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D.3.1.2 – Veneto Stakeholder Discussion Board Meeting n.1 *Meeting Minutes*

Date and Place: January 30th, 2019 – Mestre

Hosting Partner: Ca'Foscari University of Venice – PP1

Moderator: Fabio Pranovi, *Professor of Fisheries Ecology – Ca'Foscari University*

Participants: See annex signature list

1 - The moderator presented the Project to the Stakeholders, as follows:

The primary objective of the project is to create a cross-border consortium between Italy and Croatia for small-scale fishing operators, in order to guarantee greater representativeness of the sector in the definition of management policies.

The project lasts 30 months and involves 10 partners from the 2 countries:

- Veneto Region - Lead partner
- Ca 'Foscari University of Venice - Scientific coordination for Italy
- Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region
- Emilia Romagna region
- Marche region
- Istrian County
- Rijeka County
- Zadar County
- IZOR - Scientific coordination for Croatia
- Croatian Ministry of Agriculture

The artisanal fishermen will be the direct beneficiaries of the project, and will be an active part in all the operational phases:

Research activity

Definition of the current status of small-scale fishing and future scenarios: fishermen will work with the University researchers to collect data, for example by filling in questionnaires like the one done at the end of the meeting.

Creation of a sustainable small-scale brand

The fishermen will collaborate in the drafting of the sustainability protocol and will undertake to apply it. AIS devices (at least 5) will be supplied and installed to monitor fishing effort in an experimental and anonymous way.

Development of innovative management solutions

The direct management of an area at sea in concession to fishermen will be tested, according to guidelines developed by the University. The area will be identified, the subjects who will physically take charge of the management.

"Fisherman's Village"

A "multi-purpose" centre will be created for small-scale fishing operators. It will probably be the Cavallino, to use an already existing area, and will serve mainly as a meeting point between fishermen and consumers for direct sales, even of products ready to be consumed (such as street-food), but will also serve as a landing point and equipment storage.

Market Innovation

Channels will be created for the supply of sustainable branded products to restaurants and GDOs.

Creation and implementation of the Cross-border Small Fishing Consortium

The goal is to create a consortium that can function autonomously by the end of the Project. So the first half of the project will be dedicated to the constitution of the consortium, with the collection of adhesions and a series of discussion tables to establish the bases of operation of the institution (structure, statute, aims, etc.), while the second part will serve to "test" the consortium with the supervision and protection of the Regions / Counties. One of the main objectives of the Consortium will be to produce a shared and approved resource management plan by the end of the Project, so as to be able to request an MSC sustainability pre-certification. The creation of the consortium will also include the provision of "practical" tools for managing fishermen's activities. An app will be created for electronic invoicing tailored for small-scale fishing. The fishermen will then participate directly in the development and testing, so that the final product is as complete, simple as possible, and suited to their needs and capabilities.

2 – Fishermen were then presented and asked to fill-in a questionnaire to provide data for activities 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 (see attached template). Results of the questionnaire will be presented in aggregated form at the end of the WP implementation.

