

ASTERIS FINAL CONFERENCE

EVENT REPORT

Pula 11.06.2021.

Agenda

Program of the Asteris final event held at Circolo in Pula

09:30 – 10:00 **Participants registration**

10:00 – 10:10 **Institutional greetings/Welcome speech**

Daglas Koraca, Dean of the Istrian University of Applied Sciences

10.10 - 10:25 **Project overview, activities and results**

Simone Galeotti, LP, University of Urbino Carlo Bo – gave an overview of the project's progress so far with the focus on the activities and obtained results within the WP 4 and WP 5.

10:25 – 10:40 **Risks of salt intrusion related to climate scenarios**

Gaia Galassi, University of Urbino Carlo Bo - presented the preformed activities and achieved results so far within the WP3 - Modelling present and future salt ingression in Adriatic coastal aquifers.

10:40 – 10:50 **Communication activities**

Andrea Vareško, Istrian University of Applied Sciences - held a presentation about the progress made so far within the WP 2 communication activities.

10:50 – 11:05 **Identifying needs and barriers in coastal aquifer management, case study Neretva Delta**

Monika Zovko, IACKR-Split, Hrvatske vode – held a presentation about the progress made and the first obtained results within the WP 4 Identifying needs and barriers in coastal aquifer management, concerning the case study Neretva Delta.

11:05 – 11:25 Modeling and dynamics of coastal aquifers: the Ravenna and Fano (Adriatic Sea, Italy) case studies

Barbara Nisi & Matia Menichini, IGG-CNR - held a presentation about the progress made and the first obtained results within the WP 4 Identifying needs and barriers in coastal aquifer management, concerning the Ravenna and Fano (Adriatic Sea, Italy) case studies.

11:25 – 11:40 Planning the adaptation

Italian partners on Asteris project Fano and Ravenna presented the performed activities within the WP 5 Planning the adaptation with focus given on the definition of guidelines for adaptation measures on the regional scale.

11:40 - 11:55 Presentation of the INTERREG IT-HR project "Watercare"

Vedrana Špada, Istrian University of Applied Sciences as a guest presenter held a presentation about the Watercare project and gave an overview of the project objectives and progress made so far.

11:55 – 12:10 Presentation of the INTERREG IT-HR project "AdSWiM"

Josipa Bilić, Istrian University of Applied Sciences - as a guest presenter held a presentation about the Watercare project and gave an overview of the project objectives and progress made so far.

12:10 – 12:40 Debate

12:40 - Conclusion and Light lunch

Summary

The final conference of the ASTERIS project within the INTERREG cross-border cooperation program ITA-CRO was organized by The Istrian University of Applied Sciences and was held on Friday, June 11, 2021, starting at 10 am on the terrace of the Italian Community Pula - Circolo. The event was organized as a hybrid one with live participation in Pula and online on zoom platform.

All project partners participated on the event and had a presentations regarding the achieved results within their wp. At the final conference, the goals, activities and achieved results of the ASTERIS project were presented to a wide audience including general public, universities, sme-s, local agencies and other target groups and stakeholder. On behalf the Istrian University of Applied Sciences, all participants were greeted by the Dean, Douglas Koraca, who is also involved in carryng out activities within wp2 and then each partner had a presentation as scheduled in the agenda. There were also presentations of two other projects within the Interreg programme ITA-CRO at the conference. Precisely the projects; Watercare and Adswim.

Adriatic and Ionian coastal regions need improved protection of freshwater aquifers to saline intrusion through a sustainable management of water resources. There are common challenges to tackle: expected climate change impacts on sea level rise and precipitation rates; water supply essential for sustainability of coastal societies and ecosystems; increased consumption for human activities, including agriculture, increasing the risk of seawater intrusion towards freshwater aquifers.

The event was an excellent opportunity to present various results and analyzes of related projects and to share ASTERIS project as a good practice.

The event reached 34 participants online and 29 live in Pula. The video link of the conference was also distributed to a number of interested partners.

News from the conference including information about the project itself, project activities and its objectives were published through media: newspaper articles, specialized web portals, radio and tv and on institutional website.

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From Istria the following stakeholders took part in the final event: Bruno Cergnul (deputy Major of the City of Pula) Sara Pinzan (representative of Circolo, association of the Italian community in Pula) Emina Pustijanac, Ines Kovačić (professors at the University of Pula) and Edmondo Šuran (representative of AZZRI – Istrian rural development agency)









Video clip of the conference

<https://youtu.be/sIpDySINbPM>