SMILO LABEL
A cooperation program to support small islands towards sustainable development

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Small islands: inspiring territories, paving the way to sustainable development

- Initiative created by the Conservatoire du littoral in 2013;
- Initiative carried out by the association Small Islands Organisation since 2017;
- Co-funded by bilateral and multilateral donors;
- Multidisciplinary team;
- International network of expertise;
- 30+ committed islands across the globe

Key dates

2013 Birth
2014-2016 Pilot phase
2017-2021 Development phase
2021 Extension

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International Partners

TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTS

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS SUPPORT

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SCOPE

• Islands smaller than 150 km²

• Without any bridges, clearly detached from the mainland at low tide

• Inhabited or not

• Protected or not

• In any sea
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ALREADY 18 PILOT SITES ENGAGED IN LABELLING PROCESS
AROUND 30 ISLANDS MEMBERS OF SMIMO NETWORK
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THEMATICS

- Governance
- Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems
- Landscape
- Energy
- Water
- Waste
- Innovative Funding
- Land Use Planning

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GOVERNANCE

Give priority on collective issues vs individual :
- Shared territories projects
- Strengthening lobbying capacities
- Knowledges dialog: Identify and highlight local good practices, integrate them to decision-making processes. Spread the results of studies and expertises favoring appropriation.
PLANNING AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

Essentials to sustainability
- **Collective** SWOT analysis: identify carrying capacity of the island
- Anticipation (future pressures), Diversification (dependencies)
- Footprint reduction: support sustainable activities, support the adaptation of polluting activities
- Integrated approach: marine and terrestrial issues
- Sustain natural areas: biological corridors
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INOVATIVE FUNDING

- High-level priority: Ensure sustainable funding of actions resulting from the strategic plan
- Avoid dependencies to project/subsidies approach at long term
- Example:
  - Tourist taxes locally reallocated
  - Voluntary contributions
  - “Pay-to-use” resources, locally and democratically managed and reallocated
  - Quality approaches: geographical indications, labels, commercial brands
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FRESH WATER

Islands must at least:

- Assess the quantity and quality of freshwater and define pressures exerted on this resource
- Conduct awareness campaigns on the rational use of water

Islands progressively aim to:

- Reduce pressures on water ressources at the source: water-saving appliances, dry toilets ...
- Diversify fresh water supply sources: rainwater ...

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SANITATION

Islands must at least:

- Update existing water treatment infrastructure
- Adapt the available facilities to the number of visitors

Islands progressively aim to:

- Use alternative technologies: filtering plants, natural filtration ...
- Establish systems for tertiary wastewater treatment to ensure water re-use for agricultural purposes
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ENERGY

Islands must at least:

• Reduce energy consumption at the source by raising user’s awareness and using less energy-intensive technologies

• Increase energy efficiency of the island’s buildings and infrastructure

Islands progressively aim to:

• Decrease as much as possible all carbon-based energies by developing a variety of renewable energies

• Support sustainable transportation

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WASTE

Islands must at least:

- Assess, characterise and monitor waste flow on the island
- Set up infrastructures to collect, store, sort and pre-treat different types of waste

Islands progressively aim to:

- Monitor all waste exports from the island
- Implement measures integrated with water management
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BIODIVERSITY & ECOSYSTEMS

Islands must at least:

• Improve knowledge of habitats, marine and terrestrial species, their evolution and insure regular monitoring of key species

• Making visitors aware of « good practices » to be respected in the island

Islands progressively aim to:

• Support non-conventional agriculture and cultivating systems promoting agrobiodiversity, promote fishing techniques that are non-destructive, support green tourism …

• Control invasive species

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LANDSCAPES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Islands must at least:

- Ensure proper integration of new buildings with landscapes
- Analyse and document visible impacts of global changes (agricultural crops, coastlines …)

Islands progressively aim to:

- Promote the island’s global landscape comprehension
- Maintain perspectives, enhance intangible heritage and traditional techniques that shape landscapes with high heritage value
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LABELLING PROCESS

NEW CYCLE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

ISLAND COMITTEE CREATION

SIGNATURE OF THE DECLARATION = ADHESION TO SMIMO ASSOCIATION

SIGNATURE OF THE COOPERATION AGREEMENT = APPLICATION FOR ECOLABEL

TERRITORY ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC PLAN

BEST PRACTICES AND VIDEOS

ACCESS TO THE ISLANDS SUPPORT FUND

ON-SITE EXPERTISE

WORKSHOPS AND ANNUAL MEETING

STRATEGIC AND THEMATIC ORIENTATIONS

INTERMEDIATE EVALUATION

OPERATIONS IMPLEMENTATION

PRIORITY OBJECTIVES ACHIEVEMENT

FINAL EVALUATION

OBTAINING THE LABEL (VALID 5 YEARS)

SMIMO TOOLS
EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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ISLANDS FUND

From 5000 to 15 000 €

Eligibility criterias :

- legal status allowing grants funding
- Providing accounting on funding received
- Demonstrated experience in projects management in the island
- Demonstrated implemented activities
- Proved skills / experience in the thematic
- The project AND the project manager has to be validated by the insular committee
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ISLANDS FUND

Activities to be funded:

• Concrete ground actions, with measurable, sustainable effects. They have to contribute to reach the strategic plan objectives.

• Improving local natural resources governances, sustainable development, local planning.

• Innovative and reproducible projects with high social and environmental impact.

Detailed reporting:

Every 6 months, complete technical and financial report.

Contribute to SMILLO’s network

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NETWORK

- Good practices
- Celebrate Islands
- Workshops

Les fiches bonnes pratiques

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COMMUNICATION

- Website – facebook
- Islands Journal
- Communication tool kit

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OUTCOMES

On local scale

• *Territories attractiveness*

Enhancement of island image, sustainable economic sectors, recognition of stakeholders engagement

• *Resilience, natural resources and global changes*

Island’s strengths and weaknesses identification, vulnerabilities, implementation of priority actions, ecosystem-based adaptation

• *Management capabilities*

Local dynamics, governance, management, reporting, lobbying, innovative funding, public awareness
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OUTCOMES

On international scale

• *Capitalization of good practices*

Dissemination and exchange of effective experiences

• *International Conventions*

Concrete contribution to ecological transition and sustainable management of resources
Thank you!

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