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Mid-Term conference

Climate change in transitional environments

AGENDA

13/04/2021 Split/Zoom

Climate change in transitional environments	
Moderator: Mirta Šurjak, TV journalist	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration of participants
09:30 – 09:45	WELCOME SPEECHES Mili Novak , Communication manager CHANGE WE CARE, Organizer PI RERA Denis Ivanović , Mayor, City Kaštela Marija Vuković , Split Dalmatia county Branka Pivčević Novak , Directorate for climate activities in Ministry of economy and sustainable development
09:45 – 10:00	IT-HR CBC PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION – STATE OF THE ART – FOCUS ON PRIORITY AXIS 2 Diana Gracin Petrović , Joint Secretariat
10:00 – 10:45	ADAPTATION ON CLIMATE CHANGES IN COASTAL ZONE Branka Pivčević Novak , Ministry of economy and sustainable development, Directorate for climate activities Martina Baučić , Faculty of civil engineering, architecture and geodesy
10:45 – 11:00	OVERVIEW ON THE AIMS, APPROACHES AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF CHANGE WE CARE PROJECT Davide Bonaldo , Project manager CHANGE WE CARE
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:05	BRIEF PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS

	<p>Margaretha Breil, ADRIADAPT Michela Pace, CREW Alessandra Pugnetti, ECOSS Martin Bućan, JOINT_SECAP Paolo Salandin, MOST Giulia Righetti, PMO GATE Lia Gover, RESPONSE Federica Grilli, WATERCARE Corinne Sabine Sorbau, NET4MPLASTIC Gorana Baničević, NET4MPLASTIC</p>
12:05 – 12:15	Break
12:15 – 13:00	<p>INTERACTIVE CONSULTATION ON TOPICS RELATED TO STRATEGIES AND METHODS TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE MARINE AND TRANSITIONAL AREAS SUFFERING ISSUES DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN ORDER TO OBTAIN INPUTS FOR THE ADAPTATION PLANS – DRAFTING PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE JOINT ACTION</p> <p>Daria Povh, Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre</p>
13:00 – 13:15	QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, CONCLUDING REMARKS
	<i>End of conference</i>

As part of the CHANGE WE CARE EU project, an online Mid-Term conference called “CLIMATE CHANGE IN TRANSITIONAL ENVIRONMENTS” was held 13/04/2021. The conference was organized by PI RERA S.D. which is one of 11 partners working on this project from Croatia and Italy.

The main goal of this conference is to make the public aware of the needs for action to protect against climate change. Also, to get acquainted with the results of other projects dealing with climate change and design and integrate joint actions that will aim to mitigate the effects of climate change and at the same time include them in the new EU programming period, 2021-2027.



The conference was held in digital form by a combined use of the ZOOM platform and a live broadcast from a television studio attended by some panelists and welcome speakers.

Project communication manager Mr. Mili Novak on behalf of PI RERA S.D. addressed the welcome to everybody in the studio and online, and he highlighted the above goals of this conference.

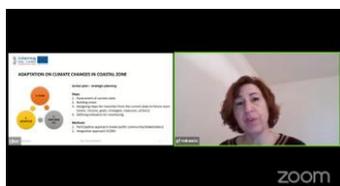
The Mayor of Kaštela, Mr. Denis Ivanović, thanking the county which through this and various other projects helps the development of Kaštela, expressed satisfaction with the preparation of the Study of the coastal zone of Kaštela and with it the Flood Protection on the basis of which the city of Kaštela launched which believes the realization will be launched next year.

On behalf of Split Dalmatia County, the welcoming speech was given by Ms. Marija Vuković, Head of the Department for Environmental Protection, Utilities, Infrastructure and Investments. She pointed out, "man with his irresponsible behavior and desire for profit causes the creation of changes in nature and so there are significant changes in climate which can ultimately cause extreme phenomena such as high temperatures, rising sea levels, fires, landslides and the like. Therefore, these dangers should be recognized and projects prepared in that regard. "

After the welcome speeches, the conference continued with a lecture by the project manager of the Interreg Italy-Croatia program, Ms. Diana Gracin Petrović, on the topic of IT-HR CBC Program implementation - state of the art - focus on priority axis 2.



Ms. Branka Pivčević Novak from the Directorate for Climate Activities of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development replaced the Director of that Directorate, Ms. Dunja Mazzocco Drvar, who apologized for the urgent sudden obligation. She pointed out that climate change poses a global risk to sustainable development, so it was an important step to define common goals of the Paris Agreement, which is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and strengthen the capacity of societies to address the effects of climate change. Also, some of the ongoing activities at the national level were highlighted, such as the development of the first national action plan, modernization of the national meteorological network (METMONIC), funding of applied research and programming of ESI funding for the period 2021-2027.



Ms. Martina Baučić, from the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, pointed out the development of the Coastal Management Plan for the city of Kaštela, which is based on integrated coastal zone management and maritime spatial planning with the aim of sustainable coastal development based on tourism. The effects of climate change affect the low coastal area which is urbanized but also the cultural heritage and tourism and the goals of the Plan are the implementation of a comprehensive approach to managing the coastal area of Kastela in the context of climate change, preservation and improvement of natural and built environment, historic cities.

The Project manager of the Change we care project, Mr. Davide Bonaldo, joined from Italy, presenting the results of the project so far and emphasizing its essence, which consists of 3 steps: assessment of the current state and recent trends of physical and environmental processes in the Adriatic coastal areas. sea, projection of future scenarios in the conditions of climate change and identification of possible measures of adaptation to climate change in a series of 5 pilot areas that are the subject of this project, namely in Croatia Vrana Lake, Neretva Delta, Jadro River and Kastela Bay and in Italy Banco di Mula di Muggia and the delta of the river Po. The ultimate goal of the project is to identify adaptation measures to address the effects of climate change in the field of cooperation and the main recipients of the results are local communities and all entities that have certain roles at various institutional levels related to climate change.



As part of the conference, other EU projects from the Interreg program Italy-Croatia were presented, the topic of which is also within the framework of climate change. The presented projects are: ADRIADAPT, CREW, ECOSS, JOINT_SECAP, MOST, PMO GATE, RESPONSE, WATERCARE, NET4MPLASTIC. Their project managers gave valuable input for future joint activities to face with climate changes.



At the end, Ms. Daria Povh Škugor, Senior Program Manager at the UNEP PAP / RAC Center in Split presented the structure for the future joint action plan which lists all proposals from previous projects for each structural category in order to avoid overlapping future projects and better design activities for future EU programs in period 2021-2027. This part of the conference was interactive, so the other participants got involved with their additional questions and suggestions.