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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Participation to several public events throughout the project lifetime has been essential for the involvement of keylocal actors within the PPs area. They have been also opened and important for reaching stakeholders across Europe and from IT-HR Programme Area. All relevant target groups will be identified (citizens, journalists, institutional stakeholders) and each group will be addressed through dedicated communication events such as meetings, ad-hoc seminars, conferences, focus groups, press releases.

Activity 2.4 concerns public events organization and hosting with overall objective to achieve involvement of the identified stakeholders. Besides the local dissemination events all the partners have been asked to participate to IT-HR/European Institution and other IT-HR/EU projects public events. Participation to these external events has been important to disseminate project results and reach out many more stakeholders and target groups who, in the future, could also decide to follow up with ASTERIS activities.

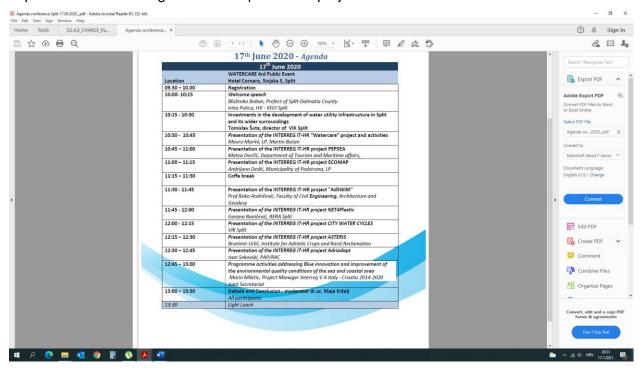
Events consist on meetings, ad-hoc seminars, conferences, focus groups and press releases. They have also the scope to raise awareness on the understanding of spatial and temporal variation in seawater intrusion, its adaptation plan and practical tools for a sustainable seawater intrusion management, and to transfer knowledge learnt from multi-project collaboration



### 2. Water and Climate Change Conference - Split

The "Water and climate change" conference was held in Split, Croatia on June 17, 2020. Numerous projects financed through the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme and being implemented on the Croatian part of the Adriatic were presented – among them also project ASTERIS which was presented by IACKR. The event was organized by Split – Dalmatia county and was held offline with enabled online participation via Zoom.

At the end a comprehensive discussion was held on linking the information obtained from the implementation of a large number of presented projects.











## 3. Congress of local and regional authorities at the Council of Europe

The round table on: "Let's talk local: cities and citizens in the fight against climate change" has been organised by the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2021 via KUDO platform. The Municipality of Fano has been invited to speak during the Session 2: "Going Beyond Local –Bringing local expertise to the (inter)national level". Mr. Davide Frulla on behalf of the Mayor Massimo Seri take the floor presenting the ASTERIS project and giving emphasis to the importance of the Italy-Croatia Cross Border Territorial Cooperation programme confirming what Mr. Martin HORN (Mayor of Freiburg im Breisgau, German) highlighted in his previous speech in Agenda. Mr. Horn take the floor again and thanks the Municipality of Fano (ASTERIS project) for having emphasize the role and efforts of the Cross border cooperation initiatives in fighting the climate change.







# 4. All-FORA online Side-Event "Saline intrusion: a potential risk for coastal aquifer management in a changing climate"

In coherence with one of the Priority of the Slovenian Presidency 20-21 to be followed at the 6th Annual EUSAIR Forum, and specifically "Improving quality of life in the coastal area of our shared sea", one more technical session titled "Bathing water: the potential risks for urban wastewater management in consideration of the effects of climate change" has been planned within the proposed Side event.

In this way the Side Event has represented an important occasion for having an open discussion among different stakeholders and/or interested public and private actors engaged in these specific fields, and also an opportunity for sharing the ASTERIS project outputs and results. In the welcome greetings, Mr. Simone Galeotti from UNIURB and Mr. Massimo Seri



(Mayor of Fano) have taken the floor to discuss about the importance of the cross-border cooperation and the role played by a project like ASTERIS in this. Then, the technical session "Saline intrusion: a potential risk for coastal aquifer management in a changing climate" was moderated by Maurizio Polemio – National Research Council – Research Institute for Geo-Hydrological Protection (CNR-IRPI). The panellists were: Nicola Quaranta (Geo engineering, Turin, Italy) who, as hydrogeologist external expert, talked about some good practices on adaptation plans; Monika Zovko, PhD, on behalf of IACKR – Institute for Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation, Croatian, whose speech was more focused on the experience carried out in the Neretva Valley within the WP4 framework; Lorenzo Calabrese - Emilia Romagna Region – Geological, Seismic and Soil Survey disclosed the topic of hydrogeological characterization and saltwater intrusion in coastal phreatic aquifer of Emilia–Romagna Region.ASTERIS' session was followed by another technical session focused on the project WATERCARE.











