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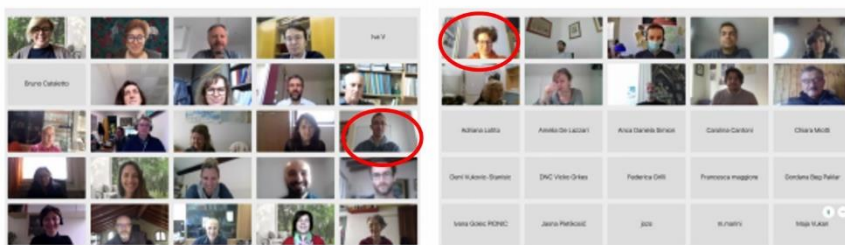
## 1. Introduction

The promotion and networking of the CHANGE WE CARE Project has been developed on different levels, including an exchange with similar projects, presentation of contents and achievements in conferences, workshops, media and participation at various events where CHANGE WE CARE's achievements, results and vision can be disseminated and where it can benefit.

Besides the major events reported in these documents, much has been built by the multitude of day-by-day continuous interactions that cannot always be properly acknowledged but did actually contribute to the final results

## 2. Exchange with similar projects

CHANGE WE CARE Project maintained contacts with several Interreg Italy - Croatia projects with the aim of increasing synergies and exchanging experiences. Contacts have been strengthened with ADRIADAPT Project in order to exchange knowledge and create synergies between the two projects. CHANGE WE CARE was able to benefit from ADRIADAPT climate information, while ADRIADAPT was able to use data on storminess and sea-level rise produced by CHANGE WE CARE to assess the coastal vulnerabilities in its pilot studies. Contacts have been strengthened also with ECOSS, WATERCARE, ADRIACLIM, ASTERIS, JOINT\_SECAP, RESPONSE projects.



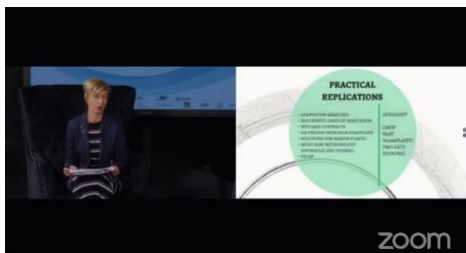
Some of the project partners participated in several meetings organized by these projects: such as the WATERCARE infoday 5° public event (14/04/2021), in the

ADRIACLIM Infoday (23/04/2021), ASTERIS — Caratterizzazione e gestione integrata del sistema marino-costiero, organized by University of Urbino (18/05/2021) and ASTERIS final public event (11/06/2021).

## 2.1 Joint Action Plan



The initiative was launched during the CHANGE WE CARE Mid-term Conference, in Kaštela/online, on April 13<sup>th</sup> 2021. In this occasion 10 Interreg Italy – Croatia projects presented themselves and announced their ideas for follow-up. During the 2021 a few more projects joined the initiative and presented their ideas during the project conference in December in Zagreb, so the initiative created synergies with the following projects: ADRIADAPT, CREW, ECOSS, JOINT\_SECAP, MOST, PMO GATE, RESPONSE, WATERCARE, NET4MPLASTIC, IDEAL, I SAFER PLACES, ADRIACLIM. Their project managers gave valuable input for future joint activities to face with climate changes.



It was agreed that there is the need to improve collaboration in order to enhance capturing of the data collected and results obtained, as well as dissemination and exchange of experiences and good practices.

It is expected that Joint Action Plan could contribute to the development of a favorable environment for climate action and its final goal is to support the Adriatic regions of Italy and Croatia towards building resilience and sustainable development.

## 2.2 ADRIADAPT conferences

RERA team members attended the ADRIADAPT project conference for Croatian partners on May 11<sup>th</sup> where the proposal of Joint action plan has been presented and at the Final ADRIADAPT conference held on June 8<sup>th</sup> 2021.



## 2.3 Watercare conferences



CNR-ISMAR Team strengthened contacts with WATERCARE project team in order to exchange knowledge and create synergies participating in WATERCARE infoday 5<sup>o</sup> public event (14/04/2021). On June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 RERA team presented CHANGE WE CARE Project in Split, among 86 conference participants.



## 2.5 ADRIACLIM Kick-off meeting

A representative of CNR-ISMAR team participated in the kick-off meeting of ADRIACLIM which took place at the beginning of July 2020. ADRIACLIM will address climate change threats by developing regional and local adaptation plans based on up-to-date meteorological and oceanographical information acquired through newly implemented observing and modeling systems for the Adriatic Sea which is complementary with CHANGE WE CARE activities.

## 2.6 JOINT\_SECAP workshop

As COVID-19 restrictions negatively affected the participation in live events, RERA team took opportunity



and has strengthened online contacts with JOINT\_SECAP team and participated in networking activities with the project, attending to the online meeting (08/10/2020) where project activities were presented in order to exchange knowledge and information between the two projects.

RERA team members participated at networking activities with JOINT\_SECAP Project, presenting experiences of CHANGE WE CARE Project at technical workshop meeting on 11/06/2021 in Supetar, Croatia. The workshop's main objective was to execute capacity building for representatives from local municipalities, other local and regional companies/authorities and beyond, to implement a timely and efficient approach to climate change issues i.e. to reduce as much as possible potential negative impacts of climate change, the first step is to raise awareness, especially among decision-makers.



### Petak, 11/06/2021 Tehnička radionica i primjeri dobre prakse Dan 2.

- 10:00 - 11:30 Site visit – promocija razvoje e-mobilitnosti prezentacija Renault ZOE Twingo E-TECH i mogućnost vožnje istih(Auto kuća Gašperov), Sutivan, parking na Brijuni
- 11:30 - 11:50 Registracija i pauza za kavu
- 11:50 - 12:20 Naučne lekcije na Joint\_SECAP projektu (Damir Čarić, Martin Bučan, Ana Gostali)
- 12:20 - 12:40 Mogućnosti GIS-alata kao pomoć JLS-ovima u donošenju odluka – (Ivan Močnik, Promet i prostor d.o.o.)
- 12:40 - 13:00 Prezentacija AdriaAdapt online platforme za prilagodbu općina, gradova i županija na klimatske promjene (ADRIADAPT – Ivan Sekovski, PAP RAC)
- 13:00 - 13:20 "Iskustvo u izradi Plana prilagodbe na klimatske promjene - Change we care" (Mili Novak, RERA)
- 13:20 - 13:40 „Primjena modernih tehnologija u javnoj rasvjeti kao odgovor na svjetlosno onečišćenje“ (Zoran Samardžić, ELOS)
- 13:40 - 14:00 Mogućnosti iskoristenje plave energije(Trvoje Mikulić, BLUE DEAL)-online
- 14:00 - 14:20 „Mogućnosti financiranja obnovljivih izvora energije kroz financijski mehanizam Europskog gospodarskog prostora“ (Matija Vajdić, EHP) -online
- 14:20 - 14:35 Pitanja i odgovori
- 14:35 - Ručak

## 2.7 RESPONSe webinar

Some members of the Veneto project partner participated in videoconference meeting on topics closely related to the project themes including a webinar titled *"Supporting municipalities in tackling climate change. Results and inspiration from the RESPONSe project"* held on 3/12/2021.



Topics covered were: improving monitoring of climate change, and planning of adaptation measures; monitoring systems, adaptation plans and innovative tools; trends for climate change in the Adriatic and how the climate change is perceived by citizens and local authorities.

## 2.8 CHANGE WE CARE final conference

CNR-ISMAR kept contacts with Interreg Italy - Croatia projects teams such as the Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC) as well as with new institutions such as the Centre for Maritime Research and the Consortium of Environmental Policies of the Terre de l'Ebre, the Area Marina Protetta di Portofino, the Università IUAV di Venezia, Università della Svizzera Italiana, in order to exchange knowledge and create synergies.

These bodies in particular have been invited to participate to the CHANGE WE CARE final conference to exchange best practices implemented in their areas.

## 3. National and international events

### 3.1. Italian conference “Gestione sostenibile dei sedimenti e crescita blu in ambito costiero e nei medi e piccoli porti”

CHANGE WE CARE teams participated to the Italian Conference *“Gestione sostenibile dei sedimenti e crescita blu in ambito costiero e nei medi e piccoli porti”* organized in the framework of the Ecomondo, the leading event in Europe for the technological innovation and new models of circular economy, which took place at Rimini Fair on 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2019. The conference was an important opportunity for meeting Project Partners and different operators on coastal environments, from academia to local authorities, and discuss the topics of CHANGE WE CARE.



### 3.2. Hack for the future

Themes from CHANGE WE CARE Project were delivered at the "Hack for the future: (climate) data for change" event held in Rovereto (TN) on November 16-17, 2019 from CNR-ISMAR staff members.

### 3.3. Copernicus Marine Service Training

Mercator Ocean International Team organized a training on Copernicus Marine Service data for the Mediterranean Sea in Bologna, on December 9-10, 2019. CNR-ISMAR staff participate in order to bring added values to the CHANGE WE CARE Project in terms of data that can be implemented.

### 3.4. International conference "EuroLag9"

Representatives of the CNR-CNR-ISMAR and ISPRA participated to the International Conference "EuroLag9. Future vision and knowledge needs for coastal transitional environments" organized by the



CNR-CNR-ISMAR, the Consortium for Lagoon Research (Corila), and the University of Venice Ca' Foscari. The event took place on 20-24 January, 2020 in Venice, Italy.

The teams exposed the first results of the modeling activities obtained within the project through two posters:

- HABITAT SUITABILITY MODEL AS A TOOL TO ASSESS CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE ADRIATIC BASIN: METHODOLOGIES APPLIED IN THE EU INTERREG CHANGE WE CARE PROJECT di Boscolo Brusà R., Feola A., Bonometto A., Ponis E., Dastoli S., Bonaldo D., Franzoi P., Zucchetta M., Nicoletti L. [https://www.italy-croatia.eu/documents/279156/0/Boscolo+et+al\\_Eurolag9\\_Venice+20-24+January+2020.pdf/b7d86656-9f4e-2aa7-f4a1-9584f07aec6e?t=1579884515362](https://www.italy-croatia.eu/documents/279156/0/Boscolo+et+al_Eurolag9_Venice+20-24+January+2020.pdf/b7d86656-9f4e-2aa7-f4a1-9584f07aec6e?t=1579884515362)
- HYDRODYNAMIC MODELLING FOR FRAMING CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE ADRIATIC SEA AND ITS COASTAL REGIONS di Bonaldo D., Bucchignani E., Carniel S., Denamiel C., Pomaro A., Petra P., Ricchi A., Sangelantoni L., Sclavo M., Vilibic I., Vitelletti M.L. [https://www.italy-croatia.eu/documents/279156/0/Bonaldo+et+al\\_Eurolag9\\_Venice+20-24+January+2020.pdf/0937e472-0813-daf2-a8be-92856f740b30?t=1579884486413](https://www.italy-croatia.eu/documents/279156/0/Bonaldo+et+al_Eurolag9_Venice+20-24+January+2020.pdf/0937e472-0813-daf2-a8be-92856f740b30?t=1579884486413)

### 3.5. Autumn School on Climate data use for impact assessments

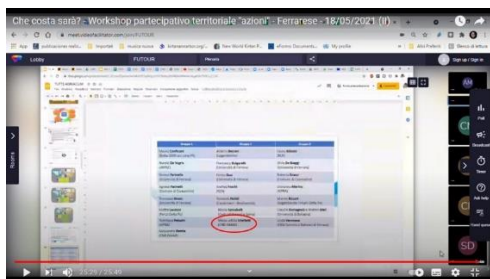


Representative of CNR-CNR-ISMAR Participated in the online Autumn School organized as training activities scheduled by IS-ENES3 project Infrastructure for the European Network for Earth System Modelling (2019 - 2022) focuses on the use of climate data and their sources, impact and climate models. A representative of CNR-ISMAR team participated also in a follow-up of the IS-ENES3 Autumn School (26/02/2021).



### 3.6. ADRIACLIM workshops

Within the ADRIACLIM Project, CNR-ISMAR's staff has participated to three workshops regarding the participative process titled "*Che Costa Sarà?*" (1<sup>st</sup> workshop "*Quadro Conoscitivo e Visione Futura*" (4/05/2021); 2<sup>nd</sup> workshop "*Azioni Zona Ferrarese*" (18/05/2021); 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop "*Confronto e Integrazione*" (27/05/2021), organized by Emilia Romagna Region.



### 3.6. Videoconferences on similar topics

Some members of the Veneto Region participated in videoconferences on topics closely related to the project themes including:

- on 21/01/2021 at the webinar "*European Extreme Events Climate Index*",
- on 14/05/2021 at the online meeting "*Sandway: study for the estimation of solid transport at sea of Ravenna's rivers*",
- on 25/05/2021 at the round table called "*Meteorological signals of climate change*" which was held in streaming on the youtube channel and which is part of a meteonetwork or a forum with discussions on meteorology, weather forecasts, climatology, extreme phenomena and weather stations,
- on 25/06/2021 at the online event: "*Climate change, resilience and innovation, between risks and opportunities: Public Administrations and Small and Medium Enterprises in the territory and for the territory*",
- on 30/06/2021 at the online meeting "*SNPA report on climate change impact indicators*".





### 3.7. Conference “Coastal areas and the challenge of climate change”

On October 26, 2021 Davide Bonaldo (CNR-CNR-ISMAR) participated as speaker in the conference "Coastal areas and the challenge of climate change - green ports, urban areas, management and adaptation of coasts for a sustainable Blue Growth", organized in the framework of Ecomondo fair by the Technical Scientific Committee of Ecomondo, the Ministry of Ecological Transition, Ispra - Higher Institute for Protection and Environmental Research, Regions, National Board of Coastal Erosion, National Group for Research on the Coastal Environment, Legambiente Onlus. Davide Bonaldo holds a speech entitled: "Multidisciplinary approaches to the analysis of coastal systems for coordinated management at a cross-border scale: challenges and results of the CHANGE WE CARE Project". A member of RER staff attended the networking event. 64 people participated at the conference.



News containing photos of the event are available at: <https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/changewecare/-/change-we-care-presented-at-ecomondo-2021-fair-rimini-italy/>

### 3.8. Deep Natural Networks for Beginners

Project Coordinator Davide Bonaldo attended a Workshop on Deep Neural Networks for Beginners, which had been held in Sweden at Uppsala University, on 14-16 October 2019. The Workshop was an important opportunity to get in touch with staff and students from different universities (mostly from Northern Europe) and exchange ideas on the application of innovative methods for data analysis to the study of climate trends in the Adriatic Sea.

### 3.9. ADRIADAPT expert meeting

On the second day of the ADRIADAPT expert meeting organized by PAP/RAC in Split, June 13<sup>th</sup> 2019, in a special session was organized under the slogan *“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts”*, to which partners from similar projects were invited in order to find synergies and enhance the results of the project activities. MEMUD, CHANGE WE CARE and EIB project on green infrastructure were presented by representatives of the University of Split, Department of Urbanism, RERA development agency of Split and the expert responsible for the EIB project.



## 4. Conclusion: Networking Results

Despite the unexpected limitations caused by the COVID 19 Pandemic, the CHANGE WE CARE project succeeded in networking and disseminating results and activities on many occasions and will continue building on these contacts and networks also after the conclusion of the project.

Joint Action Plan can be a kind of a networking tool to support Croatian and Italian partners in planning their future projects and activities in a manner that will be of the best use to their communities and environment.

As part of the CHANGE WE CARE EU project, communication activity described in Work package 2 prescribes that at least one relevant publication will be published by an EU paper magazine.

The main goal of the publication is to make the public aware of the need for action to protect against climate change.