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YEAR 1 HIGHLIGHTS

Greening the Mediterranean: Smarter Supply, Sustainable Future



1. Year in Review: Building Greener Logistics for a Resilient Future

Over the first year, the GARDEN project successfully advanced sustainable food supply chain solutions across pilot regions. Key activities included:

- Partners worked to optimize last-mile logistics, focusing on small food producers and solidarity organizations in urban and rural areas. Specific solutions, like using bio-compressed natural gas (Bio-GNC) or retrofitted vehicles, were identified to decarbonize food transport and improve efficiency.



- Extensive research and fieldwork helped map local needs, assess infrastructure, and identify innovative mobility solutions to achieve lower carbon emissions in food logistics systems.
- GARDEN partners successfully conducted three project meetings to ensure smooth coordination and progress:
 - Kick-Off Meeting in Zagreb, where the foundations for collaboration and project goals were established.
 - Follow-up meetings in Valencia and Varna, where pilot activities, milestones, and next steps were thoroughly discussed.



Highlights Across Pilot Regions

- Frameworks were defined for pilot tests, including transparent selection processes for local farmers, food platforms, and logistics service providers.
- Efforts focused on connecting producers to urban centers with shared logistics platforms and energy-efficient vehicles. This ensures more equitable access to markets while reducing environmental impacts.
- Pilot sites in densely populated cities are supporting stakeholders in adapting to existing low-emission zone legislation to address challenges in last-mile logistics and food accessibility.

Strengthening Communication and Collaboration

- The official GARDEN website ([LINK](#)) now serves as the central hub for news, resources, and project milestones.
- A participatory YesWiki tool ([LINK](#)) was introduced to enable decentralized sharing of progress, deliverables, and resources by partners.
- The project was showcased at multiple European events, fostering synergies with other initiatives under the broader Interreg Euro-MED Mission to promote greener and carbon-neutral regions.



Key Achievements

- Conducted three project meetings (Zagreb, Valencia, and Varna) to coordinate pilot development and ensure streamlined project implementation.
- Defined frameworks for pilot projects to test greener logistics.
- Developed tools and platforms to improve knowledge sharing among partners.
- Conducted feasibility studies to prioritize sustainable energy solutions (e.g., biofuels and electric mobility).
- Engaged local stakeholders, farmers, and food platforms to align solutions with real-world challenges.

Season's Greetings from GARDEN

- As we close this successful first year, we wish you all a joyful holiday season filled with happiness and new beginnings. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

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