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Safeguarding the livelihood of rural communities and the environment in the Mediterranean

Partnership

 **SWRI** Hellenic Agricultural Organization "DIMITRA" – Soil and Water Resources Institute (SWRI) 



 **University of Firenze – Department of Agriculture, Food, Environment and Forestry (UNIFI)** 

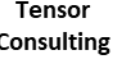

 **Integrated Resources Management Company Ltd. (IRMCo)** 

 **DESUM** Dokuz Eylul University, Industrial Application and Research Center (DEU DESUM) 

 **AMengagement ENvironment HYDraulique (AMENHYD)** 

 **ECU** Egyptian Chinese University, Research & Innovation Center (ECU) 

 **Lebanese University - Faculty of Engineering (FoE) & Azm Center for Research in Biotechnology and its Applications (UL)** 

 **Tensor Consulting (TENSOR)** 

based Solutions



 **Duration**
36 months



 **Budget**
2.5 million €

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through Nature-



Practical solutions to land, water and agri-ecosystem degradation

4 Eco-engineering solutions

14 SOLUTIONS

9 Agro-ecological practices

1 Open innovation hub (Thematic Park)

Our approach adopts the concept of **Living Labs** defined as “user-centered, open innovation ecosystems based on a systematic user co-creation approach in public-private-people partnerships, integrating research and innovation processes in real-life communities and settings

These will test our array of solutions in 5 hotspots of land and water degradation and design action plans

Mara-Mediterra is aimed at addressing the hitherto low uptake of Nature-based Solutions (NbSs) in agro-ecosystems around the Mediterranean

Our decision support tools will guide the drawing up of sustainable development policies



Investment opportunities towards sustainability

5 National funding frameworks

13 OPPORTUNITIES

5 Local funding initiatives

3 International (EU, EU Cand. & Non-EU)

Our diagnostic tool for the assessment and monitoring of land degradation is fully aligned with the new ISO standard to combat land degradation brought by the **UN Convention to combat desertification**, which is inextricably linked to the achievement of the related Sustainable Development Goals

Our methodological approach guides to policy support and investment opportunities



- Agricultural Landscape of North Aegean Islands
- Djelfa Gateway to Sahara
- Coastal Area of Nile Delta
- Marmara Lake
- Akkar Al-Atika

Decision and policy support

4 Briefs for improved policies

12 TOOLS

3 Tools in support of decision making

5 Policy solutions of sustainable development

