi, aree protette / Managing body of sites, reserves, parks, protected areas <input type="checkbox"/> Associazione attiva nei settori ambientali / Association active in the environmental sectors <input type="checkbox"/> Associazione attiva nei settori della valorizzazione del patrimonio naturale e culturale / Association active in the enhancement of natural and cultural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Ente e/o associazione di promozione della partecipazione attiva di soggetti svantaggiati / Body and/or association promoting the active participation of disadvantaged subjects <input type="checkbox"/> Associazione di consumatori / Consumer association
1.4 - Status giuridico / Legal status	<input type="checkbox"/> Ente pubblico / Public entity <input type="checkbox"/> Organismo di diritto pubblico / Body governed by public law

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ente privato dotato di personalità giuridica / Private body having a legal personality <input type="checkbox"/> Ente del terzo settore iscritto nel Registro unico nazionale del terzo settore (Runts) / Third sector entity included in the Italian National Register for Third Sector (Runts) <i>oppure / or</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Ente del terzo settore iscritto nel registro del Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations / Third sector entity registered with the Maltese Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations
1.5 - E-mail	mario.balzan@ecostackinnovations.com
1.6 - Website	https://www.ecostackinnovations.com/

2. Esperienza / Experience

2.1 - Settore di esperienza / Field of experience	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ricerca e Innovazione / Research and Innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Capitale umano / Human capital <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cambiamento climatico / Climate change <input type="checkbox"/> Rischi naturali e antropici / Natural risks and deriving from human activities <input type="checkbox"/> Economia circolare / Circular economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patrimonio naturale e biodiversità / Natural heritage and biodiversity <input type="checkbox"/> Beni culturali / Cultural heritage <input type="checkbox"/> Inclusione sociale / Social inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Turismo / Tourism <input type="checkbox"/> Innovazione sociale / Social innovation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cooperazione istituzionale e reti di cooperazione / Institutional cooperation and cooperation network
2.2 Competenze dell'ente / Competences of this organisation	<p>Ecostack Innovations is an international consultancy and research analytics firm working at the intersection of climate change, biodiversity, and sustainable development. We support public authorities, private sector actors, and civil society in shaping strategies and solutions that integrate environmental, social, and economic goals.</p>
2.3. - Partecipazione a precedenti progetti del Programma IT-MT / Participation in previous IT-MT Programme projects	No
2.4 - Partecipazione a programmi e progetti finanziati da altri fondi europei / Participation in programs and projects financed by other European funds	<p>Ecostack Innovations is the project coordination team of GREEN TALENT project, funded by Horizon Europe.</p>

	<p>We are partners in other projects funded by Horizon Europe (GoGreenNext, SELINA, MAMBO, Go GreenRoute Other), by ESPON programme (VREPO - Vulnerability, REsilience and REcovery POLicies of the physical living environment), COST SMILES – CA21158 - Enhancing Small-Medium IsLands resilience by securing the sustainability of Ecosystem Services</p>
<p>2.5 – Specificare se l'organizzazione intende svolgere il ruolo di capofila o partner / This organisation is willing to be a Lead Partner or partner in this IT-MT call</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Capofila / Lead Partner <i>oppure/or</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partner</p>

SEZIONE B: IDEA PROGETTUALE / SECTION B: PROJECT IDEA

3. Campo di interesse della candidatura e ricerca Partner / Field of Interest of the Application and partner search

<p>3.1 - Priorità e Obiettivo Specifico/ Priority and Specific Objectives</p>	<p>PRIORITÀ 1 - Un'area di cooperazione più intelligente per promuovere la ricerca e l'innovazione e lo sviluppo delle competenze per la specializzazione intelligente / PRIORITY 1 – A smarter area of cooperation to promote research and innovation and the development of skills for smart specialisation</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS 1.1 - Sviluppare e rafforzare le capacità di ricerca e di innovazione e l'introduzione di tecnologie avanzate nell'area transfrontaliera / SO 1.1 – Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies in the cross-border area</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OS 1.2 - Sviluppare le competenze per la specializzazione intelligente, la transizione industriale e l'imprenditorialità dell'area transfrontaliera / SO 1.2 - Develop skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship in the cross-border area</p> <p>PRIORITÀ: 2 - Un'area di cooperazione resiliente, che rafforza la protezione e la preservazione della natura anche attraverso l'uso efficiente delle risorse / PRIORITY 2 - A resilient cooperation area, which strengthens the protection and preservation of nature also through the efficient use of resources</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OS 2.1 - Promuovere l'adattamento ai cambiamenti climatici, la prevenzione dei rischi di catastrofe e la resilienza dell'area transfrontaliera / SO 2.1 – Promoting climate change adaptation, disaster risk prevention and resilience in the cross-border area</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OS 2.2 - Promuovere la transizione verso un'economia circolare dell'area transfrontaliera – SO 2.2 - Promoting</p>
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	<p>the transition to a circular economy in the cross-border area</p> <p>PRIORITÀ 3 – Un'area di cooperazione efficiente in capitale sociale attraverso il ruolo della cultura e del turismo sostenibile nello sviluppo economico / PRIORITY 3 - An area of efficient cooperation in social capital through the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OS 3.1 - Rafforzare il ruolo della cultura e del turismo sostenibile dell'area transfrontaliera nello sviluppo economico, l'inclusione sociale e l'innovazione sociale / SO 3.1 - Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in the cross-border area in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation</p> <p>PRIORITÀ 4 – Un'area di cooperazione con una migliore governance tra l'Italia e Malta / PRIORITY 4 - An area of cooperation with better governance between Italy and Malta</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> OS 4.1 - Aumentare l'efficienza e l'efficacia della cooperazione nell'area transfrontaliera / SO 4.1 - Enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of cooperation in the cross-border area</p>
<p>3.2 - Breve descrizione dell'idea progettuale / Brief description of the project idea</p>	<p>The project aims to strengthen cross-border collaboration between Sicily and Malta in the fields of the green and blue economy, circular economy, environmental quality, and sustainable tourism, in line with the Smart Specialisation Strategies of both territories. The initiative focuses on developing applied research, innovation support services, and/or advanced training to address concrete needs of MSMEs and public stakeholders operating in these thematic areas.</p> <p>Our project idea draw on the experience of Ecostack Innovations in major EU-funded projects, where we act as coordinator for the GREEN TALENT project, and WP/Task /Pilot Leads for the GoGreenNext, SELINA and MAMBO projects. We have also received funding from the European Space Agency, through the Smart-NBT (strategically relevant for cross-border sustainable tourism) and the LURM-4-TRAP projects, while we have support cross-border analysis of climate and environmental vulnerability and resilience in the ESPON VREPO project. For further information about our projects please refer to our website: https://www.ecostackinnovations.com/projects</p> <p>The proposed project will facilitate the co-design and uptake of innovative solutions supporting environmental monitoring, eco-innovation, circular business models, and sustainable destination management.</p>

The project foresees:

- a systematic and participatory diagnosis of innovation or skills needs among MSMEs and sector stakeholders (tourism, environmental services, circular economy);
- joint development and testing of technological or organisational solutions, including prototype development, digital tools, advisory services, or nature-based approaches;
- capacity-building and specialised training to equip entrepreneurs, managers, and technicians with skills for industrial transition, circularity, and sustainability;
- strengthened cross-border cooperation mechanisms, ensuring long-term impact and replicability.

The project will deliver measurable outcomes such as jointly developed solutions, pilot actions, innovation services, and capacity-building programmes aligned with the result and output indicators of Specific Objectives 1.1 and/or 1.2 of the INTERREG VI-A Italia–Malta Programme.

SEZIONE C: CARATTERISTICHE DEL PARTNER RICERCATO / SECTION C: CHARACTERISTICS BEING SOUGHT IN OTHER PARTNER/S.

4. Caratteristiche del partner ricercato / Characteristics of the entity being sought

<p>4.1 Tipologia di partner ricercato tra quelli elencati al punto 1.3 / Type of partner being sought among the ones listed in point 1.3</p>	<p>The project seeks the following partner types listed under point 1.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Università o Centro di ricerca / University or Research Centre • Autorità pubblica (locale, regionale, nazionale) / Public Authority • Agenzia Pubblica / Public Agency • Organizzazione di sostegno alle imprese / Business support organisation • Cluster / Cluster • Living Lab / Living Lab • Impresa / Enterprise, especially MSMEs in green/blue economy, circular economy, environmental services, or sustainable tourism • Entities involved in sustainable tourism and natural heritage management, in continuity with the Smart-NBT project funded by the European Space Agency (https://www.ecostackinnovations.com/projects/smart-nbt)
<p>4.2 - Competenze richieste del partner ricercato / Requested competence of the sought partner</p>	<p>The project seeks a partner with complementary expertise in one or more of the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation, applied research, or advisory services related to the green and blue economy, circular economy, environmental quality, or sustainable tourism. • Experience engaging with MSMEs, supporting innovation uptake, or facilitating technology or knowledge transfer. • Capacity to contribute to cross-border activities, stakeholder engagement, and co-development of solutions. • For training-oriented actions (SO 1.2): ability to support or deliver specialised training, capacity building, or skills development aligned with industrial transition and smart specialisation.
<p>4.3 - Attività che dovrebbero essere realizzate dal partner ricercato / Activities that should be carried out by the sought partner</p>	<p>For SO 1.1 – Collaborative Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-leading the development and testing of innovative solutions, prototypes or monitoring tools; • Supporting TRL assessment, validation, and applied research activities;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing technical expertise relevant to green/blue economy, circularity, environmental monitoring, or sustainable tourism (aligned with Smart-NBT and MAMBO-type work). <p>For SO 1.1 – Advisory & Innovation Support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering innovation advisory services and quick-impact actions to identified MSMEs; • Implementing the systematic diagnosis of enterprise needs; • Developing methodologies, tools, or guidelines enabling SMEs to transition to circular and sustainable models. <p>For SO 1.2 – Training & Skills Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-designing the training curriculum and associated modules; • Delivering specialised training (in-person or blended) and supporting project work; • Facilitating mobility, internships, and placement opportunities; • Ensuring cross-border recognition of competencies. <p>Cross-cutting activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active participation in communication, stakeholder engagement and dissemination; • Contribution to project monitoring, evaluation, and long-term exploitation of results; • Supporting cross-border cooperation mechanisms and capacity-building actions.
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Inviare la scheda compilata all'indirizzo stc.italia-malta@regione.sicilia.it. Il Segretariato Congiunto provvederà a pubblicare la scheda di ricerca partner sul sito del programma www.italiamalta.eu.

Please, send the fulfilled template to stc.italia-malta@regione.sicilia.it. The Joint Secretariat will publish the partner search form on the programme website www.italiamalta.eu.