

D. 2.4.2. LOCAL FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT

WP 2 – Communication activities

Activity number 4 - events

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Local final conference was organized by Public Institution for the Management of Protected Natural Areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva County in city of Metkovic (city placed within target area) on 15th July 2021 from 12:00 till 14:00 hrs.

40 participants listed including stakeholders from public and private institutions, as well as media representatives (agenda listed below).

Potpisivanje

Sporazuma o očuvanju i zaštiti močvarnog područja doline rijeke Neretve

Gradsko kulturno središte Metković

Stjepana Radića 1, Metković

15. srpnja 2021.

PROGRAM

Vrijeme	Aktivnost
13:00 – 13:15	Registracija
13:15 – 13:30	Pozdravni govori: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marijana Miljas Đuračić, ravnateljica Javne ustanove za upravljanje zaštićenim dijelovima prirode Dubrovačko-neretvanske županije - Aljoša Duplić, ravnatelj Zavoda za zaštitu okoliša i prirode, - Ministarstvo gospodarstva i održivog razvoja - Župan Nikola Dobroslavić
13:30 – 13:40	Prezentacija filma <i>Neretva Delta</i> (autor: Goran Šafarek)
13:40 – 13:50	<i>Europe Direct</i> – predstavljanje novootvorenog info centra i europskog zelenog plana (<i>DUNEA</i>)
13:50 – 14:00	Potpisivanje Sporazuma o očuvanju i zaštiti močvarnog područja doline rijeke Neretve

After welcome regards by Public Institution, County and Ministry representatives and presenting of CREW project goals, a short Neretva video clip was emitted with the focus on the Neretva valley biodiversity, protected areas and species an Natura 2000 sites along with the Ramsar international values (The Neretva River Delta is internationally also recognized as a Ramsar Area – a wetland of international importance which expands over 12.742 ha).

Due to its location, climate and water richness, the Neretva River Delta, with a total area of about 20.000 ha, is one of the most valuable wetland areas in Croatia. It is the largest river mouth in the country and is one of the few remaining wetlands in Europe, consisting of remnants of Mediterranean wetlands with preserved coastal lagoons. Particularly prominent are reedbeds where many endangered species of animals live.

In the area of the Neretva Delta, eight geographically defined areas with a total area of 1.624 ha are protected with the Nature Protection Act (OG 80/13, 15/18, 14/19, 127/19). The delta has also been declared an area of the Natura 2000 ecological network of particular importance to the European Union as a Special Protection Area (SPA) and a Site of Community Importance (SCI), with a total area amounting to about 23.800 ha.

Due to the area's great biodiversity values, the Public Institution for the management of protected natural areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva County (PIDNC) held a series of Territorial Labs in the target area involving various stakeholders, including: public institutions, counties' representatives, civil society organizations, schools, universities, business support organizations and small and medium enterprises. All of this was done with the aim to create an Action plan and sign a Wetland Contract, in which these stakeholders state their determination to preserve the Neretva River Delta. The Wetland Contract was signed on 15th July 2021 in Metković.

The commitment to 46 activities by 19 stakeholders is a result of the long-lasting collaboration between the PIDNC and local stakeholders in the Neretva Delta. Almost all of the activities in the Action plan are activities which the PIDNC has put in the Neretva Delta management plan (i.e. result of the 3rd Territorial Lab). Thus, the stakeholders were familiar with these activities even before the Action plan drafting process started. However, with this Wetland Contract they have made a real commitment for these activities to be fulfilled once the Management plan is endorsed at the beginning of 2022. Thus, the Wetland Contract proved to be enormous added value to the future Neretva Delta Natura 2000 Management Plan.





Special Ornithological Reserve Palud - Palù “Natura Histrica”

Public Institution for the Management of Protected Natural Areas in Istria County

Local final conference was organized by “Natura Histrica” - Public Institution for the Management of Protected Natural Areas in Istria County on 19th of July 2021 from 10:30 till 15:00 hrs.

The event took place outdoors, within the ornithological reserve itself, by the ornithological viewpoint.

Altogether 34 participants were present, including majority of the stakeholders – signees of the contract, from public and private institutions, as well as media representatives.



POZIVAMO VAS
na svečano potpisivanje
Sporazuma za vlažno područje Palud - Palù

Palud, 19. srpnja 2021.

Terenski dio: od 10:30
Službeni program: od 12:30



PROGRAM:

Ornitološka promatračnica – Palud - Palù

10:30 – 12:00 – dolazak sudionika, promatranje ptica na promatračnici, obilazak dijelova rezervata u manjim grupama

12:00 – 12:30 – piće dobrodošlice

12:30 – 12:45 – uvod i pozdravne riječi

12:45 – 13:00 – o projektu CREW

13:00 – svečano potpisivanje Sporazuma

14:00 -15:00 – zakuska i osvježanje – Agroturizam Mofardin

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European Regional Development Fund

The event was opened by Silvia Buttignoni, director of the Institution who briefly presented the purpose of the project and read the letter from the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development written by Dr Aljoša Duplić, the director of the State Agency for the protection of Environment and Nature. He has stressed that small, yet valuable wetland habitats are present alongside Istrian rocky coast and pointed out their importance. He also confirmed the commitment of the Ministry to take part actively in the work of the Stakeholders' forum, although they are not official signees of the Wetland Contract, but act as supportive member. This is especially important bearing in mind that Wetland Contract paved the path for production of another important management document for the Palud reserve.

Marko Paliaga, Mayor of the City of Rovinj-Rovigno said that the City is committed to preserve its natural resources and stressed the role of wetlands in flood regulation.

Boris Miletić, President of the Istrian County also stressed that protected nature is an invaluable resource for the future development of the County.


Svetlana Lupret-Obradović, who was coordinating the activities in the Public Institution, presented the whole project, and after that, consultants for the Vitaprojekt d.o.o., Ivana Šarić and Martina Markov explained the whole participatory process that led to signing the Wetland Contract for Palud area.

After this introductory part, a Wetland contract was signed by seventeen signees, from national level authorities to individuals. Its most important part the Action plan, called “Palud – Diversity in Miniature”. It defines 17 activities to be conducted in the next 5 years.

Besides signees, there are six other members of the Stakeholder Forum, who didn't sign the Contract but will also take part in the work of its bodies. They all committed themselves to conduct the activities in cooperation and communication.






 Anamaria Mofardin
 19. lipanj 2021

Županijska Javna ustanova Natura Histrica provodi EU projekt „CREW - Koordinirano upravljanje močvarnim područjima u prekograničnom dijelu Hrvatske i Italije“, u sklopu kojeg je danas potpisan Sporazum za močvarno područje Palud - Palù.

Radi se o prvom sporazumu te vrste u Istri, koji je rezultat rada na radionicama s različitim dionicima prisutnima u prostoru. Nakon identifikacije problema i prijetnji, pristupilo se izradi akcijskog plana koji obuhvaća aktivnosti koje su zajedničkim snagama osmislili dionici u prostoru. U sljedećih 5 godina

POTPISAN SPORAZUM ZA MOČVARNO PODRUČJE PALUD - DOM ZA ČAK 240 VRSTA PTICA



Cilj projekta je zaštita, povećanje postotka bioraznolikosti vlažnih staništa u Hrvatskoj i Italiji, te prekogranično praćenje područja

Zbogom je potpisan u sklopu međunarodnog projekta CREW koji se odvijaju u sklopu Programu prekograničnog upravljanja prirodnim i kulturnim naslijeđem u A. A. Istra - Istria. U ovom sporazumu potpisali su predstavnici lokalnih vlasti i stručnjaci iz Hrvatske i Italije. Cilj projekta je zaštita, povećanje postotka bioraznolikosti vlažnih staništa u Hrvatskoj i Italiji, te prekogranično praćenje područja.

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Special Ornithological Reserve Veliko i Malo Blato Public Institution for the Management of Protected Natural Areas in Zadar County

River Contract for Special Ornithological Reserve Veliko i Malo Blato was signed in Zadar on 14th June 2021 within 3 stakeholders: Hunters Association Zadar County, Association for environmental protection, promotion of ecological production and sustainable use “Volim Vlašiči” and Tourist Board of Poveljana Municipality. Through four activities all signatories agreed to protect, improve and educate biological diversity of Malo and Veliko Blato Special Reserve.



Comunita Riviera Friulana Marano Lagoon

The contract has been discussed and agreed between:

- 1 Authority (District basin authority of the Eastern Alps)
- 1 Region (Friuli Venezia Giulia Region)
- 2 Regional bodies (PromoTurismoFVG, ARPA FVG)
- 1 Supra-municipal body (Comunità Riviera Friulana)
- 11 Municipalities (Carlino, Latisana, Lignano Sabbiadoro, Marano Lagunare, Muzzana del Turgnano, Palazzolo dello Stella, Pocenja, Porpetto, Precenicco, Rivignano Teor, Ronchis e San Giorgio di Nogaro)
- 1 university (University of Trieste)
- 3 schools (Istituto Comprensivo “Cuore dello Stella” di Rivignano Teor, Istituto Comprensivo Palazzolo dello Stella, Istituto Comprensivo “Università Castrense” di San Giorgio di Nogaro)

IUAV Laguna di Nord Venezia

30 signatories, 18 planned actions declined into 76 specific activities are some of the numbers provided for in the Wet Area Contract for the Northern Lagoon of Venice which signed 15 July 2021.

The Contract is the result of the Interreg Italy-Croatia CREW Project, coordinated by the IUAV University of Venice, aimed at achieving global effects on the #ecosystems of the coastal wetlands of the Adriatic Sea and on the related socio-economic aspects, overcoming the fragmentations that often jeopardize their integrity, development and conservation.

Citta di San Benedetto del Tronto Sentina Natural Reserve

The contract took the form of 22 actions corresponding to three strategic axes (governance, environment, development) which will be implemented until 2024 when a verification of the achieved results.

The signatories of the document virtually met on Wednesday 28 April 2021, with interventions by various coordinated institutional representatives by the official of the Europe service of the Municipality Sergio Trevisani: by the mayor Pasqualino Piunti to the president of the Sentina Reserve Ruggero Latini, by the regional councilors to the environment of Marche and Abruzzo, Aguzzi and Campitelli, to the lecturer at the IUAV University of Venice Maria Chiara Tosi, CREW project manager, from the municipal officer Serena Sgariglia who followed the project to the president of the Sentina Albano Ferri association, to the agricultural entrepreneur Paolo Rebez Laureati. The meeting can be followed live on the YouTube channel of the Municipality and on the Facebook page of the Municipality.

Northern Barese Ofantino Territorial Pact Regional Park of Ofanto River

The Contract has been signed on 1st August 2021 between 12 stakeholders - A.S.D. Barletta Sportiva, Autorità di Bacino Distrettuale dell'Appennino Meridionale, Comune di Barletta, Comune di Margherita di Savoia, Autorità Idraulica Regione Puglia, Commissario Straordinario, A.P.S. Casa di Ramsar, Centro Studi Naturalistici Onlus, IRSA CNR, Provincia di Barletta Andria Trani, ARIF Regione Puglia, Regione Puglia Ufficio Parchi.

Italy - Croatia CBC Programme

Priority Axis: 3. Environment and cultural heritage
Specific objective: 3.2 Contribute to protect and restore biodiversity

Event follow up report

Work Package:	<i>2. Communication activities</i>
Activity	<i>2.4.2. Local Final Conference Reports</i>
Deliverable:	<i>2.4.2. Local Final Conference Reports – One Report for each target area will contain the results of the local conferences</i>

Project Partner:	<i>All</i>
Name of event:	Local Final Conference Report
Date:	April, May, August 2021.
Event type:	<i>Local Final Project Conference</i>
Event venue:	<i>Online and live</i>
Short description of the event:	Singing of river contracts methodology, and discuss the plans for its long-term maintenance with relevant representatives of policy, governance and research and monitoring institutions.
Speakers speeches, brief summary and conclusion:	<p>Emphasize of its aims, structure, and future perspectives within River Contracts.</p> <p>Conclusions: raise awareness among interest group and general public about the value of wetland ecosystems and the project results, inform local key stakeholders about project results and enhance their engagement in the Wetland Contract participatory process also after the sign, strengthen synergies among partners, disseminate at EU level project outputs and results.</p>
Role of CREW partner in the event:	WP 2 Communication activities leader
Type of audience/target groups involved:	Stakeholders, regional organizations, institutions for protected areas management, research organizations

