

Experiences of EU Research and Innovation Funds From Sicily (Southern Italy)

pitfalls and exciting challenges



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1 Headquarters and 5 Detached Units

**Capo Granitola:
The International
marine station of the
Central Med**



Three best practices of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2007-2013 in Capo Granitola



New routes: Blue Economy



Creation of a Regional Observatory of Biodiversity



Creation of an international center for archeological studies in the marine environment

A total of 16 M€ in 3 years

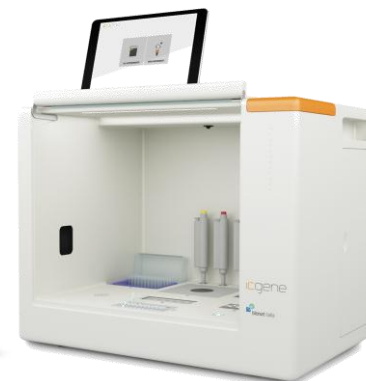
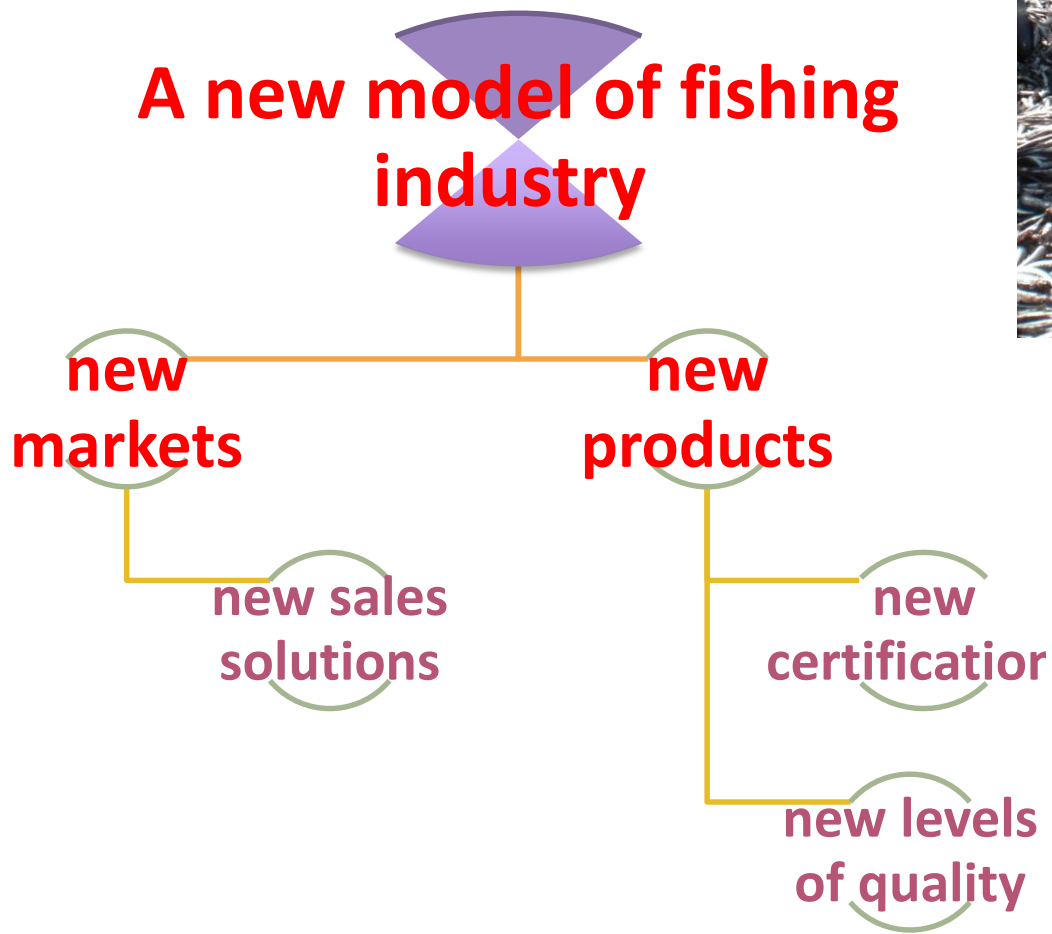
NEW ROUTES: BLUE ECONOMY

Development Plans for a modern and sustainable Fishery Industry in the Mediterranean sea

ERDF 2007-2013

Measures 5.1.1.1 and 5.1.1.2

...A NEW POINT OF VIEW



SICILIAN REGION



MEASURE 5.1.1.1

CENTER FOR CERTIFICATION AND TESTING

Lab 1

Lab 2

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Lab 10

Co.S.VA.P

**BACK-OFFICE
FRONT-OFFICE**

Exhibition

General
Management

Training

Managesment
computer services

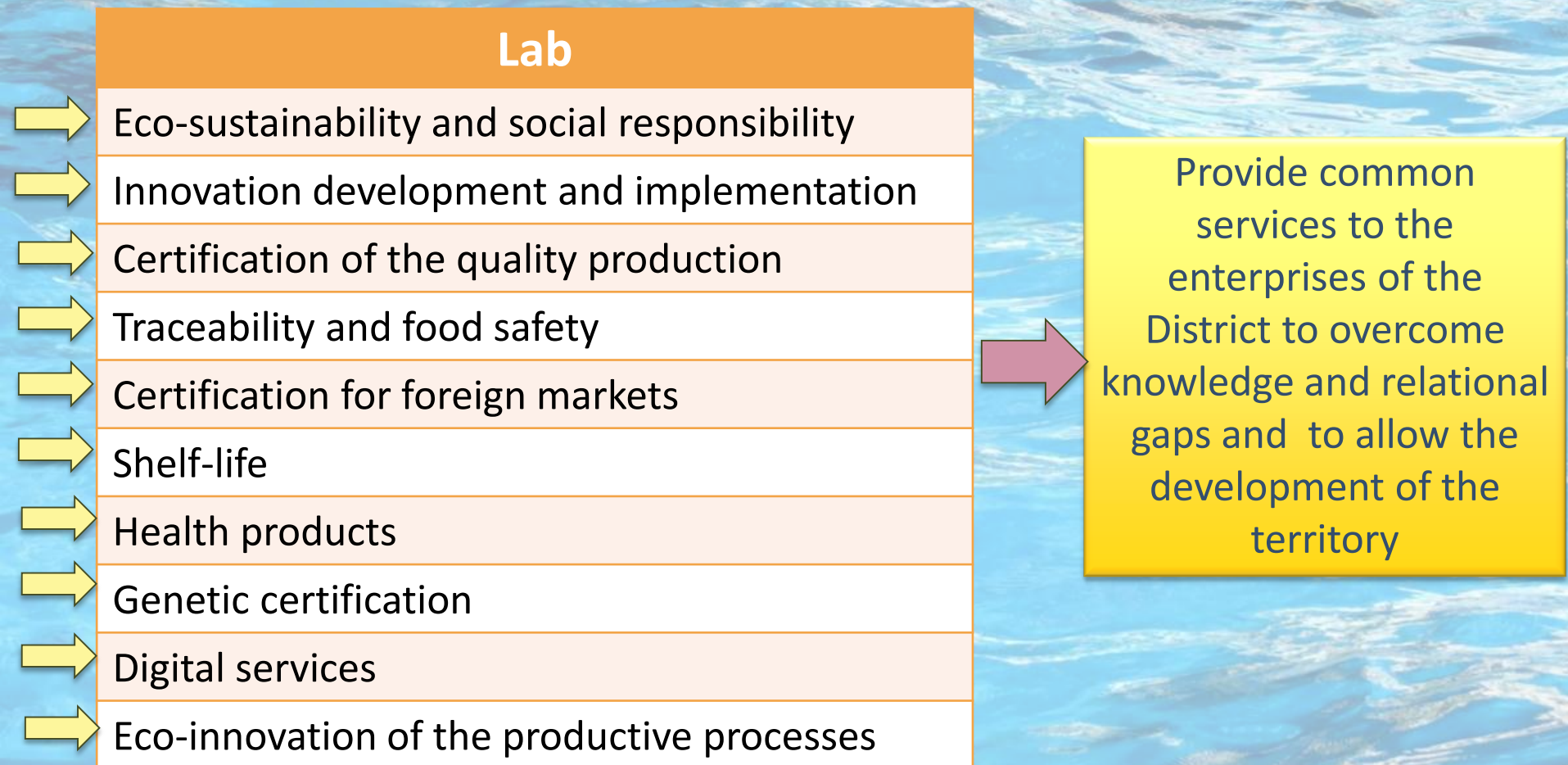
**COMPETENCE
CENTER**

DISTRICT'S ENTERPRISES

4 RESEARCH PROJECTS

MEASURE 5.1.1.2

The 10 labs of the Center for Certification and Testing



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Measure 3.2.1.2

3 sub-projects

Monitoring

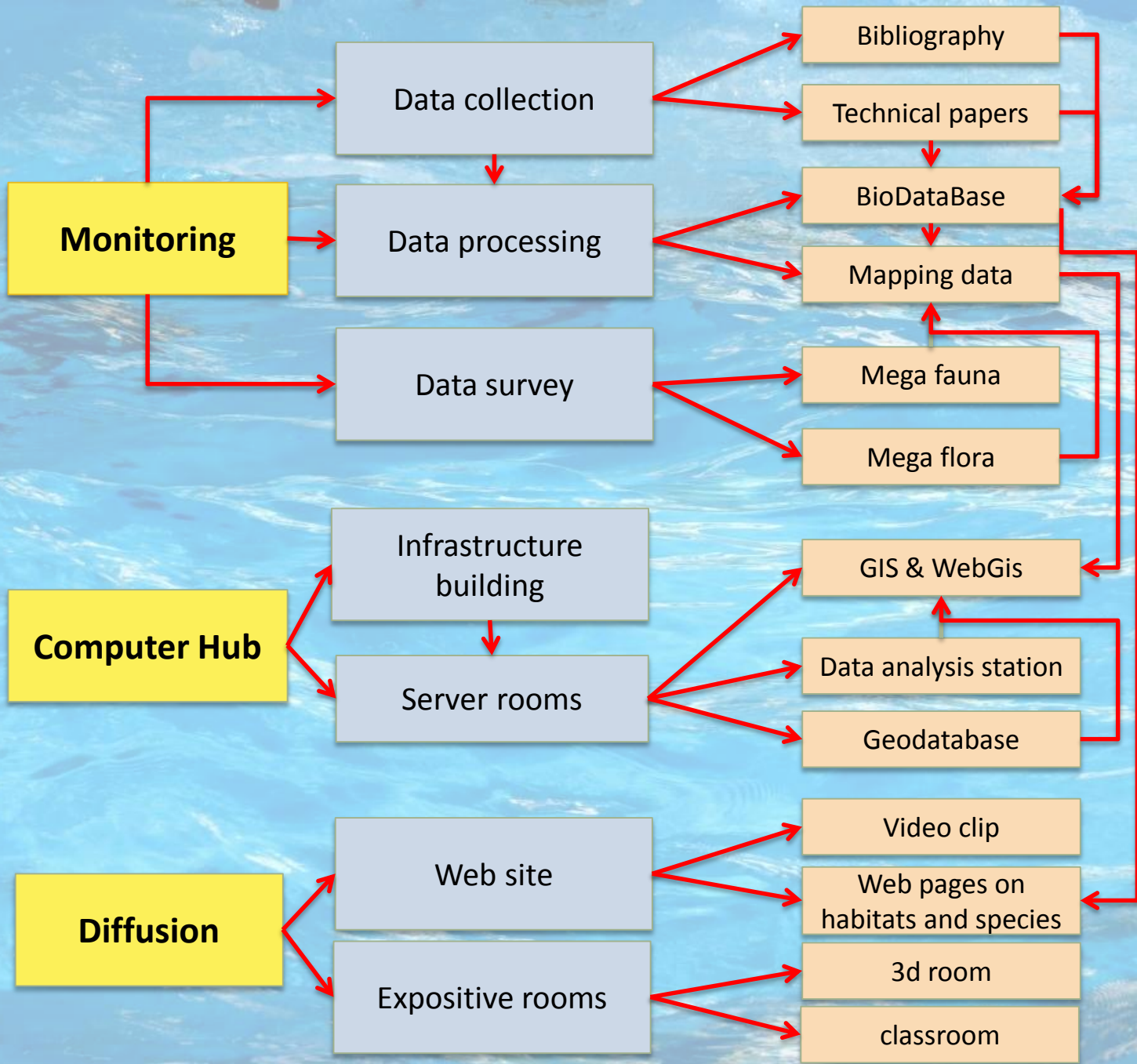
- monitoring the biodiversity in MPA's and Sites of community importance (92/43/CEE) in order to create a database able to contain information on vulnerable habitat and species

Computer hub

- implementation of a hub infrastructure able to contain the data collected during sampling activities to be put at disposal of citizens, stakeholders and scientists by an internet address linked to a webgis system

Diffusion

- diffusion of results targeting the schools and others stakeholders



ORBS Framework Plan

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ERDF 2007-2013

Measure 5.1.1.1



Great chances!

- ❑ A total of 60 new technicians/technologists/researchers in soft money for 36 months
- ❑ Improved potential for companies in different sectors of research and innovation markets
- ❑ New experiences immediately available for SME and larger companies
- ❑ Generation of regional networks of excellence for future challenges
- ❑ Creation of best practices for larger systems

Pitfalls and challenges...

- ❑ Giant delay in funding...
- ❑ Generally speaking...inappropriate bureaucratic approach by the central administrations in terms of cost reporting and audits
- ❑ Need for more frequent controls by EU
- ❑ Best control processes for concrete vs. formal results
- ❑ To improve intermediate control/audit systems
- ❑ Inappropriate dissemination of concrete and tangible results



Thank you!