

Organized events

Over the course of its duration, the SALAM-MED consortium organized a comprehensive series of events designed to facilitate internal coordination, engage local communities through the Living Lab (LL) approach, and provide high-level technical training. These initiatives were essential for the co-creation of Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) and ensured that the innovations were grounded in the socio-ecological realities of the target Mediterranean areas.

1. **SALAM-MED Kick-off Meeting (Sassari, Italy – 11-13 April 2022):** The inaugural assembly to establish the project governance and operational strategy across all 15 partner organizations.
2. **1st Co-design Workshop – Tunisia Living Lab (Médenine, Tunisia – 14-16 June 2022):** Organized by IRA Médenine to engage local farmers in the identification of water management needs and the potential for Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) systems.
3. **Silvopastoral Systems Multi-stakeholder Workshop (Essaouira, Morocco – 25-27 October 2022):** Hosted by UCA and INRA to discuss the resilience of Argan-based agro-ecosystems with local cooperatives and decision-makers.
4. **Jordan Living Lab Launch & Stakeholder Consultation (Amman/Azraq, Jordan – 15-17 March 2023):** Technical meeting and field visit to define the implementation of water-harvesting solutions in hyper-arid contexts.
5. **SALAM-MED General Assembly & Spanish LL Field Visits (Alicante/Valencia, Spain – 22-25 May 2023):** A mid-term coordination meeting that included technical inspections of pilot sites focused on forest fire prevention and soil restoration.
6. **Capacity Building Workshop on Remote Sensing & GIS (Online – 20-21 September 2023):** A specialized training session organized by CNR to equip partners with advanced tools for monitoring land degradation.
7. **SALAM-MED General Assembly (Marsa Matruh, Egypt – 22-24 April 2024):** A crucial technical gathering hosted by DRC to evaluate mid-term results and engage with the Matruh local community and Bedouin stakeholders.
8. **"Our Water, Our Legacy: Current Solutions for Future Generations" (Hybrid/Sassari, Italy – 18 June 2024):** An international event celebrating World Desertification Day, featuring a public dialogue on sustainable water management.
9. **Living Lab Workshop Series "Semenare - Pratiche di Resilienza" (Sardinia, Italy – October 2024):** A series of local field days in the Làceni Living Lab focused on the practical introduction of self-reseeding legumes.
10. **SALAM-MED General Assembly & Roundtable (Sassari, Italy – 20-23 May 2025):** The final annual meeting featuring the high-level roundtable "From Projects to Partnerships" with international Mediterranean organizations.
11. **Technical Training Course on Sustainable Dryland Management (Marsa Matruh, Egypt – 28-29 October 2025):** Intensive capacity-building program for young researchers and local agricultural technicians.
12. **Workshop "Trees or Pastures?" (Berchidda, Italy – 3 November 2025):** A final field workshop at the Làceni LL focused on integrated management for silvopastoral resilience.
13. **Final International Conference "Rethinking the Futures of Mediterranean Land and Water" (Athens, Greece – 11 November 2025):** The project's flagship closing event at the Academy of Athens, concluding with the adoption of a Joint Declaration for future cooperation.

Participation to external event (Workshops, webinars, and dedicated dissemination events)

To maximize the impact and visibility of the project results, SALAM-MED partners actively participated in numerous high-level international conferences, scientific workshops, and policy forums. This external outreach allowed the consortium to share knowledge with the wider scientific community and contribute to the global dialogue on climate resilience.

1. **AUSF Nuoro Seminar (Nuoro, Italy – April 2022):** Introduction of the project to forestry students at the University of Sassari.
2. **EURAF 2022: 6th European Agroforestry Conference (Nuoro, Italy – 16-20 May 2022):** Presentation on sustainable development in Mediterranean silvopastoral systems.
3. **UNFCCC COP 27 (Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt – 6-18 November 2022):** Participation in side events focused on Mediterranean climate adaptation.
4. **ENI CBC MED – PRIMA Joint Webinar (Online – 22 March 2023):** Showcase of SALAM-MED's water solutions during World Water Day.
5. **EJP SOIL Webinar (Online – 18 April 2023):** Contribution to the European dialogue on integrated soil management.
6. **Conference: "La certificazione dei servizi ecosistemici" (Buddusò, Italy – 19 April 2023):** Participation in the seminar on forest ecosystem services.
7. **Living Lab Workshop (Padova, Italy – 1 February 2024):** Sharing the SALAM-MED methodology at the Agritech Spoke workshop in Scuola della Carità.
8. **Newlife4drylands Final Conference (Rome, Italy – 14-16 May 2024):** Collaborative session at the Rome Botanic Garden on land restoration practices.
9. **International Congress on Multidisciplinary Approaches in Agricultural Sciences (Bayburt, Türkiye – 15-17 May 2024):** Presentation of research findings on innovative agricultural practices.
10. **Sassari Desertification Day (Online – 18 June 2024):** Presentation of the "Our Water, Our Legacy" session.
11. **International Conference: Socio-Ecological Systems and Agro-pastoral Resources (Rome, Italy – 3-4 October 2024):** Scientific contribution regarding rural area challenges.
12. **Sustain MED 2024 Stakeholder Workshop (Istanbul, Türkiye – 8 October 2024):** Presentation of project activities at Boğaziçi University.
13. **UNCCD COP 16 (Riyadh, Saudi Arabia – 2-13 December 2024):** High-level networking at the FAO Pavilion to discuss upscaling project results.
14. **Third Arab Land Conference (Rabat, Morocco – 18-20 February 2025):** Engagement on land governance and sustainable management.
15. **IF-ALL 2025: International Forum on Agroecosystem Living Labs (Bordeaux, France – 15-17 October 2025):** Sharing lessons learned from the project's Living Lab approach.