

#EUROMED2050

MANIFESTO

PROGRAMMATIC MANIFESTO FOR A CARBON-NEUTRAL EURO-MEDITERRANEAN BY 2050

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Preamble

We, the undersigned partners of the Euro-Mediterranean civil society, local authorities, research institutions, and private-sector actors, united under the shared vision of EUROMEDBIKEFEST and its pilot initiative BIKE FAMILY BRIDGES/ITAFRIBIKE,

- Recalling the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the commitment to achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and to promote and encourage respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion
- Recalling the Barcelona Declaration and the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, which established a common zone of peace, security and prosperity across the Mediterranean
- Recalling the Paris Agreement and the Athens Declaration, which affirmed the goal of climate neutrality by 2050 and a reduction of net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030
- Recalling the African Union's Agenda 2063, which aspires to achieve environmentally sustainable and climate-resilient economies and communities across Africa
- Recognising the urgent need for a just transition towards a carbon-neutral Euro-Mediterranean region by 2050, requiring an estimated investment of €6.8 trillion in energy transition and cross-border cooperation
- Recognising the critical role of digital transformation in achieving climate goals, and the necessity of a robust, rights-based, and interoperable regulatory framework;

Committed to the principles of fairness, respect, care, and honesty that underpin equitable international partnerships

Hereby adopt this Programmatic Manifesto as the common ethical, legal, and operational foundation for all partners engaged in the #EUROMED2050 initiative.

Article 1 Vision and Mission

1.1 Our vision is a Euro-Mediterranean region that achieves carbon neutrality by 2050, where sustainable mobility, intercultural dialogue, and digital innovation serve as bridges between peoples, cultures, and continents.

1.2 Our mission is to design, implement, and scale regenerative mobility solutions including cycling, e-mobility, and shared transport infrastructure that are socially inclusive, environmentally restorative, and economically viable.

1.3 We affirm that the bicycle is not the destination. The bicycle is the bridge. It connects communities, cultures, and continents through shared experiences of discovery, dialogue, and cultural exchange.

Article 2 Guiding Principles

2.1 Principle of Effective International Cooperation. All cooperation under this Manifesto shall be based on sovereign equality, mutual respect, and the self-determination of peoples, in accordance with the United Nations Charter and the principles of effective multilateralism

2.2 Principle of Ethical Partnership. All partners shall adhere to a code of ethics grounded in fairness, respect, care, and honesty, ensuring that partnerships are equitable, transparent, and free from exploitation or ethics dumping

2.3 Principle of Human Rights and Dignity. All activities shall respect and promote fundamental rights and freedoms, including privacy, data protection, freedom of expression, and the right to a fair hearing, as guaranteed by international conventions including the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

2.4 Principle of Environmental Integrity. All actions shall contribute to climate mitigation, biodiversity protection, and the reduction of carbon emissions, aligning with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals

2.5 Principle of Digital Sovereignty and Interoperability. All digital systems and services shall respect data sovereignty, interoperability, and security, ensuring that technology serves people and communities rather than the reverse.

Article 3 Privacy by Design and Data Protection

3.1 All partners shall implement privacy by design and by default in accordance with Article 25 of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

3.2 Privacy by Design requires that technical and organisational measures—such as pseudonymisation and encryption—be integrated into processing activities and the development of products or services from the earliest stages

3.3 Privacy by Default requires that, by default, only personal data necessary for each specific purpose be processed, with the highest privacy protection settings applied, limited accessibility, and short storage periods

3.4 All partners shall comply with the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection (Malabo Convention), which establishes binding regional standards for data protection, electronic transactions, and cybersecurity across Africa

3.5 Partners shall ensure informed consent for all data collection, particularly for children and vulnerable persons, and shall implement data minimisation, purpose limitation, and storage limitation as core operational principles.

Article 4 — Cybersecurity and Digital Resilience (NIS2)

4.1 All partners shall implement cybersecurity risk-management measures in accordance with Directive (EU) 2022/2555 (NIS2), which establishes a common cybersecurity regulatory framework across the European Union

4.2 Partners operating in critical and high-criticality sectors—including energy, transport, digital infrastructure, public administration, and research organisations shall comply with NIS2 requirements, including incident reporting, supply chain security, and business continuity management

4.3 Partners shall adopt a risk-based approach to cybersecurity, implementing appropriate and proportionate measures depending on the risks faced, and shall report significant incidents within 24 hours of awareness

4.4 Partners shall establish security policies, risk management policies, incident handling procedures, and crisis management protocols as part of their operational framework

Article 5 — Electronic Identification and Trust Services (eIDAS)

5.1 All partners shall utilise electronic identification and trust services in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 910/2014 (eIDAS), ensuring legal certainty for cross-border electronic transactions, e-signatures, e-seals, and time-stamps

5.2 Partners shall recognise the legal effect of electronic documents and shall not deny their validity solely because they are in electronic form

5.3 Partners shall support the adoption of the European Digital Identity Wallet and qualified trust services, including electronic archiving services and electronic ledgers, to enhance interoperability and trust across the Euro-Mediterranean region

5.4 All electronic signatures, seals, and authentication mechanisms shall comply with qualified trust service provider standards, ensuring cross-border recognition and legal admissibility.

Article 6 — Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA)

6.1 All partners engaged in crypto-asset issuance, trading, or related services shall comply with Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 (MiCA), which establishes a harmonised framework for crypto-assets across the European Union

6.2 Partners shall ensure investor protection, financial stability, and market integrity in all crypto-asset activities, including compliance with anti-money laundering (AML) obligations extended to all crypto-asset service providers

6.3 Partners shall not engage in the provision or custody of anonymous crypto-asset accounts, which will be banned in the EU from July 2027

6.4 Partners shall support transparency, consumer protection, and systemic risk mitigation in crypto-asset and decentralised finance markets, and shall comply with all applicable tax transparency and reporting obligations

6.5 Where partners utilize blockchain-based carbon credits or green finance instruments, they shall ensure compliance with MiCA and shall promote environmental integrity and additionality in all carbon markets.

Article 7 — Artificial Intelligence and Responsible Innovation (AI Act)

7.1 All partners shall comply with the EU Artificial Intelligence Act, which entered into force on 2 August 2024, and which adopts a risk-based approach to AI regulation

7.2 Partners shall not deploy AI systems that fall under the unacceptable risk category, including:

- subliminal techniques causing significant harm;
- exploitation of vulnerabilities due to age, disability, or social or economic situation;
- social scoring leading to disproportionate detrimental treatment;
- profiling individuals for prediction of criminal activity;
- untargeted scraping of facial images;
- emotion recognition in work or education;
- biometric categorisation of race, religion, or sexual orientation;
- real-time remote biometric identification for law enforcement purposes

7.3 Partners deploying high-risk AI systems—including those used in critical infrastructure, education, employment, and essential services shall comply with high-risk requirements, including conformity assessment, risk management, human oversight, transparency, and accuracy

7.4 Partners shall comply with specific transparency obligations for AI applications such as chatbots and deepfakes, ensuring that users are informed when interacting with AI systems

7.5 Partners shall promote human-centric, trustworthy AI that respects fundamental rights, and shall ensure that AI systems used in project activities are transparent, accountable, and aligned with the ethical principles of this Manifesto.

Article 8 — Robotics and Autonomous Systems (Robotic AI Act)

8.1 All partners shall comply with the EU AI Act and the Machinery Regulation (EU) 2023/1230 for the deployment of AI-enabled robotic systems, ensuring that the convergence of AI and robotics is governed by accountable, human-centric, and democratically aligned principles

8.2 Partners deploying high-risk autonomous systems—including autonomous vehicles, delivery robots, and robotic assistants—shall ensure compliance with dynamic and continuous regulation of autonomy, including real-time, auditable telemetry and certified Digital Twins for safety validation

8.3 Partners shall implement Ethos-by-Design mandates that integrate high-velocity innovation with robust ethical safety nets, including non-overrideable Pause/Lock mechanisms to guarantee human sovereignty over autonomous systems

8.4 Partners shall distinguish between technical failure (Machinery Regulation), algorithmic fault (AI Act), and unforeseen autonomous action, and shall implement appropriate liability models and insurance mechanisms for advanced robotic entities

8.5 All robotic and autonomous systems used in EUROMED2050 activities shall respect privacy by design, data protection, and the ethical principles of this Manifesto.

Article 9 — African Privacy Laws and Regional Frameworks

9.1 All partners operating in African jurisdictions shall comply with national data protection laws and the African Union Convention on Cyber Security and Personal Data Protection (Malabo Convention), which entered into force on 8 June 2023 and constitutes the first binding regional treaty on data protection outside Europe

9.2 Partners shall respect the rights of data subjects as established by the Malabo Convention, including:

- Right to information (Article 16);
- Right of access (Article 17);
- Right to object (Article 18);
- Right to rectification or erasure (Article 19)

9.3 Partners shall establish National Personal Data Protection Authorities and shall implement basic principles governing the processing of personal data, including lawfulness, fairness, purpose limitation, and data minimisation

9.4 Partners shall ensure that cybersecurity measures do not infringe on the rights of citizens guaranteed under national constitutions, internal laws, and international conventions, particularly the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights, including freedom of expression, the right to privacy, and the right to a fair hearing

9.5 Partners shall promote harmonisation of data protection regulations across the Euro-Mediterranean region, facilitating secure and lawful cross-border data flows for research, innovation, and cooperation.

Article 10 International Cooperation and Effective Partnerships

10.1 All cooperation under this Manifesto shall be based on the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter, including sovereign equality, peaceful settlement of disputes, and international cooperation in solving problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character

10.2 Partners shall adhere to the principles of effective multilateralism, ensuring that cooperation is collectively developed, rules-based, and oriented towards sustainable and effective outcomes

10.3 Partners shall promote equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and shall strengthen universal peace through friendly relations among nations

10.4 Partners shall ensure that all cooperation activities are transparent, accountable, and inclusive, with meaningful participation of local communities, civil society, and marginalised groups.

10.5 Partners shall respect national sovereignty and domestic jurisdiction, and shall not intervene in matters essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state

Article 11 Code of Ethics for Peoples and Communities

11.1 All partners shall adhere to a code of ethics grounded in fairness, respect, care, and honesty, ensuring that partnerships are equitable, reciprocal, and free from exploitation

11.2 Partners shall prioritise humanitarian need, non-discrimination, and the protection of vulnerable persons, including children, refugees, and persons with disabilities

11.3 Partners shall not promote political or religious views and shall not act as an extension of any government's foreign policy

11.4 Partners shall ensure fairness in resource allocation, respect for local knowledge and practices, and care for the environmental and social impacts of their activities

11.5 Partners shall implement accountability mechanisms, including independent monitoring, grievance redressal, and transparent reporting, to ensure compliance with this Manifesto

Article 12 Carbon Neutrality and Regenerative Mobility

12.1 Partners commit to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050 across all operations, aligning with the EU Climate Law, the Paris Agreement, and the African Union's Agenda 2063

12.2 Partners shall prioritise regenerative mobility solutions—including cycling, e-mobility, shared transport, and zero-emission logistics—that restore ecosystems, reduce emissions, and enhance community well-being

12.3 Partners shall support the development of the Mediterranean Family Bike Route and other permanent cycling infrastructure that connects communities across the Euro-Mediterranean region

12.4 Partners shall promote carbon credits and green finance mechanisms that are transparent, verifiable, and aligned with environmental integrity principles, and shall ensure compliance with MiCA and blockchain-based carbon credit standards

12.5 Partners shall measure, report, and verify carbon emissions and reductions in accordance with international standards, and shall publish annual sustainability reports

Article 13 Digital Innovation and Interoperability

13.1 Partners shall leverage AI, blockchain, and digital platforms to optimise event management, enhance participant engagement, and measure environmental impact

13.2 Partners shall ensure that digital systems are interoperable, secure, and compliant with NIS2, eIDAS, MiCA, and the AI Act.

13.3 Partners shall promote open data and open standards to facilitate knowledge sharing, innovation, and scalability across the Euro-Mediterranean region

13.4 Partners shall ensure that digital tools and platforms respect privacy by design, data protection, and the ethical principles of this Manifesto

Article 14 Monitoring, Evaluation, and Accountability

14.1 Partners shall establish a joint monitoring and evaluation framework to track progress against the commitments of this Manifesto.

14.2 Partners shall conduct annual reviews of compliance with privacy by design, NIS2, eIDAS, MiCA, the AI Act, the Robotic AI Act, and African privacy laws

14.3 Partners shall publish annual reports on carbon emissions, sustainability performance, and ethical compliance

14.4 Partners shall establish a grievance mechanism for reporting violations of this Manifesto and shall ensure transparent and timely resolution

14.5 Partners shall cooperate with relevant regulatory authorities and shall adapt to evolving legal and ethical standards as necessary

Article 15 Scalability and Replication

15.1 Partners shall design all activities with scalability and replication in mind, ensuring that methodologies, tools, and lessons learned are documented and shared

15.2 Partners shall promote the replication of the ITAFRIBIKE pilot model in Italy, Morocco, and other Mediterranean countries, establishing a permanent programme of bilateral exchange and cooperation

15.3 Partners shall support the evolution of the project from a single pilot to a permanent Mediterranean Family Bike Route that unites the shores of the sea

15.4 Partners shall expand cultural and documentary impact through podcasts, short films, and family interviews on coexistence, under the Stories on Wheels initiative

15.5 Each state involved in the project will have a designated contact person or validator acting as a network "node"; this individual will be responsible for liaison and communication with the Italian headquarters and will serve as the link between local private and institutional partners and sponsors

15.6 Each regional partner will be responsible for co-managing public and private relationships to co-organize the events and tour stops, handling the accurate translation of texts and the cross-media communication distributed by the Italian headquarters.

Article 16 Signature and Commitment

16.1 By signing this Manifesto, all partners commit to upholding the principles, complying with the regulations, and fulfilling the commitments set forth herein

16.2 This Manifesto shall be legally binding on all signatories, subject to national and international law, and shall be governed by the principles of fairness, respect, care, and honesty

16.3 This Manifesto shall be open for accession by all organisations and institutions that share its vision and commit to its principles

16.4 This Manifesto shall be reviewed and updated periodically to reflect evolving legal, ethical, and technological standards

16.5 Each signatory of the Manifesto agrees to share data on the #EUROMED2050 portals and commits to sharing it on their own social media profiles to support an organic, participatory communication campaign.

Together we pedal. Together we discover. Together we connect. Together we coexist.

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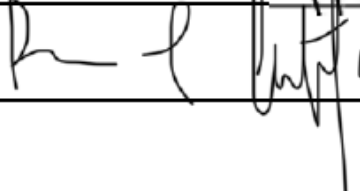
Annex A — Regulatory Compliance Checklist

Regulation	Compliance Requirement	Responsible Partner	Verification Method
GDPR Article 25	Privacy by design and by default	All partners	Data protection impact assessment
NIS2 Directive	Cybersecurity risk management and incident reporting	All partners	Security audit and incident log
eIDAS Regulation	Electronic identification and trust services	All partners	Trust service compliance certificate
MiCA Regulation	Crypto-asset issuance and service compliance	Partners engaged in crypto-assets	AML/KYC compliance report
EU AI Act	Risk-based AI classification and transparency	Partners deploying AI	AI conformity assessment
Robotic AI Act	Dynamic regulation of autonomous systems	Partners deploying robotics	Digital Twin validation and telemetry audit
Malabo Convention	Data protection and cybersecurity in Africa	Partners operating in Africa	National data protection authority registration
UN Charter	Sovereign equality and effective cooperation	All partners	Partnership agreement review

Annex B — Carbon Neutrality Commitment

Year	Target	Responsible Partner	Verification
2026	Baseline carbon footprint assessment	All partners	Third-party audit
2027	20% reduction in operational emissions	All partners	Annual sustainability report
2030	55% reduction in net emissions	All partners	Paris Agreement alignment report
2040	80% reduction in net emissions	All partners	Independent verification
2050	Carbon neutrality achieved	All partners	Certification and public report

Signatories

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