

# Partnerships around Mediterranean

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## LIMA ACTION PLAN

A1. Biosphere Reserves (BRs) recognized as models contributing to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs)

A4 Research, practical learning and training opportunities that support the management of BRs and sustainable development in BRs (partnerships, UNESCO Chairs and Centres, good practices for SD, collaborative projects)

B4. Effective regional and thematic level collaboration B4.1. Create opportunities for collaborative research, implementation and monitoring

B.6. Transnational and transboundary cooperation between BRs (B6,1)

C6. Entrepreneurs and social enterprises contribute to BR activities

C8. Enhanced synergies between BRs



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# Our objectives

Share together :

- How BR cooperate ?
- What are the main difficulties ? The main facilities ?
- What is already done? Which supports ?

Identify possible areas of cooperation between biosphere reserves (BRs)

Strengthen networking between BR and regional networks (ArabMAB and EuroMAB)

## **Participation and building of partnerships**

*What kind of cooperation would we like ?*

*What do we need to strengthen cooperation ?*

## **« Biosphere Reserve Market »**

What do you offer and are your demands ?

## **Expected outcomes**

- Draw up a portrait of the initiatives in progress and share them
- Identify possible areas of cooperation between biosphere reserves
- Establishing virtual contracts between partners
- Contribute to networking (between reserves and regional networks)

# Main issues discussed and outcomes

**Establishment of virtual contracts between partners highlighting the specificities and need of the Med BRs for:**

- Building on the UNESCO offices in the region cooperating with the UNESCO Centre for the Mediterranean BRs, IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation and other networks in the support of better exchanges and information sharing between BRs all over the region, as well as developing partnerships and common projects
- BRs cooperating more on capacity building, developing projects in common thematic areas (cultural heritage, water issues, forests, twinning, socio-economic partnerships, etc.)



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The main result will then be to make the BRs in the region stronger and more effective in raising money, in being better recognised and politically relevant that will also help them achieving most of the SDGs in the region.