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## **MARLESS - MARine Litter cross-border awareNESS and innovation actions**

Priority Axis: Environment and cultural heritage

Specific objective: Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable and innovative technologies and approaches

### **4.2.4 1 international meeting of the beaches concessionaires trained and involved in this activity**

#### **4.2. Sensitising the touristic sector**

#### **WP 4**

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## PROJECT MARLESS

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<b>Work Package:</b>	4
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<b>Project Partner:</b>	PP10
<b>Name of event:</b>	International meeting of the beaches concessionaires Bisceglie on 22 and 23 November 2022 (Report of the event).
<b>Date:</b>	22-23.11.2022
<b>Venue:</b>	Bisceglie
<b>Short description of event:</b>	<p>The Marless International Infoday meeting of the beaches concessionaires held in Bisceglie on 22 and 23 November was an event of great importance dedicated to territorial cooperation and to the Marless project financed by the Interreg Italy-Croatia programme. The main objective of the project is to address the problem of plastic waste in the sea through the use of sustainable and innovative technologies and approaches.</p> <p>During the two days of the event, meetings, photographic exhibitions and various initiatives open to citizens and students were organised, with the participation of authoritative national and international partners. Meetings were held at the tourist port of Bisceglie, where two new devices called Collec'Thor, designed to remove plastic waste from the sea, were installed. The installation of the two Collec'Thor was made possible thanks to a loan obtained, thanks to the Interreg Marless project, with the candidacy of the municipal administration in collaboration with Bisceglie Approdi.</p> <p>On November 22, the meeting entitled "A clean Adriatic Sea for Future Generations" was held at the Vecchie Segherie Mastrototaro. During the meeting, representatives of the partner institutions of the Marless project</p>

presented the results of the project and discussed experiences and initiatives for the protection of the sea from pollution, including innovative approaches for the treatment of plastic waste from a circular economy perspective. Specifically, there were several interventions, starting with the institutional greetings of the Mayor of Bisceglie, Angelantonio Angarano, the Sole Administrator of Bisceglie Approdi, Nicola Rutigliano, with the moderation of Matteo Fumarola, official of the Puglia Region, Regional Communication Manager of the project, there were speeches by Andrea Torresan, Arpa Veneto; Mirta Smodlaka Tankovic, Institut Ruder Boskovic; Matteo Fumarola, Puglia Region; Danilo Di Nardi, Puglia Region; Nicola Pertuso, Director of Lido La Conchiglia; Vito Vergine, Lido The Maldives beach concessionaire of Salento Due. In the afternoon, from 3.30 pm, speeches by Sauro Pari (via web), President of Cetacea Foundation; Martina Monticelli, Marless Project; Nicola Ungaro, Harp Apulia.

In the afternoon, at the Castello di Bisceglie, an inauguration of a photographic exhibition was held which illustrates the experience of the Marless project, with the aim of informing and raising awareness on the importance of protecting the sea.

The final part of the conference the Marless International Infoday meeting of the beaches concessionaires "A clean Adriatic Sea for Future Generations" took place on 23 November at the Vecchie Segherie Mastrototaro. During this session, representatives of the Croatian Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energy, Arpa Friuli Venezia Giulia, the staff of the Dubrovnik Regional Development Agency and other industry experts spoke.

Specifically, Anika Briek Juren of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Energy of Croatia spoke; Stefano Miniussi, Harp Friuli Venezia Giulia; Dunea staff Dubrovnik Regional Development Agency; Matteo Fumarola and Danilo Di Nardi,

Puglia Region; Mauro Della Valle, Lido Soleluna; Pierluigi Caputo, Ecoresort Le Sirenè.

Subsequently, at the tourist port, the release of sea turtles took place in collaboration with the Molfetta-WWF sea turtle recovery center, to conclude the event in a significant way.

In summary, the Marless International Infoday was a successful event involving numerous national and international actors in the fight against marine pollution caused by plastic. Thanks to meetings, photographic exhibitions and concrete initiatives, the event helped to raise public awareness of the importance of protecting the sea and to promote actions for the management and prevention of plastic waste.

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Speakers speeches  
brief summary and  
conclusion:



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### International meeting of the beaches concessionaires Marless European project

**DAY 22 NOVEMBER**

9:00 am **MEETING Porto Turistico Bisceglie - RIBBON CUTTING ACTIVATION SEA BIN**  
ADDRESS: L.GO PORTA DI MARE 9, 76011 BISCEGLIE (BT)

10:00 am **LOCATION: VECCHIE SEGHERIE VIA PORTO 35, 76011 BISCEGLIE (BT)**

**WELCOME ADDRESS:**  
Dott. Angelantonio **ANGARANO** Mayor of Bisceglie, PUGLIA REGION  
Ing. Nicola **RUTIGLIANO** CEO of Bisceglie Approdi, PUGLIA REGION

**INTERVENTIONS:**  
10:10 am Dott. Andrea **TORRESAN** Project Coordinator Marless Project, LP ARPA VENETO  
10:30 am Dr. Mirna Smolodaka **TANKOVIC** Monitoring of the Bottom Litter, Institut Ruder Boskovic  
Dott. Matteo **FUMAROLA** Regional Communication Manager, PUGLIA REGION  
Dott. Danilo **DI NARDI** Communication Support Marless, PUGLIA REGION  
Dott. Nicola **PERTUSO** Sole Director Lido la Conchiglia  
11:00 am Dott. Vito **VERGINE** seaside Concessionaire LE MALDIVE DEL SALENTO DUE

11:30 am **Coffee break**  
11:45 am 1 winning schools and awarding of the best video and photos on waste collection on the beach  
12:15 am Award ceremony for schools participating in the marless project  
1:30 pm **Light lunch**  
2:30 pm Pres. Sauro **PARI** Cetacea Foundation experience with marine litter.  
Dott.ssa Martina **MONTICELLI** MARLESS project, beach monitoring activities between Rimini and Pesaro.  
Dott. Nicola **LINGARO** UOC Natural Environment's Sea Regional Center, PUGLIA REGION ARPA PUGLIA  
Dott.ssa Rosa **LEONETTI** PO Technical Support Marless, PUGLIA REGION

4:30 pm

**MODERATE:**  
Dott. Matteo **FUMAROLA** Regional Communication Manager, PUGLIA REGION

**LOCATION: LARGO CASTELLO, 76011 BISCEGLIE (BT)**

5:00 pm Inauguration of the Marless photographic exhibition at Largo Castello Bisceglie  
6:00 pm Guided tour of the city of Bisceglie  
8:30 pm Dinner at own expenses

**DAY 23 NOVEMBER**

**LOCATION: VECCHIE SEGHERIE VIA PORTO 35, 76011 BISCEGLIE (BT)**

**WELCOME ADDRESS:**  
9:00 am Ing. Nicola **RUTIGLIANO** CEO of Bisceglie Approdi, PUGLIA REGION

**INTERVENTIONS:**  
9:30 am Dr. Anica Briek **JURE** MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AND ENERGY Republike Hrvatske  
10:00 am Dott. Stefano **MINIUSI**, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region ARPAFVG  
10:30 am Staff **Dunea**, DUNEIA  
11:00 am Dott. Matteo **FUMAROLA** Regional Communication Manager, PUGLIA REGION  
Dott. Danilo **DI NARDI** Communication Support Marless, PUGLIA REGION  
Dott. Mauro **DELLA VALLE** Italian Business Confederation  
Dott. Pierluigi **CAPUTO** Ecoresort Le Sirenè

11:50 am **Coffee break**

**MODERATE:**  
Dott. Matteo **FUMAROLA** Regional Communication Manager, PUGLIA REGION

**LOCATION: PORTO TURISTICO L.GO PORTA DI MARE 9, 76011 BISCEGLIE (BT)**

12:00 am Sea turtle release into the sea by:  
Pres. **SALVEMINI** Sea turtle recovery center WWF Moliffetta

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Role of MARLESS  
partner in the event:

organising

Type of  
audience/target  
groups involved:

general public

Photos from event:









