

# Study visit report n. 2

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As scheduled and foreseen in the AF, a study visit was held on November 13, 2019. The study visit was organized by the Municipality of San Benedetto del Tronto at Marecchia River, in Italy. The visit was held in order to increase the participants' knowledge about the methodology, and debate about the wetland environment, highlighting common characteristics, problems and challenges for biodiversity conservation.

### – ORGANIZATION

07:00 Departure from San Benedetto del Tronto and arrival in Verrucchio (Rimini) by bus

10:30 – 12:30 Technical meeting and Q&A on River contract

13:30- 16:00 Study visit at Marecchia River Contract, Villa Verrucchio, in Verrucchio (RM)

16:00 Return to San Benedetto del Tronto by bus

### – PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES (22 PEOPLE)

UNIVERSITY OF CAMERINO (3)

UTI RBF (3)

RISERVA SENTINA (1)

JU PRIRODA DNZ (3)

CITY OF SAN BENEDETTO DEL TRONTO (3)

IUAV (3)

NATURA HISTRICA (2)

UNIVERSITY OF URBINO (1)

EXTERNAL EXPERTS (3)

### – DETAILS

During the meeting Professor Riccardo Santolini (University of Urbino) held a very thorough presentation on the River Contract of Marecchia, all information used, presented and analysed can be find at the website <http://www.fiumemarecchia.it/> and the presentation used is available at the following link <http://www.fiumemarecchia.it/>. The presentation was held both in Italian and English and was simultaneously translated for the audience in both languages accordingly.

The focus of the presentation during the first part was on the the importance of a river contract in the area, the project path, the action plan, document of intents and the 10 steps for achieving the signature of the river contract. Following the presentation of this, the expert continued by giving detail on the participants, the number, institutions and the way each participant was involved. Following that, the expert continued by giving detailed information on the legislation and the application of river contracts in Marecchia and the detailed action plan with actions and adjustments made in time.

During the second part of the meeting the River contract of Marecchia was explained in detail and each part of it enabled a very interesting Q&A among the audience and the expert involved.

During the last part of the visit, the group was brought to the site and was able to see and visit the River with further explanations and details of what was said and explained orally in the morning.

#### OUTCOME

The result of the visit is certainly an enriched knowledge of the River. Generally, the participants were interested and each one of them addressed specific issues and doubts that were allayed by the expert and participants as well. Differences, common issues, administrative matters, challenges and opportunities were discussed actively, thus the visit was quite useful and enlightening for many.

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