



Responsive hub for long term governance to destress the Mediterranean Sea from chemical pollution



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Newsletter RHE-MEDIation project

RHE-MEDIation Final General Assembly in Genoa



On 27 May, RHE-MEDIation partners met at RINA headquarters in Genoa for the project's 6th and Final General Assembly.

The meeting provided an opportunity to review the main achievements across all Work Packages, including technical developments, pilot activities, stakeholder engagement, dissemination actions, and exploitation opportunities. Partners also reflected on key lessons learned and discussed future perspectives for the

project's results.

As RHE-MEDIation approaches its conclusion, the General Assembly marked an important milestone, celebrating three years of collaboration and the successful achievement of the project's objectives.

RHE-MEDIation Final Event at European Maritime Day 2026



RHE-MEDIation concluded its journey with a successful final event held during European Maritime Day (EMD) 2026 in Limassol on 21–22 May. The event brought together stakeholders, researchers, and institutional representatives from across Europe to discuss the project's key achievements and Policy Brief, highlighting the potential for future exploitation and replication of its innovative solutions.

Throughout the exhibition, visitors engaged with the project at its dedicated stand, where the GreenDune photobioreactor was showcased. The exhibit attracted considerable interest and stimulated discussions on its potential applications, scalability, and future development opportunities.

RHE-MEDIation Presented at the European Commission Stand during EMD 2026



On 21 May, RHE-MEDIation was featured at the European Commission stand during European Maritime Day 2026 in Limassol.

The project's presence at the EU stand provided a valuable opportunity to present its objectives, key achievements, and innovative solutions to participants, stakeholders, and members of the wider European water and maritime community. The exchange fostered discussions on sustainable water management and highlighted the project's contribution to environmental innovation.

Associated Regions Showcase Replication Potential of RHE-MEDIation Solutions



Between late April and mid-May 2026, the RHE-MEDIation Associated Regions held their final events, providing an opportunity to present local activities, achievements, and lessons learned to a broad audience of stakeholders, including representatives from academia, public authorities, and the wider water sector.

The events, organized in both hybrid and in-person formats and attended by CNR as WP5 Task Leader, focused on demonstrating the feasibility of replicating RHE-MEDIation solutions beyond the project pilot sites.

Discussions highlighted the adaptability and applicability of the project's technologies across diverse environmental, social, and regulatory contexts.

GreenDune Demonstrates Strong Performance in Removing Emerging Pollutants



The GreenDune photobioreactor achieved outstanding results in the removal of a wide range of emerging pollutants from wastewater, demonstrating its potential as an innovative and sustainable water treatment solution.

The system showed high removal efficiencies for pharmaceuticals, industrial chemicals, personal care products, pesticides, surfactants, artificial sweeteners, and stimulants. Particularly noteworthy were its performances in eliminating several compounds of environmental concern, including PFAS substances and contaminants currently under investigation for their potential impacts on human health and ecosystems.

In several cases, GreenDune achieved complete removal of target pollutants, while consistently delivering very high removal rates for a broad spectrum of contaminants. These results confirm the effectiveness of nature-based treatment technologies in addressing emerging water quality challenges and support the wider adoption of innovative solutions for wastewater treatment and water reuse.



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