



SEAGRASS 2000

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Subject: "SEPOSSO" (Supporting Environmental governance for the *POSidonia oceanica* Sustainable transplanting Operations) EU LIFE project - **Endorsement letter.**

Call for Proposal: NAT/GIE 2016

I am writing to confirm that SEAGRASS 2000.....(legal name)

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Will join "SEPOSSO" EU LIFE project proposal as an external stakeholder.

The SEAGRASS 2000, (Association Loi 1901)..(legal name) is a:

- Public body
- Private company
- Marine Protected Area
- Non Governative Organization
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The association "SEAGRASS 2000" is a non-profit organization, which approaches seagrass issues across the Mediterranean Region and creates a communication network across Mediterranean countries. The Association is partner of the "Action plan for the conservation of marine vegetation in the Mediterranean" within the framework of the Regional Activity Centre for specially Protected Areas (Barcelona convention). The association has set a series of priority activities:

1. Promote the protection and conservation of Mediterranean seagrass species;



2. Increase awareness of seagrass issues by establishing public and scientific initiatives, including support for the organization of future Mediterranean Seagrass Workshop and other local meetings;
3. Set up and maintain a web page for literature, data & information exchange;
4. Enhance conservation, monitoring and educational issues linked to Mediterranean seagrass ecosystems.

Even if we are thinking that conservation is the main and most efficient tool to manage *Posidonia oceanica* meadows, we are conscious that in some specific case, reforestation could be useful. For this reason, an independant assessment of case studies concerning the transplantation or reinforcement of *Posidonia* meadows appear necessary and we will support the "SEPOSSO" LIFE project in order to increase awareness and knowledge about the project main topics, enhancing its visibility at Mediterranean scale through promotion and diffusion of activities and results, in order to increase communication and to promote comparison network across different countries on this specific issue, within our scientific activities and our meetings during and after the lifespan of the SEPOSSO project.

Signed by
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President of "Seagrass 2000"