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# 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Gathering of the Green Living Areas Thematic Community



28-29<sup>th</sup>  
May 2025

Barcelona, Sant  
Pau Recinte  
Modernista



## Background

Since January 2024, 19 thematic projects under the **Green Living Areas (GLA) mission** of the **Interreg Euro-MED programme** have been working towards improving the sustainability of territories and enhancing the quality of life across the Euro-Mediterranean region, with new projects set to join. These projects support local and regional authorities in their green transition, with strategic guidance from two governance projects:

- **Community4Living Areas (C4LA)** focuses on fostering collaboration among thematic projects, creating synergies, and amplifying project results to maximize impact. C4LA also facilitates cross-fertilization with other EU programmes working towards similar goals.
- **Dialogue4Living Areas (D4LA)** enhances policy transfer by promoting dialogue among policymakers and public stakeholders, driving continuous policy improvement and transformation.

Following the **Kick-off event in Torino**, where the foundation of the Green Living Areas Thematic Community was established, we now move forward with the **2nd Gathering of the GLA Thematic Community**, taking place in **Barcelona on May 28-29, 2025**. This closed event will bring together representatives of **thematic projects under the GLA mission, as well as other Interreg missions** to strengthen collaboration and advance the next phase of the mission.

The event will be structured over two days:

- **Day 1** will feature the **GLA Forum, co-creation workshops**, and a **community-building social event**, providing a space for exchange, reflection, and strengthening synergies among projects.
- **Day 2** will focus on practical tools and capacity building, including a session on the **GLA Mission Catalogue of Services, training sessions** to facilitate the transfer phase of thematic projects, and **working group discussions** to share best practices and address common challenges.

This gathering represents a critical step in ensuring that the **Green Living Areas Thematic Community** continues to evolve, enabling a stronger collective approach to achieving greener, more resilient territories. We look forward to welcoming all participants and continuing this shared journey towards sustainability in the Euro-MED region!



# FINAL AGENDA

## DAY 1 – Wednesday 28th May 2025

8.30 – 9.00	<i>Registration (Coffee and refreshments will be offered)</i>
9:00 – 9.30	<p><b>Welcoming remarks by the partners</b></p> <p><b>Opening and moderation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Danilo Ceh</b>, Director Scientific Research Centre Bistra Ptuj, lead partner C4LA</li> </ul> <p><b>Opening remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rym Ayadi</b>, EMEA Founder and Director, Hosting partner</li> <li>• <b>Konstantia Nikopoulou</b>, Head of programmes and network relations, MedCities, Hosting partner</li> <li>• <b>Judith Cazas</b>, Interreg Euro-MED JS, project officer</li> <li>• <b>Cristina Cardenete</b>, UfM, Water Environment &amp; Blue Economy Division</li> </ul> <p> <i>Paul Gil Room (Plenary)</i></p>
9.30 – 10.45	<p><b>Session 1: ETU Forum - Building resilient territories through integrated approaches</b></p> <p><b>Opening case from the Metropolitan Area of Barcelona (AMB)</b> <b>José Luis Haro</b>, Director of Metropolitan Policy Analysis Services</p> <p><b>Roundtable perspectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Urban Public Health: Payam Dadvand</b>, Barcelona Institute for Global Health, ISGlobal</li> <li>• <b>Clusters as innovation systems for green cities: Emma Vendrell</b>, ACCIÓ, Government of Catalonia</li> <li>• <b>Youth engagement in multistakeholder dialogue: Giulia Dimonopoli</b>, Social and Civil Affairs Division, UfM</li> <li>• <b>Fostering Cultures of Sustainability and engaging with citizens: Marta Castillo</b>, Communication Officer, REVOLVE</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by Magali Outters</b>, EMEA, C4LA</p> <p> <i>Paul Gil Room (Plenary)</i></p>
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break (In the garden, weather permitting)</i>



<p>11:15 - 11:45</p>	<p><b>Pitching session of the 5 new projects joining the GLA community (4' / project):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Green B-LEAF</b> Empowering rural communities through green participatory budgeting for local climate action - Lead by Local Action Group Molise, Italy</li> <li>• <b>HEATSAFE</b> Addressing extreme heat through risk management and climate shelter initiatives - Lead by Federación de Municipios de la Región de Murcia, Spain</li> <li>• <b>RE-ACT-Schools</b> Greening schoolyards to fight heat islands, support biodiversity, and promote wellbeing - Lead by Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy</li> <li>• <b>RealUrbanGreen</b> Co-designing climate-resilient green spaces with a participatory, holistic approach - Lead by I Borghi più belli d'Italia, Italy</li> <li>• <b>UrbanGreenLeap</b> Advancing nature-based solutions and green-blue infrastructure in smaller cities - Lead by Municipality of Celje / Mestna Občina Celje, Slovenia</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderated by Alexia Boulanger</b>, EnviPark, C4LA</p> <p> <i>Paul Gil Room (Plenary)</i></p>
<p>11:45 - 13:15</p>	<p><b>Session 2: Co-creation workshops – Speed matching among solutions developed by the thematic projects</b></p> <p>This session will build on the outcomes of the 1st co-creation workshops held in Torino. It will facilitate matchmaking between thematic projects to start identifying joint-solutions.</p> <p> <i>Check your group on your badge and go to the corresponding room</i></p> <p><i>GROUP A – Paul Gil Room (Plenary)</i>   <i>GROUP B – Room 1 – 1st floor next to Pau Gil Room</i>   <i>GROUP C – Room 2 – 1st floor next to Pau Gil Room</i>  <i>GROUP D – Room 1 – Underground floor (-1)</i>  <i>GROUP E – Room 2 - Underground floor (-1)</i></p>
<p>13:15 - 14:30</p>	<p><i>Networking lunch (In the garden, weather permitting)</i></p>
<p>14:30 - 15:00</p>	<p><b>Presentation of the team building activity with La Città Infinita Team</b> <b>Roberta Genova, Juan David Escorcía and Chantal Ménard</b></p> <p> <i>Hypostyle Room – Underground floor</i></p> <p> <i>Check your group n° on your badge and go with the corresponding facilitator</i></p>
<p>15:00 - 17:00</p>	<p><b>Session 3: Team building activity</b></p> <p>This interactive and creative session aims to strengthen connections among members of the GLA community, fostering collaboration and engagement in a creative and informal setting.</p> <p> <i>Hypostyle Room – Underground floor</i></p>



## DAY 2 – Thursday 29th May 2025

8.30 – 9.00	Arrival and morning coffee/refreshment
9:00 – 10.30	<p><b>Session 4: Training modules (3 parallel sessions)</b></p> <p><b>MODULE 1: Betting on transferring: boosting your project's long-term impact</b></p> <p><b>Trainers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Ana Contreras</b>, ACE-RTA</li><li>• <b>Eva Vilà Sánchez</b>, ACE-RTA</li></ul> <p><b>...and with the participation of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Yolanda Nicolau</b>, FVMP, LOGREENER project</li><li>• <b>Francesco Filippi</b>, MUSOL Foundation, LOGREENER project</li></ul> <p> <i>Paul Gil Room (Plenary)</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>MODULE 2: Mind your message: how to effectively communicate sustainability policy</b></p> <p><b>Trainer: Pedro Homem Gouveia</b>, Polis Network, D4LA</p> <p><b>Wrap-up and next steps: Bernard Massabo</b>, Métropole Nice Côte d'Azur, D4LA</p> <p> <i>Room 1 – Underground floor (-1)</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>MODULE 3: Innovative financing: bridging the climate finance gap</b></p> <p><b>Trainers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Morana Plejić</b>, REGEA, C4LA</li><li>• <b>Josip Čengija</b>, REGEA, C4LA</li><li>• <b>Hrvoje Maras</b>, REGEA, C4LA</li></ul> <p> <i>Room 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor next to Pau Gil Room</i></p>
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee break (In the garden, weather permitting)



### Session 5: Thematic Working group sessions

Revision of the ETU matrix, inclusion of the new projects, exchange of good practices and experience on shared challenges for implementation.

 Check your group on your badge and go to the corresponding room

- **TWG1 Green & climate change resilient spatial planning**

Lead by: Milienko Sedlar, REGEA, C4LA / Morana Plejić, REGEA, D4LA

 Paul Gil Room (Plenary)

- **TWG2 Finance for green transition**

Lead by: Magali Outters, EMEA & Hrovje Maraš, REGEA, C4LA / Michela Fossa, IRE Liguria, D4LA

 Room 1 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor next to Pau Gil Room

- **TWG3 Green mobility**

Lead by: Florianne Yvon, MedCities, C4LA / Claudia Ribeiro, POLIS, D4LA

 Room 2 – 1<sup>st</sup> floor next to Pau Gil Room

- **TWG4 Green energy systems**

Lead by: Alexia Boulanger, Environment Park, C4LA / Diana Zanabria, IREC, D4LA

 Room 1 – Underground floor (-1)

- **TWG5 Green community engagement**

Lead by: Danilo Čeh, BISTRA PTUJ, C4LA / Evdokia Balamou, ANATEL, D4LA

 Room 2 - Underground floor (-1)

11:00 - 12:30

### Session 6: The mission Catalogue of services - Next activities

Interventions and interactive session with interventions from C4LA and D4LA Teams on the next activities to support the community:

- **Alexia Boulanger**, ENVIPARK, C4LA
- **Florianne Yvon**, MedCities, C4LA
- **Magali Outters**, EMEA, C4LA
- **Cláudia Ribeiro**, Polis Network, D4LA

#### Closing of the event

- **Danilo Ceh**, Bistra, C4LA lead

12:30 - 13:30

13:30 - 14:30

Farewell lunch (In the garden, weather permitting)

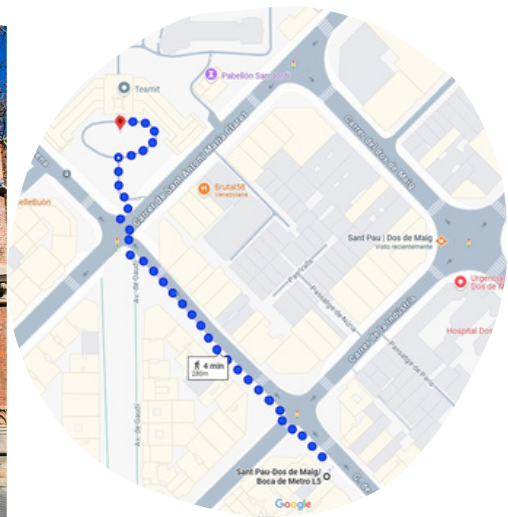


## Event venue

The conference will be held at **Sant Pau Recinte Modernista, located at C/ de Sant Antoni Maria Claret, 167, 08025 Barcelona**. Entering the venue hall, you will find totems referring to the Event and a registration desk where you will receive a badge. Please also make sure to sign the attendance list.

The **Closest Metro station is Sant Pau | Dos de Maig (Line L5 – Blue Line)**.

From the metro station, take the exit toward Carrer de Dos de Maig. The venue is less than a 2 min walk from there.



A catering service will be provided during the two-day event, including coffee breaks and lunch. Dinner will be at your own arrangement.