

## NETWORKING IN THE NEW YEAR

CELEBRATING MED INTEGRATION IN THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR INTER- AND TRANSDISCIPLINARITY (ITD ALLIANCE)



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ITD Alliance

27.01 | 10H

SALA DOS DOCENTES  
COLÉGIO ESPÍRITO SANTO  
UNIVERSIDADE DE ÉVORA



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## SYNOPSIS

MED is a large and highly multidisciplinary R&D unit focused on the sustainability of ecosystems and food systems in the Mediterranean context. MED is therefore positioned at the core of research needs to comply with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations as well as with the Green Deal of the European Union. We are a key and dynamic partner in Western Mediterranean, triggering new approaches to research while matching societal expectations. MED researchers work with the ambition to find solutions to questions from the real world.

The Global Alliance for Inter- and Transdisciplinarity (ITD Alliance) exists to serve a diverse, distributed network of institutions and individuals cutting across disciplinary, institutional, cultural, sectorial, and geographical boundaries. The shared goal of Alliance members is to address complex problems and societal needs common to inter- and transdisciplinary communities around the world. The ITD Alliance aims to advance capacity for collaborative research, interrelate or integrate diverse perspectives, and foster innovation, while building an international community to address significant societal needs.

We invite all interested or curious about ITD to spend the morning of **27 of January from 10 am to 12 am (GMT Time Zone)** celebrating the recent integration of MED in ITD Alliance. The programme was designed thinking of an audience of ITD researchers but also for those that are not familiar with such research approaches. Further, our goal is to reach researchers from other institutions that might want to also join ITD Alliance. So we hope that everyone feels welcomed. **The event will take place at University of Évora, Colégio do Espírito Santo, Sala dos Docentes and also online by Zoom:**

<https://videoconf-colibri.zoom.us/j/99130292194?pwd=MHJ4YmNuSIZ5NTQvNi9rbytPNVV3UT09>

We kindly ask to fill [this form](#) if you will attend the event in person at the University of Évora. Further questions should be addressed to [udit\\_med@uevora.pt](mailto:udit_med@uevora.pt).

# AGENDA

(GMT Time Zone)

**10:00** | Welcome by MED – Teresa Pinto Correia

**10:10** | A few words about the program

**10:15** | Introduction to Inter and Transdisciplinarity – Tobias Buser

**10:30** | Examples of Inter and Transdisciplinarity at MED – M<sup>a</sup> Helena Guimarães

**10:45** | Q&A moment

**11:00** | Overview of ITD Alliance: goals, benefits, and ways to participate – Tobias Buser

**11:10** | Short coffee break

**11:20** | A snapshot of Integration Experts ITD Alliance working group - Sabine Hoffmann

**11:35** | Q&A moment with the sharing of ITD experience in the audience and expectation from MED integration in ITD Alliance

**11:50** | End of the event with a bit of time for informal exchanges.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

**Teresa Pinto Correia** – Director of MED, an enthusiast and frequent user of ITD about rural landscape dynamics and management, relations between agriculture and landscape, landscape multifunctionality, transition processes in rural areas, policies and management decisions at various scales, and relations of decision-makers and users with the landscape.

**Tobias Buser** – Executive Secretary of the Global Alliance for ITD and project head capacity building at Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences' td-net, he has a strong focus on building capacities and supporting international collaboration to advance and foster research approaches and institutional conditions that enable to address pressing societal challenges.

**M<sup>a</sup> Helena Guimarães** – Researcher at MED and member of the Leadership Board of ITD Alliance, an integration expert apprentice working with ITD on topics related to natural resource management, decision support systems, sustainability, and social-ecological systems. She coordinates a long-term dialogue platform based on ITD and dedicated to the Montado sustainability, the “Tertúlias do Montado”.

**Sabine Hoffmann** - Group Leader of ITD research at the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (Eawag). Back in 2015 she was awarded the “Early Career Achievement Award” by the Swiss Academies of Arts and Sciences to honor her on-going work towards the professionalization of managing transdisciplinary research, through the systematization and description of methods of knowledge integration.