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## OBJECTIVES

MedSpring is an EU funded project that aims at encouraging and strengthening the Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation on **Research and Innovation (R&I)** in relation to the following societal challenges: **Resource efficiency** (particularly Water), **High Quality Affordable Food** and **Energy**. It is a four years (2013-2016) project financially supported by the 7th EU Research Framework Programme (CAPACITY - International Cooperation - Project No. 311780).

## MEDSPRING groups and communities: EMEG and AGORA

Among others, an important project component is EMEG (Euro-Mediterranean Expert Group), which acts as a permanent structured “think tank”. EMEG provides recommendations for actions, with emphasis on enhancing research impacts, effective policies and adequate holistic approach in relation to the **three main societal challenges: Resource efficiency, High quality affordable food, Energy**. The targets are EU institutions and Mediterranean Countries and their programmes (particularly the EU Research Framework Programme “Horizon 2020”), policy makers and relevant research actors from the civil society in Europe and South Mediterranean Countries.

EMEG is constituted by 45 experts, grouped in the above three challenges. Experts are from EU Member States and Mediterranean Countries, having different background and representing different stakes: research, innovation, policy, private sector, socio-economics, gender issue and others.

MedSpring also supports structuring through the “Agora” the dialogue with the civil society. The Agora gathers ideas and experiences through the use of social media.

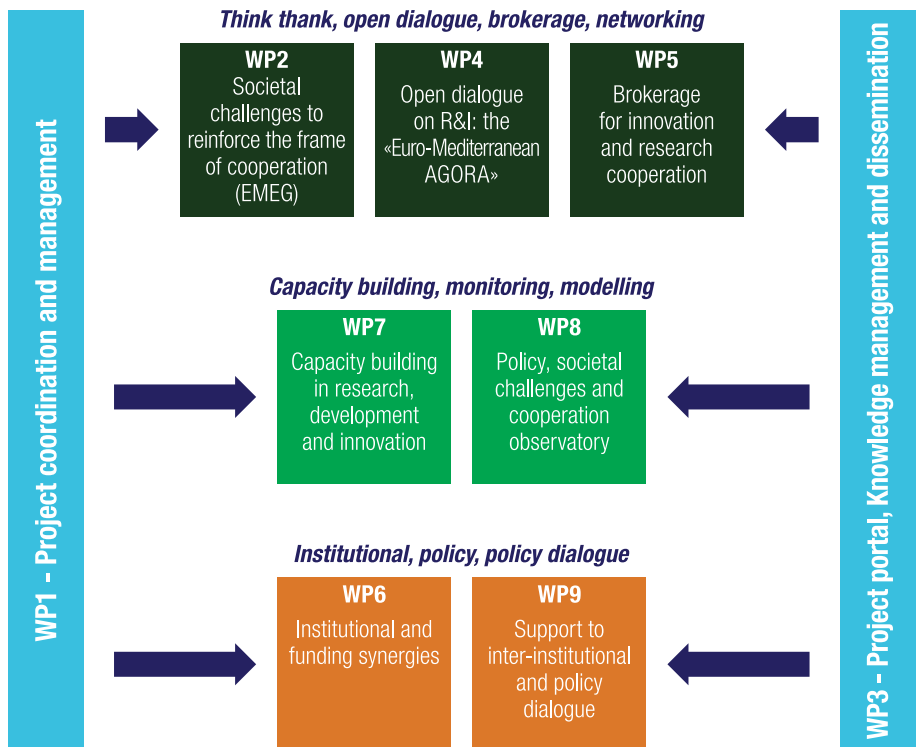
**The AGORA’ is a real social hub**, supporting social dialogue with the web communities on research and innovation.

To learn more, head to: <http://agora.medspring.eu/>

## MAIN ACTIONS

- Bringing together researchers, stakeholders, civil society and private sector to enhance effective cooperation and innovation
- Supporting European Commission, Mediterranean countries and Member States to develop a research and innovation agenda accounting for the real needs and demand in the region
- Capacity building and training to enhance research system capacity and adsorption, innovation, research cooperation and networking, participation in the European Research Framework Programme and other relevant programmes
- Promoting synergies among EU Member States, Associated Countries and Mediterranean Partner Countries based on joint programming
- Supporting and contributing to the Euro-Mediterranean policy dialogue, particularly MoCo (Monitoring Committee for the Euro-Mediterranean Science & Technology Cooperation in RTD).

## Work Packages structure



## EXPECTED RESULTS

- Enhanced EU-MPCs co-ownership in research cooperation
- Shared Euro-Mediterranean knowledge on selected societal challenges
- Strengthened cooperation on R&I (networking, capacity building and brokerage)
- Enhanced synergies on joint programming and integration
- Improved policy making and policy dialogue

