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## ***Kick-off meeting of MUSE Project*** ***Port-Museum of Tricase (Lecce) - 18 and 19 May 2018, h. 9.30***

Strengthening the model of *Port-Museum of Tricase* by transferring it to the Greek communities of Missolonghi and Corfu is the aim of MUSE Project -Development and enhancement of port museums as natural and cultural heritage sites. The project kick-off meeting will take place on 18 and 19 May 2018 at the seat of Tricase Port-Museum, starting at 9.30.

Lead Partner of the project is the Municipality of Tricase; the project partners are CIHEAM BARI, the Municipality of Messolonghi, the Port Authority of Corfu and the European Regional Framework for Cooperation (ERFC-Greece).

The Port-Museum is a dynamic place of research, collection, exchange and deepening of knowledge linked to the traditions of the sea and of coastal communities.

It is a model of development of coastal territories that, through the involvement of the community, enhances the cultural heritage -tangible and intangible-, develops the territory, supports local economies, promotes responsible tourism contributing to the sustainability of the coastal marine ecosystem.

The project will try to develop actions in some areas at high risk of depopulation and abandonment, by creating a network between Ports Museum and by strengthening facilities and services for cultural, natural and scientific tourism.

MUSE is one of 41 projects funded under the first call of the Interreg V-A Greece-Italy Programme 2014-2020. It is a bilateral cross-border cooperation programme, co-financed by the European Union through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and by the two member states (Italy and Greece) with a national share. The Programme aims to define a cross-border growth strategy between Puglia and Greece for the development of a dynamic economy based on smart, sustainable and inclusive systems in order to improve the quality of life of the citizens of these regions.

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