

PROJECT NAME

CREW Coordinated Wetland Management in Italy-Croatia Cross Border Region

DESCRIPTION

The Interreg Italy-Croatia CREW (Coordinated Wetland Management in Italy-Croatia Cross Border Region) project is part of the Italy-Croatia programme and is funded by the European Union. The project aims to implement a multi-level governance tool called "Wetland Contract", aimed at achieving global effects on the coastal wetland ecosystems of the Adriatic Sea and related socio-economic aspects, overcoming the fragmentations that often jeopardize their integrity, development and conservation.

MAIN OUTCOMES

The project aims to:

1. to set up a cross border Observatory to monitor best practices and data on Italian and Croatian coastal wetlands;
2. to protect the biodiversity in Italian and Croatian coastal wetlands by the implementation of a coordinated methodology for wetlands management (Wetland Contract) in coherence with the ICZM principles. Enhancing the implementation of an integrated tool, the project will assure higher coordination among stakeholders and decision makers, limiting and absorbing raising conflicts between preservation issues and economic activities (farming, aquaculture, tourism) and will enhance the achievement of sustainable long-term results.
3. to share a cross border strategy and strengthen synergies among Italian and Croatian coastal wetlands;
4. to improve the public awareness about the value of the wetlands ecosystems among policy makers, managers, professionals, and general public and strengthen their active engagement in territorial governance.

By implementing the foreseen actions, CREW will also promote the implementation of EU policies among Italy and Croatia. Wetland Contracts particularly help to achieve the goals of Environmental Directives such as Habitats Directive, Birds Directive, Flood Directive and Water Framework Directive.

TOTAL BUDGET AND DURATION

CREW is financed for about 1.8 million euros, to be distributed in two years, 8 months (01/12/2018 - 31/08/2021) and eight partners.

PROJECT PARTNERS

CREW partners include institutional entities such as universities, municipal and administrative bodies (Iuav University of Venice, the Inter-municipal Territorial Union of the Riviera - Bassa Friulana, University of Camerino, Municipality of San Benedetto del Tronto, Patto Territoriale Nord Barese Ofantino), and regional bodies whose mission is the protection of the territory (Natura Histrica - Pula, Natura Jadera - Zadar, Zastita Prirode - Dubrovnik).

Each of them (excluding the University of Camerino) works on a study area where a wetland contract is initiated. The areas involved are: the mouth of the Ofanto river, the natural reserve of Sentina, the north lagoon of Venice, the lagoon of Marano, the ornithological reserve Palud, the island of Pag, the mouth of the Neretva river.

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