

PortAbility



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PROJECT OVERVIEW



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STRATEGIES FOR VET TO SUPPORT PORT CITY
ECONOMIES TOWARDS A JUST TRANSITION

Project Number: 101194158

CALL

ERASMUS-EDU-2024-PEX-COVE
Erasmus Lump Sum

DURATION

DURATION

MONTHS

48

START DATE

MARCH

1

2025

END DATE

FEBRUARY

28

2029

REQUESTED EU CONTRIBUTION

€ 3,967,870.00



PROJECT SUMMARY



Driving a 'Just Transition' in Mediterranean Port City Regions

PortAbility aims to support the objectives of the CoVE call by positioning Vocational Education and Training (VET) as a key driver for the economic diversification and reconversion of Port City Regions, enabling a 'Just Transition' towards a climate-neutral, digital, and inclusive economy.

The project focuses on four Mediterranean Port City Regions: **Taranto** (Italy), **Andalusia** (Spain, focusing on **Seville** and **Málaga**), **Volos** (Greece), and **Cyprus'** multiple port islands. These regions are complemented by a German cluster from the Hamburg area, sharing expertise from a nearly complete "port transition" to inspire and inform the PortAbility network.



MAIN OBJECTIVES



PortAbility develops a system to:

1. Equip VET providers and employees in transforming port areas with modern skills and knowledge to meet emerging challenges.
2. Strengthen VET capacities to respond effectively to economic and labor market changes, establishing VET as a key part of the innovation ecosystem.
3. Foster continuous dialogue at the national level among CoVE stakeholders on policies and measures promoting social innovation and inclusion during port transformation processes.

This initiative positions VET as a catalyst for sustainable innovation and regional growth in port cities across the Mediterranean.

PARTNERSHIP



ITALY

- 1 CIOFS - FP ETS - Coordinator
- 2 Camera del Lavoro Territoriale di Taranto
- 3 Consorzio Sale della Terra
- 4 Port System Authority of the Ionian Sea
- 5 CNOS- FAP
- 6 Università degli Studi di Bari Aldo Moro
- 7 Cantieri del Sud



SPAIN

- 8 RINOVA Malaga
- 9 INCOMA
- 10 Camara Oficial de Comercio Sevilla
- 11 Autoridad Portuaria de Sevilla
- 12 CDEFP/ IES Politécnico



GREECE

- 13 DIMITRA
- 14 University Of Thessaly UTH
- 15 Regional Government of Thessaly
- 16 Volos Port Authority
- 17 Chamber of Commerce of Magnesia
- 18 IDEC



CYPRUS

- 19 M.M.C Management Center Limited
- 20 Cyprus Chamber Ofcommerce
- 21 Frederick University FU
- 22 Cyprus Ports Authority



GERMANY

- 23 GSUB
- 24 Hidden Strategy



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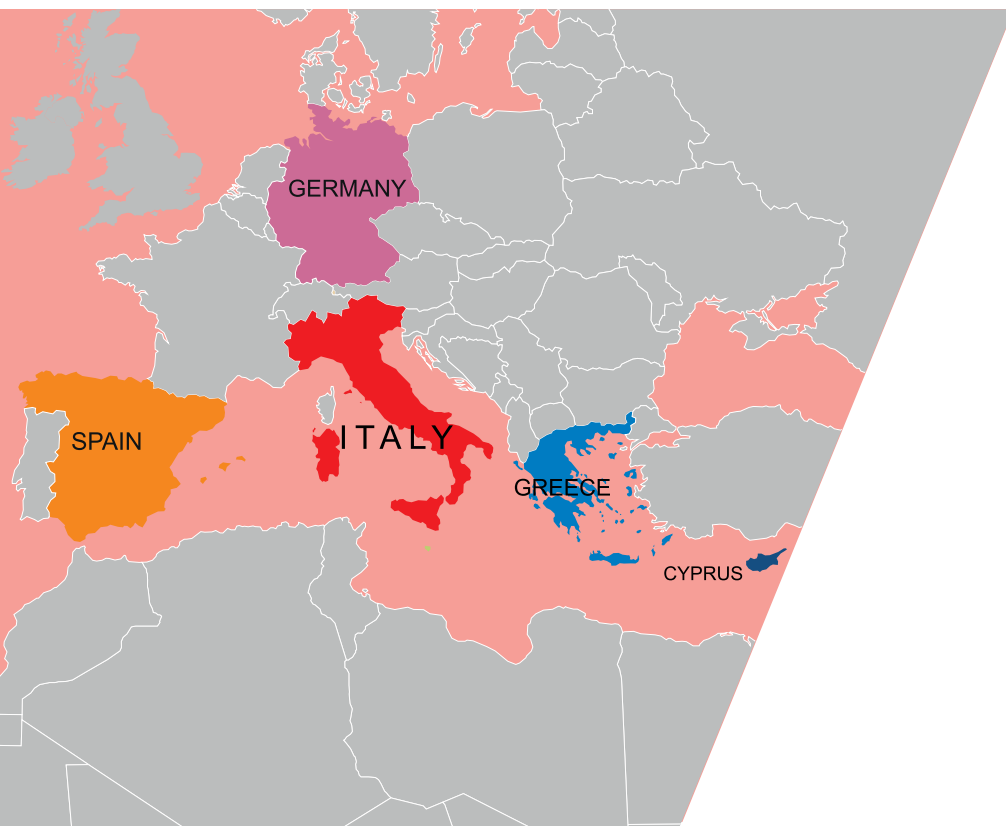
- 25 Berufliche Hochschule Hamburg - DE
- 26 Hamburg Port Authority - DE
- 27 Empresa Municipal de Iniciativas y Actividades Malaga - ES



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COVE LOCATION MAP



ITALY

Puglia - Taranto

SPAIN

Andalusia
Seville and Málaga

GREECE

Tessaly - Volos

CYPRUS

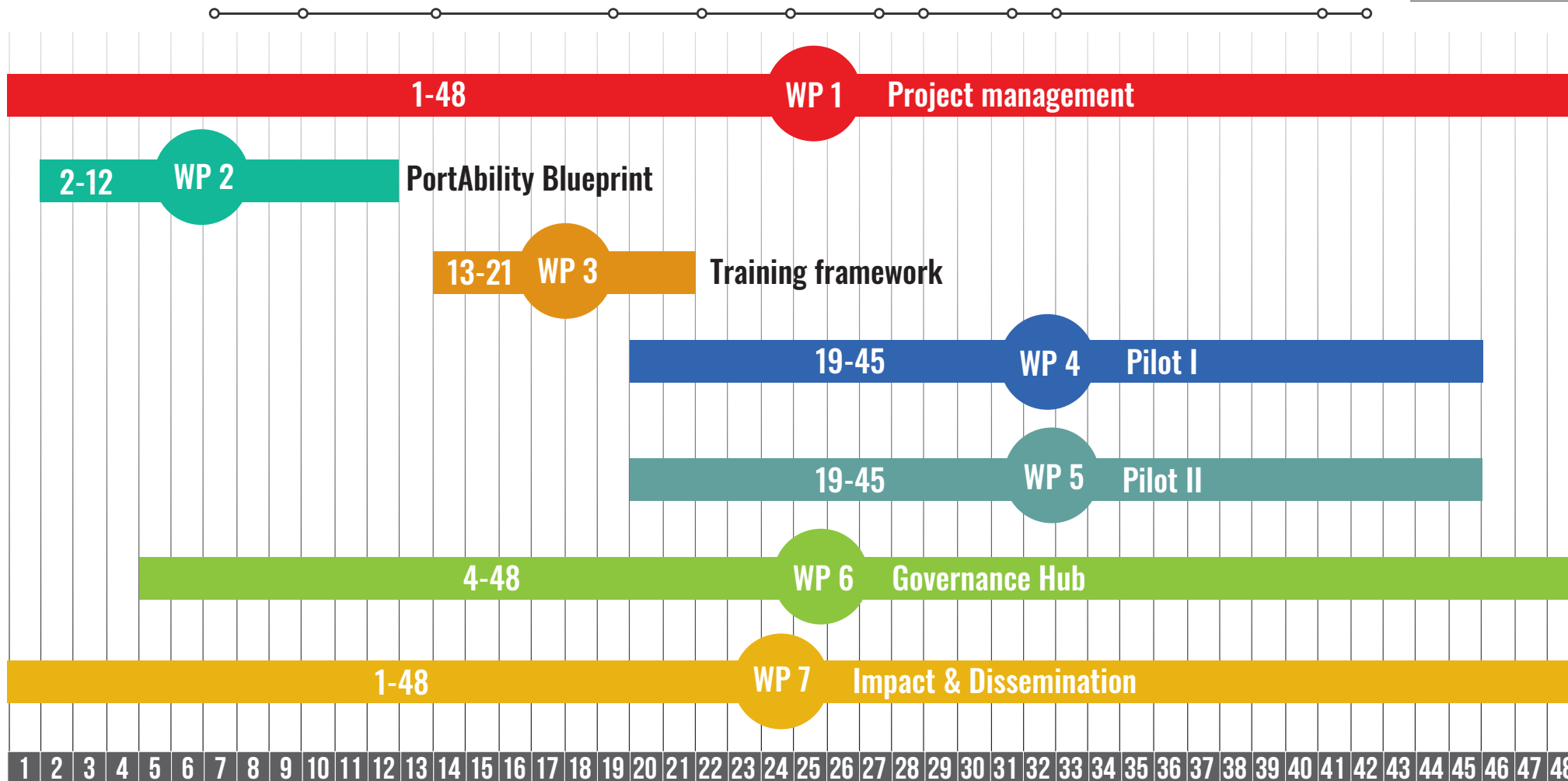
Multiple ports

GERMANY

Hamburg (best practice)



WORK PACKAGES AND TIMELINE



WP 1 Project management, quality and evaluation and coordination activities - **CIOFS-FP ETS**

WP 2 PortAbility Blueprint: Systematic and Comparative Analysis, Critical PortAbility VET Factors Study, Skills foresight, Methodological concept for educational framework - **RINOVA**

WP 3 PortAbility Training framework: pathways, microcredential system and learning infrastructure - **MMC**

WP 4 Pilot I PortAbility Empowerment & Capacity Building - **CIOFS-FP ETS**

WP 5 Pilot II - PortAbility Upskilling/ Reskilling pathways - **DIMITRA**

WP 6 PortAbility Innovation and Governance Hub - **GSUB**

WP 7 Impact & Dissemination - **IDEC**

KEY DELIVERABLES



By the end of the project, we will develop practical tools, action plans, and training frameworks to:

- Empower VET providers to adapt to rapid technological and economic changes.
- Create inclusive pathways for upskilling and reskilling workers in port regions.
- Establish robust governance models connecting stakeholders across sectors.

D2.1 PortAbility Blueprint

D3.1 PortAbility Training guidelines

D3.2 PortAbility Learning Environment

D4.1 Empowerment & Capacity building - Final Local protocol agreement and report

D5.1 Upskilling/Reskilling Pathways – Final Local protocol agreement and report

D6.1 Paper on Strategic contributions to Skills and Governance in Mediterranean Port transitions

D6.2 Peer reviewed curricula, methods, strategies for keeping VET relevant to transitions and regeneration in Port Areas

D6.3 Action Plans: PortAbility for inclusion and PortAbility for Just transitions

D7.1 Communication, Dissemination, Sustainability and Exploitation Strategy

The PortAbility project aims to leave a legacy of innovation, sustainability, and social inclusion in Mediterranean port cities, setting a benchmark for other regions undergoing similar transitions.