

### Highlights from key events

#### Regional Workshop “Advancing WEFE Nexus Integration in the Mediterranean: Towards a Framework for Action” 19 January, 2026 | Online



Bringing together key Mediterranean institutions and stakeholders, the workshop provided a platform to strengthen governance, policy, and institutional cooperation for Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (WEFE) Nexus implementation across the Source-to-Sea continuum. The event was organized by the EU-funded WES-BCA Project in synergy with GWP-Med, the GEF UNEP/MAP MedProgramme, and the PRIMA WEFE4MED Project, highlighting strong cross-regional collaboration in advancing the WEFE agenda.

Discussions marked a decisive shift from strategy development to concrete action. Antonella Autino, PRIMA Coordinator, in her opening remarks emphasized PRIMA's long-term commitment to translating WEFE principles into practical solutions, underlining WEFE4MED's role in establishing and animating a Mediterranean WEFE Nexus Community of Practice that bridges knowledge, policy, and implementation. At WEFE4MED, we are proud to carry this momentum forward, transforming WEFE thinking into real impact for a more resilient Mediterranean.

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### Spotlight on Demos



#### Nemo's Garden - From the sea to the future

“The sea is everything. It covers seven-tenths of the terrestrial globe. Its breath is pure and healthy. It is an immense desert, where man is never lonely, for he feels life stirring on all sides.” — Jules Verne

The same feeling is what the agronauts of Nemo's Garden experience as they cultivate life hydroponically within its underwater biospheres.

Nemo's Garden is the world's first underwater cultivation system for terrestrial plants – an innovative approach that reimagine the future of sustainable agriculture

born in 2013 on the Ligurian coast. It offers a nature-inspired and resilient agricultural solution that minimize water consumption and eliminates the need for pesticides, while also contributing to the blue economy, fostering eco-tourism, engaging local communities, and creating new employment opportunities in sustainable agriculture, advanced technology, scientific research, and recreational diving.

Nemo's Garden aims to become a Mediterranean lighthouse of innovation and climate adaptation, offering a scalable response to arable-land scarcity, population growth, and the urgent need for climate-resilient food systems—while maintaining its sustainability and stewardship approach towards ocean protection.

**City** Noli  
**Country** Italy  
**Start year** 2013

**Focal Point**



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Private funding for the project was provided by its creator and affiliated companies Ocean Reef Group and Mestel Safety. No end date is currently envisioned.

**Nexus Dimensions**



**SDGs**



**Scores**

Environmental: ●●●●●  
Social: ●●●●○  
Technological: ●●●●●  
Financial: ●●●○○  
Institutional: ●●○○○

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### Upcoming events and opportunities

For full access on the events and opportunities, please check the knowledge Hub link: [www.wefe4med.eu/wefe/events](http://www.wefe4med.eu/wefe/events)

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## WEFE Nexus in the Mediterranean

### Source to Sea Continuum

From Strategy to Action  
Nicosia, Cyprus

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### Learn about WEFE4MED and Join the NCoP

The PRIMA-supported WEFE4MED project (2026-2022) aims to foster the adoption of a WEFE (Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems) Nexus approach to confront the climatic and environmental challenges facing societies and agro-ecological systems, through a Nexus Community of Practice (NCoP).

Committed to co-creating an inclusive, diverse and participatory platform for collaborative work, the Med NCoP connects scientists, policymakers, practitioners, entrepreneurs and innovators to exchange knowledge and drive innovation in WEFE solutions, with emphasis on tangibles for the benefit of all people and countries across the Mediterranean.

Its Knowledge Hub provides a space for sharing demonstration cases, events, resources and opportunities to strengthen Nexus collaboration.

