

# PARTNERS & ASSOCIATES

The CESAM project unites key organisations from Occitanie, Catalonia, and the Balearic Islands to advance circular economy solutions in the Mediterranean's agrifood sector. The partnership combines regional development agencies, clusters, and innovative SMEs.



Associated partners also provide expertise, mentoring, and access to additional resources, helping to expand the project's reach.

This collaborative network enables CESAM to convert innovation into impactful solutions that boost sustainability and competitiveness within the Mediterranean agrifood sector.



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Circular Economy and Sustainable solutions  
for Agrifood in the Mediterranean



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# THE PROJECT

The CESAM project is funded under the European i3 (Interregional Innovation Investment) program and supported by the European Regional Development Fund (FEDER). It aims to accelerate the transition towards a circular economy in the Mediterranean agrifood sector by driving innovation and investment in sustainable technologies.

CESAM's primary objective is to promote the development and scaling of innovative solutions that enhance resource efficiency and environmental sustainability across key value chains, particularly focusing on:

- **water management**
- **eco-friendly packaging**
- **process optimisation**
- **valorisation of by-products**

The CESAM project features five key partner SMEs advancing circular economy innovations in the Mediterranean agrifood sector: **NewTimes, Asclepios Tech, Terracor, Derypol** and **GoZeroWaste**.

Together, they drive eco-friendly innovations aligned with CESAM's sustainability goals.



## CESAM FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SMES

For the first time, CESAM is **redistributing €900,000 of European funds** to support innovative companies within Catalonia, Occitania and the Balearic Islands. The goal is to fast-track the commercialisation of sustainable, cutting-edge technologies for the agri-food sector and to create new local value chains. A record-breaking **105 project applications** were received from businesses, featuring innovations such as algae-based eco-friendly packaging, fully renewable organic fertilizers recycled from local plant resources, smart irrigation platforms, microalgae cultivation, agro-food waste transformed into nutrient-rich biostimulants like compost, and high-performance compostable paper for fast-food packaging.

These individual, regional and interregional projects will receive 100% funding ranging from €30,000 to €70,000 each. Out of these, **20 standout innovations were chosen** by a cross-border expert panel and will benefit from joint support by the three regional ecosystems—development agencies and partner clusters. Additionally, these projects will enjoy streamlined and direct grant management tailored to the specific needs and realities of SMEs, ensuring effective and practical funding access.

Check out our specific “Catalogue of circular solutions for the agrifood sector” to discover all our selected projects and SMEs

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