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## Summary

The involved partners – Municipality of Comacchio and Po Delta Veneto Regional Park – organised two local events in concomitance with the finalisation of the pilot actions of competence, in order to inform the general local audience on the state of the art of the local activities and on the results achieved by the partnership through the implementation of the project VALUE.

The events were organised respectively in Spina and at the premises of the National Archaeological Museum of Adria (and in San Basilio), locations of the pilot sites where the reconstruction of the start-up archaeological parks was implemented.



### Local event in Stazione Foce, Comacchio

#### Agenda and interventions

The event was held on 25.06.2022 in Stazione Foce (Comacchio) pilot site of competence of the Lead Partner, Municipality of Comacchio, specifically at the reconstructed settlement, making use of one of the two buildings achieved through the project.

The agenda for the day included an initial conference with interventions from representatives of the Municipality of Comacchio and of the University of Bologna, as well as a tour of the site with re-enactment activities aimed at the local general public attending the event.

Opening the conference, the *Mayor of the Municipality of Comacchio – Pierluigi Negri* welcomed the participants in the event and officially opened the open-air archaeological park in Spina, achieved through the reconstruction of a settlement of the 5th-4th BC.



Following the intervention from the Mayor, the *Project Manager of VALUE – Roberto Cantagalli* presented the project, focusing in particular on the results achieved throughout the implementation of the foreseen activities, with specific reference to the impact at a local level. The aim of the pilot site and of the project more in general, as well as the rationale behind the reconstruction of the settlement were discussed.

The Culture Councilor for the Municipality of Comacchio – Emanuele Mari centered his speech on the future perspectives on the valorisation of local culture and sustainable tourism. The role of Spina and of the cultural district in the promotion of a sustainable fruition of the territory emerged as central in the



discourse around the issue of sustainable management of natural and cultural heritage in the project area.

Closing the conference an intervention from *Antonio Gottarelli – University of Bologna*, designer of the settlement and supervisor of the construction site. Gottarelli presented the methodological approach for the development of the project of the pilot site and described the phases that led to its implementation. A specific focus was dedicated to the present and ongoing evolution of archaeological research evidencing the historical connection between the valleys of Comacchio and the borders of the plain and the edges of the Apennines.

#### Photos of the event































#### Local event in Adria

Po Delta Veneto Regional Park organised a local event in Adria with the aim of attracting the attention of the local public towards archaeology and the important links of it with other excellences of the territory, such as nature, favouring the development of new forms of sustainable tourism and fruition of cultural heritage.

The main venue for the event was identified in the National Archaeological Museum of Adria, but additional activities were scheduled at San Basilio, where archaeological excavations and other interesting historical and cultural features are to be highlighted, in order to cover both pilot sites of the Delta Po Park.

The event took place on October 9th-10th and the programme involved:

- A Conference aimed at presenting the project to a wider local public (with speeches from the *Project Manager for Po Delta Veneto Regional Park M. Gottard*i and from the *Director of the National Archaeological Museum of Adria A. Facchi*) with particular reference to the activities insisting on the pilot sites of the area;
- A bike and boat tour with departure from Adria and destination set in Retinella, including a visit to the "Antiquarium" of Loreo;
- Educational workshops with children at the premises of the Museum;
- Guided tours inside the Museum held by qualified guides, focusing on the topics related to the project;
- A presentation of the magazine REM with a report from the director of the National Archaeological Museum of Adria
- A guided tour of the historic center of Adria at the Places of History;
- A presentation of the project and activities to the participants in San Basilio;
- A light trekking entitled "A walk through history": 12 km walk through the fossil dunes of San Basilio, the Bosco Nichetti, the Rotta di Martino, to the excavation area (duration 3h 30);
- Guided tours at the Cultural Tourist Centre, Romanesque church, archaeological excavations.

The conference held in the Museum of Adria took place in the conference room of the Museum of Adria with the initial greetings of the Mayor of Adria, followed by the intervention of the PM Marco Gottardi, of the Veneto Regional Park of the Po Delta. Gottardi described the project and its potential in terms of impact on the territory, linking the existing points of attraction with the historical-archaeological aspects, which must be implemented, involving the areas of potential attraction, such as the National Archaeological Museum of Adria and the area of the San Basilio excavations.



Very interesting was also the report of Dr. Sara Bianchi, who spoke about the Project in a broad sense, mentioning the different locations in Italy and abroad where measures have been taken, describing the activities and potential future developments.

Finally, it was time for Dr. Alberta Facchi, director of the National Archaeological Museum of Adria. The director described primarily the scientific aspects that have concerned and relating to the Value Project, regarding the excavations of San Basilio, which have brought and are bringing a lot of new information regarding the settlement during the period of permanence of the Etruscans in the area.

In addition to the excavations, the Value Project has also carried out a core drilling campaign within the built-up area of Adria, in order to ascertain the actual extent of the historical settlement during the Etruscan period, as well as to understand the nature of the environment surrounding the town.

The Value Project will also include the design of the Museum Garden, with archaeological structures and games to attract the inhabitants of the town and beyond to use this space, which will become a continuum between the internal exhibition halls, the garden and the town of Adria itself - a kind of *trait d'union* that will bring the public closer to archaeology.

Foreign and Italian project partners were also invited to the presentation, and a live telematic platform was set up to ensure their participation.