

Time of implementation: 1.09.2024 - 31.05.2025

Objective: condemn human rights violations along the Central Mediterranean migration route. The project aims to document border practices, collect and analyse data on shipwrecks, pushbacks, and deaths at sea, and raise awareness both locally and globally.

Activities:

- **A1:** Documenting Practices in Border Areas, with particular focus on Tunisia's main coastal departure zones—Sfax, Mahdia, Chebba, Monastir, Bizerte, and Zarzis—as well as key Italian regions of arrival and transit. Also in December 2024, the first article in the series, titled “Le battaglie degli sconosciuti” (Annex 2), was published on [Memoria Mediterranea](#), republished on Melting Pot Europa before being picked up by [Angela Nocioni for the national newspaper L'Unità](#).
- **A2:** Collecting Data on Border Violence and Disappearances through Participatory Monitoring and Transnational Collaboration. An institutional event was held on June 13, 2025, at the University of Palermo, where families of victims of the border regime will meet with the Italian authorities.
- **A3:** Advocacy and Transnational Communication for Truth, Justice, and Collective Memory. In addition, Mem.Med took part in the academic event “Migrazioni e violenze di frontiera: pratiche del ricordo e dell'oblio attraverso il Mediterraneo” held at the University of Milan, where Silvia Di Meo, Jalila Taamallah, and Waffo Soho Deyo Leandry gave a joint presentation on the struggles of families of people who have gone missing due to border regimes.
- **A4:** Supporting the mobilisation of women in Tunisia and the right to memory, truth, and justice. A key initiative in this regard was the production and dissemination of the podcast episode “*Né perdono, né oblio. Le morti in frontiera e la lotta delle loro famiglie*” (“Neither Forgiveness Nor Oblivion. Border Deaths and the Families' Struggle”), released in April 2025 in collaboration with [Melting Pot Europa](#) and the Memoria Mediterranea collective.

Achievements:

- Advocacy and inclusion: The “No More” Project conducted transnational ethnographic and legal research, publishing monthly on Mem.Med – Resistance at the Borders.
- Strategic alliances and coordination: Engage with institutions such as the Public Prosecutor's Office, the Forensic Police, the General Register Office, the Islamic Community of Agrigento, the University of Palermo, and the Italian delegation of the ICRC to gather updates on the search, identification, burial, and repatriation of dead and missing people.
- Empowerment and leadership: Highlight the stories of families of missing migrants to shed light on the human impact of EU border externalization policies.

Challenges

The shrinking civic space, increased surveillance, and heightened risk of criminalisation impacted both fieldwork and the visibility and safety of collaborators. At the same time, limited cooperation from institutional actors, such as forensic authorities and ministries, hindered research and support efforts, while restricted access to the field and ongoing surveillance further complicated coordination with partners and made research activities more difficult to carry out effectively.