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Abstract

In this activity, each target area reports about the participatory processes held during the project.

Methodologically speaking, the activity 4.3.3. was organized as a series of in-depth workshops and meetings held by each CREW partner at the presence of a full representative set of stakeholders. Stakeholder outreach and mapping was performed as a propaedeutic within the project, and led to hosting workshops with coherent groups of territorial subjects as well as respecting the multi-actor logic upon which the project was originally built.

4.3.3 Overview

General overview:

| Partner | # of Labs | # of Participants (average) |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| IUAV | 16 | 29 |
| Natura Histrica | 7 | 19 |
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IUAV

The University luav of Venice organized and moderated thirteen meetings with the stakeholders, 1 questionnaire and 2 site visits. The categories of stakeholders involved are the following: local, supra-local and metropolitan public institutions; professional and trade associations; associations of free citizens involved in sports, cultural and environmental protection activities in the lagoon.

| # of Labs | # of Participants | Actions | Methodology | 1 |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------------|---|
| | (min-max) | | | ı |



| 16 (informative meetings, online forums, site visits, plenary assemblies, thematic tables) | 7-95 | questionnaire and | Questionnaire and thematic tables were used as a methodological tool. |
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Natura Histrica

Public Institution "Natura Histrica" held a series of participatory events in the period from July 2020 to April 2021 involving various stakeholders, including local and regional authorities, state-level authorities and institutions, small enterprises present in the area, scientific and expert institutions, non-governmental organizations, regional development agencies, tourist boards and individuals.

| # of Labs | # of Participants (min-max) | Actions | Methodology |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|--|
| 7 (4 Labs + 3 meetings) | 1-37 | | Putting efforts in local media proved to be efficient to attract potential new stakeholders. Mostly SWOT analysis were performed, using the world café methodology |

Natura Jadera

Natura Jadera held a series of six participatory events, progressively more and more participated, during end of November/start of December 2020. involving various stakeholders, including Touristic Board Povljane, Municipality of Povljane, City of Pag, Zadar County and several local community representatives. Prior to the events the partner sent out a questionnaire that was sent to the regional stakeholders to detect topics of interest quantitatively and qualitatively for the lab. The final conference served partly as a dissemination of the data gathered so far by the CREW project but also as an opportunity to raise the



visibility of our pilot project location and the importance of focusing more on preservation of such localities.

| # of Labs | # of Participants (min-max) | Actions | Methodology |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 6 meetings | 1-25 | -Preliminary questionnaire that helped detecting the areas of interest to focus on the territorial labs Dissemination conference of the data gathered by the end of labs. | -Data was gathered through half-structured interviews from two sources: local population and public institutionsFocus groups through which different perspectives were gained. |

PIDNC

PIDNC held four participatory meetings overall, with good participation. The workshops posed as an invaluable platform for different stakeholders to understand the roles of other organizations in preserving biodiversity in the Neretva Delta and reach common solutions for certain problems. The workshops were also a great opportunity for networking among participants. More important, organizing Territorial labs in the form of stakeholder workshops, gave the participants a sense of ownership of the activities which will be included in the Action plan of the Wetlands Contract.

| # of Labs | # of Participants (min-max) | Actions | Methodology |
|------------|--|--|--|
| 7 meetings | 14-81 (between local population and representatives of interested organizations) | Meetings were organized in the form of questionnaires and workshops. | Semi-structured questionnaires were conducted and interactive workshops. |



PTNBO

PTNBO held a total of five territorial lab with significant participation. The meetings had the main purpose of representing the planning, programming, analysing and positioning actitivies already within each of the participant stakeholders, for reasons connected to their own institutional scope or mission. Along the process, the labs were also reffered to as 'Tavoli Tematici', to simplify dissemination and convey the participatory nature of the meetings. They helped providing a vision of the development and planning prospects in the medium / long term in the territorial reference context of the WC, therefore, making it possible to assess the suitability of the overall planning / programming activated and their adequacy to the solution of existing criticalities, providing the with the tools for the development of scenarios and intervention priorities.

| # of Labs | # of Participants (min-max) | Actions | Methodology |
|------------|--------------------------------|---|--|
| 9 meetings | 14-23 | Meetings were organized in the form of thematic tables. | Participatory processes were guaranteed through digital democracy tools. All territorial labs were effectively disseminated through the project's official channels. |

SAN BENEDETTO D.T.

San Benedetto del Tronto held eight highly participated territorial labs. The drafting of the action program thus directly involved the institutional actors and territorial stakeholders in the development of each action, identifying the actors involved, their respective obligations and commitments, the times and methods of implementation, human resources and necessary economic conditions, as well as the related financial coverage. The institutional actors and the territorial stakeholders have compiled forms to collect the actions (structural and non-structural) and, also through bilateral meetings, 22 cards / actions have been identified that made up the first Action Program of the Area Agreement Humid of the Bilge Regional Nature Reserve.

| # of Labs | # of Participants | Actions | Methodology |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| | (min-max) | | |



| 9 meetings 15-35 | -Draft and signature of Document of Intent by 18 partiesThematic tablesCreation of Action Programme | The methodology adopted for the organisation of the working tables is that of the EASW (European Awareness Scenario Workshop). |
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UTI

UTI led seven successful territorial labs, whose methodology ranged between different methods (such as a traditional workshop, future workshop, world café, roundtable, EASW, Participatory Swot Analysis....). The choice of the methodology was tailored to the involved stakeholder, in order to gain as much coordination and consensus building as possible. During the territorial labs the pilot area and its characteristics were presented and analyzed and through participatory approach main problems, solutions, and challenges of the area were identified.

| # of Labs | # of Participants (min-max) | Actions | Methodology |
|------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 7 meetings | 15-28 | -Draft of the first Action Program - Creation of Strategic Document and Knowledge Analysis | Methodology ranges between different methods (such as a traditional workshop, future workshop, world café, roundtable, EASW, Participatory Swot Analysis, informative seminar etc.) |







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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This section scope is to introduce the methodology used for the participatory process and to report about the meetings held.

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| l. | The University luav of Venice organized and moderated 13 meetings with |
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| | stakeholders involved are the following: local, supra-local and metropolitan |
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| | citizens involved in sports, cultural and environmental protection activities |
| | in the lagoon. |
| | The Activities have been organised as following: |
| | 5 Informative Meetings |
| | I. Open to the local administrations and public or public-private bodies |
| | involved in the management of territorial systems |
| | II. III. IV. V. and VI. Open to the public |
| | 1 Questionnaire: VII. to move Wetland COntract activities to the on-line |
| | form and to start collecting views of the lagoon from local organizations. |
| | 2 On-line Forums: to enlarge the group of stakeholders. |
| | 2 Site Visits: made by luav working group to meet the stakeholders in their locations and to build the knowledge framework. |
| | 2 Plenaries |
| | I. Plenary #1: Discussion with stakeholders on the Knowledge Framework |
| | II. Plenary #2: Presentation of contents for Thematic Tables |
| | 3 Thematic Tables |
| | III. Table #1: Ecological and Hydromorphological protection; Wave |
| | management |
| | IV. Table #2: Productive and recreational activities – Agriculture, hunting and fishing; Promotion and tourist reception |
| | V. Table #3: Housing in the lagoon – Policies, facilities and services; |
| | Accessibility and usability |
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B. REPORT

| Chapter nun | nber and name | | |
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| B. REPORT | I. Informative | | |
| | Meeting 1 | Date | 26 September 2019 |
| | | Venue | Musile di Piave |
| | | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and Wetland contract tool |
| | | Number of participants | 16 |
| | | Short description of the event | The meeting, organised by luav and held in the space of Musile Municipality, had the aim of presenting to the local, metropolitan and regional public and institutional bodies the CREW project and the programmatic tool of wetland contracts. |
| | II. Informative | | |
| | Meeting 2 | Date | 21 October 2019 |
| | | Venue | Mestre |
| | | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and Wetland contract tool |
| | | Number of participants | 10 |
| | | Short description of the event | The meeting, organised by Iuav and held in the space of Città Metropolitana di Venezia, had the aim of presenting to the local stakeholders the CREW project and the programmatic tool of wetland contracts. |
| | III. Informative | | |
| | Meeting 3 | Date | 25 November 2019 |
| | | Venue | Quarto d'Altino |







| | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and Wetland contract tool |
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| | Number of participants | 12 |
| | Short description of the event | The meeting, organised by luav and held in the space of Quarto municipality, had the aim of presenting to the local stakeholders the CREW project and the programmatic tool of wetland contracts. |
| IV. Informative | | |
| Meeting 4 | Date | 25 November 2019 |
| | Venue | Jesolo |
| | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and Wetland contract tool |
| | Number of participants | 21 |
| | Short description of the event | The meeting, organised by luav and held in the space of Jesolo municipality, had the aim of presenting to the local stakeholders the CREW project and the programmatic tool of wetland contracts. |
| V. Informative | | |
| Meeting 5 | Date | 21 January 2020 |
| | Venue | Cavallino-Treporti |
| | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and Wetland contract tool |
| | Number of participants | 7 |
| | Short description of the event | The meeting, organised by luav and held in the space of Cavallino-Treporti municipality, had the aim of presenting to the local |

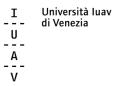




| | | stakeholders the CREW project and the |
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| | | programmatic tool of wetland contracts. |
| VI. Informative | | programmatio tool of metiana contracts. |
| Meeting 6 | Date | 21 February 2020 |
| | Venue | Cavallino-Treporti |
| | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and Wetland contract tool |
| | Number of participants | 14 |
| | Short description of the event | The meeting, organised by luav and held in the space of Centro Culturale Pascoli, had the aim of presenting to the local associations the CREW project and the programmatic tool of wetland contracts. |
| VII. | | |
| Questionnaire | Date | March-June 2020 |
| | Venue | Google Forms |
| | Topics addressed | First recognition of local stakeholders views on the Northern Lagoon of Venice |
| | Number of participants | 60 |
| | Short description of | The questionnaire proposed 4 simple |
| | the event | questions: the Northern Lagoon I know; the Northern Lagoon I wish; the Northern Lagoon I like; the Northern Lagoon I don't like. Eah question offered the possibility to express up to 3 answers. |
| VIII. On-line Forum #1 | | |
| . 5. 6 | Date | 18 June 2020 |
| | Venue | StreamYard |







| | Topics addressed Number of participants | Enlarge the stakeholders' view on the Northern Lagoon and to lunch on-line activities for the development of the Contract. |
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| | Short description of the event | We have asked some local actors to contribute to the creation of a comprehensive vision for the future of the Northern Lagoon. In particular, we asked every guest to answer this question: beyond the pandemic emergency, which are the most urgent actions to be taken for the Northern Lagoon? |
| IX. On-line Forum #2 | Date | 22 July 2020 |
| | Venue | StreamYard |
| | Topics addressed | Enlarge the stakeholders' view on the Northern Lagoon and answer the associations' need for a second On-line Forum. |
| | Number of participants | 55 |
| | Short description of the event | We have asked some local actors to contribute to the creation of a comprehensive vision for the future of the Northern Lagoon. In particular, we asked every guest to answer this question: beyond the pandemic emergency, which are the most urgent actions to be taken for the Northern Lagoon? |
| X. Knowledge Tour by land | Date | 10-11 October 2020 |







| | Venue | Mestre, Campalto, Tessera, Portegrandi, Caposile, Jesolo, Cavallino Treporti. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| | Topics addressed | Ongoing project, potential development programs, possible ideas. |
| | Number of participants | 42 |
| | Short description of the event | Due to the limitations imposed by the pandemic, we decided to organise a tour along the land-water interface of the Northern Lagoon, scheduling small meetings for each stage of the tour. Every meeting was conducted in compliance with all the measures necessary to contain Covid-19. During the small meetings associations' representatives contributed to the construction of the Knowledge Framework. |
| XI. Knowledge Tour by water | _ | |
| Tour by water | Date | 24 October 2020 |
| | Venue | Lazzaretto Nuovo, Sant'Erasmo, Murano, Venezia. |
| | Topics addressed | Ongoing project, potential development programs, possible ideas. |
| | Number of participants | 8 |
| | Short description of the event | Due to the limitations imposed by the pandemic, we decided to organise a tour in the minor islands of the Northern Lagoon, scheduling small meetings for each stage of the tour. Every meeting was conducted in compliance with all the measures necessary to contain Covid-19. During the small meetings associations' representatives |







| | | contributed to the construction of the Knowledge Framework. |
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| XII. Plenary | | |
| Assembly #1 | Date | 10 December 2020 |
| | Venue | Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Presentation of the Knowledge Framework draft; discussion and implementation of the Knowledge Framework; presentation of the suggested structure of the subsequent participatory phase, and in particular of the contents of the thematic tables. |
| | Number of participants | 21 |
| | Short description of the event | The first plenary session was organized in order to open the discussion between the IUAV working group and the stakeholders involved about the results of the activities related to the Knowledge Framework. Thanks to some field trips in the Northern Lagoon, in fact, it was possible to implement the phase of listening to the territory, respecting the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. The collected contents have been organized within a Knowledge Framework (Quadro Conoscitivo, |
| | | in local language) shared in draft with the stakeholders, and integrated with their suggestions. The plenary served to present the results of the listening phase and discuss the contents of the Document not only with those who actively participated in the meetings in the lagoon during the listening phase, but with all potential stakeholders or already signatories of the Document of Understandings. In addition, the plenary had an important role to set up the next work, i.e. the organization of |
| | | thematic tables aimed to build the Programme |





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| XIII. Plenary | | of Actions of the Wetland Contract. The IUAV working group has then presented its proposal for the structure of the following working tables, set up starting from the ideas and proposals collected during the listening phase. This choice was determined by the observation that local communities already have not only a great technical and practical knowledge of the environment in which they live and work, but also many ideas and projects "in the drawer" that the Contract could enhance and systemize. Therefore, 3 thematic tables have been hypothesized, capable of crossing issues, values and ideas identified during the listening phase in the most transversal way possible, avoiding a too sectorial subdivision of the topics. |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Assembly #2 | Date | 2 February 2021 |
| | Venue | Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Final version of the Knowledge Framework; Structure of the Thematic Tables; Contents of the Thematic Tables; Preparatory materials for the Thematic Tables. |
| | Number of participants | 19 |
| | Short description of the event | The second plenary had first the role of validating the final version of the Knowledge Framework, shared with all institutional and non-institutional stakeholders and integrated between December 2020 and January 2021 with the indications provided by the stakeholders. The heart of this second plenary session was the discussion on the criteria for the organization of the Thematic Tables, on the contents they would have dealt with, on the |







modalities of participation and on the materials that luav would have produced according to the development of the tables themselves.

In fact, luav has proposed the construction of three documents, one for each thematic table, which could constitute a critical collection of all information relating to the most important issues in the lagoon, as well as a preparatory material for the discussion of the thematic tables. These documents represent the apparatus of technical-scientific and practical-local knowledge integrated between them and constitute, therefore, a synthesis of the knowledge gathered in the previous work phases.

Each of these documents is structured in four parts: the Knowledge Framework (Documento Conoscitivo), integrated with respect to the one presented in the one presented in December 2020, which describes the phenomena underway with the aim of describing how the lagoon is changing, and provides data on the transformations, critical issues and current pressures; the Strategic Document (Documento Strategico), which describes the trend scenario for the Lagoon of Venice relying on adopted plans and other official documents and highlighting, for each of the issues examined, which plans are dealing with them; Ongoing Projects (Progettualità in essere), includes cards that describe the projects in progress, or recently completed, that work and have worked on issues relevant to the table, analyzing them through their location, a brief description, the main objectives, promoters and beneficiaries, laws and plans of reference and funding, where possible; Requests from the Territory (Istanze del territorio), reports the instances that have







| | | | emerged so far from listening to the territory |
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| | | | of the North Lagoon and section, reorganized |
| | | | according to the types of actions necessary to |
| | | | implement the instances. |
| | | | The contents of the documents are partially |
| _ | | | resumed in the File 4.3.1 Alternative Scenarios. |
|) | XIV. Table #1 | | |
| | | Date | 25 February 2021 |
| | | Venue | Google Meet |
| | | Topics addressed | Ecological Quality of Water Bodies; Environmental Health; Landscape Constraints; Biodiversity of Habitats and Species; Hydraulic and Tidal Risks; Wave motion and Erosion. |
| | | Number of | 25 |
| | | participants | |





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| | Short description of the event | This Table focused mainly on the preservation of lagunar morphologies, put under pressure especially by an inadequate fruition of the most fragile parts of the Northern Lagoon. Several proposals on the topic of protection referred to already ongoing projects led by local associations; these proposals often include awareness-raising activities for both visitors and residents. The other topic that collected many comments and proposals was the water traffic that is damaging the bottom and edges of the lagoon; the proposed actions include activities to better control the area, to promote the transition towards sustainable traffic (specific types of hull, electric boats, for instance), to communicate some crucial rules to live and respect the lagoon. Particularly relevant has been the proposal for the constitution of a permanent table of ongoing projects in the lagoon, which should meet 3-4 times a year; this proposal raised interest from multiple participants belonging to associations with different purposes, making the proposal truly transversal. In general, Actions and Activities collected were in some cases very operational, in others more programmatic, able to open to further reflection. Finally, a common goal emerged, shared by all participants, that is to network between associations, institutions and projects. |
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| XV. Table #2 | Date | 18 March 2021 |
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| | Venue | Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Culture and Tourism; Agriculture, Hunting and Fishing |
| | Number of participants | 41 |



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| Short description | In terms of historical and cultural heritage of |
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| of the event | the lagoon, this table arised a number of |
| | interesting on-going projects, that aim at the |
| | valorisation of: military archaeology in the |
| | minor islands of the lagoon; historical and |
| | environmental thematic paths; photographic |
| | heritage of the mainland facing the lagoon; |
| | ancient small villages in the minor islands; |
| | traditional navigation events. For what |
| | concerns the primary production, instead, |
| | several ideas were put on the table; in some |
| | case they are about ongoing projects, in other |
| | cases they correspond to potential activities |
| | that need to be put in other cases these are |
| | possible activities that would need a social |
| | network to support their realization and |
| | therefore require the collaboration of several |
| | entities involved. A relevant space has been |
| | taken by the interest of some participants in |
| | being involved in future projects, also financed |
| | by the European Community (such as Life |
| | projects). Finally, another relevant theme was |
| | the interface between producers and |
| | consumers of the food chain, with several |
| | proposals for meetings and collaborations |
| | related to local food and products. The |
| | discussion on the topics related to the tourism |
| | industry focused especially on the pressure of |
| | the mass tourism, that tends to put in the |
| | shadow other potential itineraries far from the |
| | city centre of Venice. For what concerns the |
| | primary production, instead, the discussion |
| | focused more on the environmental impact of |
| | primary as well as consumption activities. |
| XV. Table #3 | |
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| | XVI. Final Meeting | | |
| | Meeting | Date | forthcoming: 15 July 2021 |
| | | Venue | still to be decided |
| | | Topics addressed | Public ceremony for signing the contract |
| | | Number of participants | |
| | | Short description | |
| | | of the event | |
| C. | 1. | Please provide a brief evaluation of the methodology you chose to use | |
| ASSESSMENT | Considerations about the methodology used | The three Thematic Tand the beginning of by about 20 to 30 patook place over a perstructure to encourage participants. Each table was there that illustrated the ispresentation the prefew days before the under discussion; paintervene publicly, in description of activitiassociation they representation they representation they representation they represented in a Power discussion and share verify the correctness | Tables were organized between the end of March April 2021 with a distance of 15 days, attended rticipants for each Thematic Table. Each meeting fiod of about three hours, with a common ge as much interaction as possible among the fore held as follows: a brief introduction by luav sues that would be discussed at the table; a paratory document draft, sent to stakeholders a Thematic Table and useful to prepare the issues rticipants were able to book themselves to a concise way, devoting a few minutes to the es, ideas or projects that the institution or esent would like to put on the table; in real time, inserted these actions, ideas or projects in some rpoint themed according to the topics under d through the screen so that all participants could is of the information inserted in the cards as well I responsible) of that same proposed activity. |







| | - Public meetings' posters | | |
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| | may include, but are not limited to: | | |
| D. ANNEXES | Please include the documents associated with the Territorial Labs. These documents | | |
| | Such methodology of the Thematic Tables work has been possible thanks to the fact that almost all the participants, as well as the institutions and the associations that they represent, have come to the Thematic Tables with a baggage of relevant territorial knowledge and with a basket of ideas and projects in the drawer or in course already wide. The advantage has been the real sharing of the action-tabs compilation, making the participation, even if on-line, really effective. Moreover, this modality of work has simplified and accelerated the successive construction of a first version of the Program of the Actions of the Contract, put together by luav. Below, we present the thematic contents of the Tables, underlining the most salient aspects of the real time work and highlighting on the one hand the issues that have raised more confrontations and dialogues, and on the other those proposals that already during the Tables have stimulated some participants to build possible specific collaborations to bring forward shared proposals. | | |





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B. REPORT

| Chapter number an | | | |
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| B. REPORT | I. Meeting 1 | Date | 25 July 2019 |
| | | Venue | University of Camerino - San Benedetto del Tronto |
| | | Topics addressed | Presentation of CREW project and identification of the main topics to be addressed in the participation process |
| | | Number of participants | 35 |
| | | Short description of the event | The first territorial workshop was organised during a first phase of dialogue and presentation of the project and a second phase of compilation of a cognitive questionnaire dedicated to the identification of the main criticalities affecting the Sentina Humid Zone Contract area, in order to define a first scale of priorities of the topics and future interventions. |





| | II. Meeting 2 | Date | 13 September 2019 |
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| | | Venue | University of Camerino - San Benedetto del Tronto |
| | | Topics addressed | Participated SWOT Analysis |
| | | Number of participants | 30 |
| | | Short description of the event | The second territorial workshop consisted in the identification of the main Strengths and Weaknesses of the area of intervention (participated SWOT Analysis); the analysis and the comparison among the participants were conducted and articulated according to the following topics: - Topic 1: Water quality, nature and biodiversity; - Topic 2: Climate change, coastal erosion and hydrogeological risk; - Topic 3: Landscape, spatial planning, land use and economic development. |
| | III. Meeting 3 | Date | 12 November 2019 |
| | | Venue | Hotel Progresso – San Benedetto del Tronto |
| | | Topics addressed | Sharing the Document of Intent |
| | | Number of participants | 28 |
| | | Short description of the event | The third territorial workshop consisted in sharing with the main stakeholders the preliminary integrated cognitive analysis, the results of the SWOT analysis and the draft of the Document of Intent. |
| | IV. Meeting 4 | Date | 19 December 2019 |
| | | Venue | University of Camerino - San Benedetto del Tronto) |





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| | Topics addressed | Signature of the Document of Intent and establishment of the Coordination Committee |
| | Number of participants | 26 |
| | Short description of the event | During the fourth territorial workshop, the Document of Intent was signed by 18 signatories (Municipality of San Benedetto del Tronto, Marche and Abruzzo Regions, Provinces of Ascoli and Teramo, AATO 5, Municipality of Martinsicuro, Autorità di bacino distrettuale dell'Appennino Centrale - Central Apennine District Basin Authority, CIIP, LIDA Marche, Guardie Ecologiche Volontarie - Voluntary Ecological Guards of Ascoli Piceno, Sentina Association and Selva Giurata, local Coast Guard, UNICAM, Legambiente, LIPU, ARPAM. The Municipality of Ascoli Piceno has also recently joined. |
| V. Meeting 5 | Date | 18 February 2020 |
| | Venue | University of Camerino - San Benedetto del Tronto) |
| | Topics addressed | EASW part 1 |
| | Number of participants | 27 |
| | Short description of the event | During this meeting, the participants developed shared thematic visions with a medium to long term horizon for a sustainable and integrated development model based on the thematic reference scenarios. |
| VI. Meeting 6 | Date | 28 April 2020 |
| | Venue | ONLINE –Cisco Webex app |
| | Topics addressed | Presentation of material EASW part 2 |
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| | Number of | 33 |
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| | participants | |
| | Short description of the event | The aim of the sixth territorial workshop was to introduce the methodology to develop the second part of the EASW with the purpose of directly involving institutional players and territorial stakeholders in the proposal of ideas and actions for the realisation of the mediumlong term scenario elaborated during the first part of the EASW (meeting of 18.02.2020) by answering the following essential questions: - HOW can the identified problems be solved? Should we focus more on technology or on organisational solutions? - WHO is primarily responsible for their solution? Local authorities, citizens or both? |
| | | Local players were therefore asked to fill in and return worksheets proposing ideas. |
| VII. Meeting 7 | Date | 19 May 2020 |
| | Venue | ONLINE –Cisco Webex app |
| | Topics addressed | Compiling and sharing the action/ideas sheets (EASW part 2) |
| | | Following the meeting, an online questionnaire was submitted to identify the priority areas. |
| | Number of participants | 22 |
| | Short description of the event | During the seventh territorial workshop, 59 ideas received from 20 different local actors were presented and shared. |
| VIII. Meeting 8 | Date | 15 October 2020 |
| | Venue | ONLINE –Cisco Webex app |
| | Topics addressed | MEETING TO PRESENT THE STRATEGIC DOCUMENT AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE |





| | | Number of participants | ELABORATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME Following the meeting, the collection of the forms to be included in the Action Programme was carried out by the proposers. 15 |
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| | | Short description of the event | F During the eighth territorial workshop, the Strategic Document was shared and the forthcoming activities for the drafting of the Action Programme were presented. |
| | IX. Meeting 9 | Date | 28 April 2021 |
| | | Venue | ONLINE – ZOOM , youtube e Facebook |
| | | Topics addressed | PRESENTATION OF THE ACTION PROGRAMME AND SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT |
| | | Number of participants | 27 (+155 views on youtube) |
| | | Short description of the event | During the 9 th territorial workshop, the work carried out in the previous two years was reviewed aiming at the signing of the Sentina Wetlands Agreement. The Action Programme was shared and the involved Parties officially signed the Contract. A specific intervention concerned the CREW project being it the source of funding for the whole participatory process. |
| | | | During the online meeting, institutional, political and technical interventions took place, as well as some key stakeholders actively participated in the talking. |
| C. | I. | Please provide a brief evaluation of the methodology you chose to use to develop the Territorial Labs. [max 1500 characters] The methodology adopted for the organisation of the working tables is that of the EASW (European Awareness Scenario Workshop). | |
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It is a tool used to cope with the changes and uncertainties that characterise planning and programming.

Scenario Planning is not about predicting the future but rather attempting to describe what is most likely to happen. The result of a scenario analysis is, therefore, the description of a set of circumstances that are all distinctly possible.

EASW® is built from TWO main PARTS: the former the development of the visions, the latter the proposal of ideas. It is intended to stimulate democratic participation in choices related to improving the living conditions of a community and the sustainability of a territory. It allows participants to exchange information, discuss the topics and processes that govern local development, the impact of choices on the natural and social environment, stimulating their ability to identify and plan practical solutions to existing problems.

This is important when, in order to define a medium- to long-term strategic programme, strategies are to be identified to improve the ability to adapt to the unknown circumstances associated with its implementation and to meet the expectations of the local community in all its shades.

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| B. REPORT | I. Meeting 1 | Date | 15/02/20 | |
| | | Venue | Council Room, Civic Center of Marano Lagunare | |
| | | Topics addressed | Kick of meeting, introduction of the INTERREG Italy-Croatia CREW project, the Wetland Contract, the participatory process and the Territorial Labs | |
| | | | Objective: To present the project, the program of the Territorial Labs, and the role of participation for good governance. | |
| | | | Methodology: Informative seminar | |
| | | Number of participants | 28 | |
| | | Short description of the event | The major of the city of Marano introduced the Marano Lagoon, it's central role for the biodiversity and the relevance of the INERREG Italy-Croatia CREW project. The representative for the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region introduced the theme of the water quality. The representative for UTI Riviera Bassa Friulana introduced the relevance of the international cooperation. The CREW Project Leader presented the features, objectives and steps of the CREW project. The UTI Technical Expert introduced the participatory process and the Territorial Labs calendar. | |



| II. Meeting 2 | Date | 01/07/20 |
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| | Venue | On-line on Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Dredging, embankments, leveling of the seabed, the erosion of the mote and the variation in salinity, importance of enhancing the wetlands, the Reserves and the Fishing Valleys, the arts and traditions and slow mobility, richness of the existing analyzes, defense of both active and fossil dunes as rare and fragile ecosystems, memorandum of understandings. |
| | | Objective: Define objectives, criticalities and strengths of the wet area of the Marano Lagoon, for the implementation of the Document of Intent and the Knowledge Framework. |
| | | Methodology: The methodology used was the Participatory Swot Analysis. |
| | Number of participants | 26 |
| | Short description of the event | Gabriele Pitacco illustrates the INTERREG CREW project which includes Wetland Area contracts between Italy and Croatia and illustrates the structure, requirements, phases and schedule of the Wet Area Contract for the Marano Lagoon as presented in advance by email . The |



Memorandum of Understandings and the Integrated Analysis are introduced.

Nicola Simeoni invites the participating stakeholders to intervene by presenting and illustrating each 3 elements to be valued, 3 critical issues and 3 concrete proposals the Marano Lagoon.

Councilor Pessina compliments the project, underlines the importance of dredging for access to the port and highlights the importance of the cognitive analysis phase to protect what we know. It highlights the criticality of the lagoon and embankments and the importance of nautical tourism.

Luca Troian intervenes on behalf of three realities, as vice-president of the Maranese Casoneri association, for the Ippovia Valle del Cormor association and for the "north-west passage" group. For the Casoneri association, he identifies the leveling of the seabed, the erosion of the mote and the variation in salinity with the important consequences on biodiversity among the criticalities. Among the elements to be enhanced, he reports the motes and casoni, their use in civic use, the network of secondary channels for slow use. The proposals concern interventions on the above.

For the Ippovia Valle del Cormor association and for the "north-west passage" group that deal with slow mobility and promotion and protection of the territory, among the critical



issues, it highlights the transformations of the lagoon due to climate change and the different methods of intervention between channels. Among the elements to be exploited, it highlights the connections between the historic centers and the lagoon / nature, the panoramic rest points and the nocturnal navigation in the lagoon, creating an organic landscape project.

Catarina Gasperini brings greetings from the management of Promoturismo FVG. It underlines the importance of enhancing the wetlands, the Reserves and the Fishing Valleys, the arts and traditions and slow mobility to make tourism more and more experiential. Among the criticalities it identifies the reduced visibility, infrastructure and commercialization. Given the connection problems, the prepared presentation is sent.

Elisa Zanelli adviser of the Municipality of Precenicco compliments Luca Troian's analysis and reports the importance of slow tourism, the lack of effective promotion and the strengthening of public transport. It underlines the importance of a homogeneous signage and communication in the territory.

Davide Bonetto for NET S.p.A, municipal waste manager in the area, highlights the importance of the integrated cycle of urban waste and the concrete cleaning interventions of the Lagoon carried out and planned. Among the critical points is the waste at sea and its treatment, the distribution of the costs of cleaning



interventions. The circular economy includes the elements to be enhanced such as the cleaning of the beach to enhance naturalistic sites and events and demonstrations for environmental awareness, the involvement of schools, laboratories and concrete examples at low cost and high impact.

Federica Bettarello presents the INTERREG
"NET4mplastic" project which develops new
techniques for the collection and reuse of
waste at sea with a patent for innovative
materials with sound-absorbing, insulating and
thermal properties organic components.

Pierpaolo Zanchetta of the FVG Region, biodiversity service, summarizes the process of the lagoon management plan and reserve plans. It reports the approach related to Natura 2000 sites where the important issues are to be resolved. It confirms the richness of the existing analyzes that must be linked together and proposes to propose solutions on achievable objectives. Among the priorities identified by the Region, it highlights the defense of both active and fossil dunes as rare and fragile ecosystems. It reports the research work in progress with the University of Udine on seagrasses and the theme of avifauna in the lagoon and the need to protect nesting and reproduction. The criticalities of sediment pollution, the crisis in the fishing sector, the marinization of the lagoon are mentioned and must be considered in the background.



| III. Meeting 3 | Date | 29/07/20 |
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| | Venue | On-line on Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Wave motion and impact on the banks of the canals and on the mudflats and sandbanks, pollution of the Stella river catchment area, boundaries of the wetland contract, high tide and hydraulic safety, integrated analysis. Objective: Define objectives, criticalities and strengths of the wet area of the Marano Lagoon, for the implementation of the Document of Intent and the Knowledge Framework. Methodology: The methodology used was the Participatory Swot Analysis. |
| | Number of participants | 15 |
| | Short description of the event | Pessina Maurizio reports that the wave motion of the boats has a strong impact on the banks of the canals and on the mudflats and sandbanks as a criticality. The lagoon is very |



busy, at the entrance to Porto Nogaro, due to traffic related to fishing and pleasure boats.

Other impacts are due to agriculture especially in the Stella catchment area. The agricultural world not only understood not only as crops but also and above all for livestock.

La Foce dello Stella has been repeatedly reported to be polluted also by Legambiente.

Many domestic and other drains are not connected to the purification manifolds, and this is an element of impact for water quality. The waste collection on the Stella with regional funding is planned, but at present the works are still to be done.

Elisa Zanelli Confirms the criticality at the mouth of the Stella, considering that the river collects all the pollutants during its journey to the mouth. Therefore, the responsibility for its quality lies with the entire auction.

Mario Ordiner points out that the problem of the wave motion is not due to speed, but to the shape of the boat hulls, it would be necessary to modify the regulation currently in force. A slow and integrated tourism system, between sea and land, must certainly be developed.

Luca Troian expresses the need to redefine the boundaries of the wetland contract area by annexing coastal islands and nature reserve.



Among the objectives, the enhancement and recovery of the Mote is strategic.

Finally, it focuses attention as a critical issue on the problem of high water and hydraulic safety.

Mario Ordiner Resumed his intervention with other contributions, such as that of restoring the "Venetian coast". To this end, it is important to excavate the canals, both for the Litoranea and for cleaning the canals themselves. The lagoon needs to be kept alive, both from the point of view of its biodiversity, but also from an economic and usability point of view.

We are talking about the true sustainable or circular economy of the lagoon, not only of Marano but of the whole lagoon.

It also suggests an intermodality between bike and boat, perhaps electric.

Gabriele Pitacco points out that an important research is underway at the University of Trieste, precisely on the dynamics of the Lagoon, which will be taken into account in the Strategic document phase.

Cristiana Bragato instead refers to another INTERREG Project, precisely on intermodality, which it would be interesting to see.

Roberto Malvezzi illustrates the importance of the urban projects in progress and the possibilities of synergy with the Atlas of places,



| | | a work that is being developed in the ITU, precisely for the programming of the Vast area. |
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| IV. Meeting 4 | Date | 27/10/20 |
| | Venue | On-line on Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Scenarios for the construction of the strategic document |
| | | Objective: Define a scenario starting from the question What future for the Marano Lagoon in 2030. The scenario developed for the various thematic areas will be the fundamental support for the development of the Strategic Document. |
| | | Methodology: The methodology used is the EASW® European Awareness Scenario Workshops |



| | Number of | 26 |
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| | participants | |
| | participants Short description of the event | The Territorial LAB 03 took place on 27 October 2020 in two work sessions: the first in the morning, and a second afternoon session from 6 pm in which 26 STKs participated divided into the main groups: Citizens and Associations, Technicians and Experts , Directors, Entrepreneurs, trade associations. The choice of a double session ensured greater participation. The online participatory Workshop was set up on an adaptation of the EASW methodology, where the participants met in a virtual table to exchange visions, and propose ideas for the development of the Marano Lagoon, to build a scenario for 2030. |
| V. Meeting 5 | Date | 26/11/20 |
| | Venue | On-line on Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Tourism, economic development, slow fruition, training and environmental education |
| | | Objective: With a series of thematic in-depth studies, lead to the construction of the first Action Program for the Marano Lagoon Contract. |
| | | Methodology: The methodology used was that of the Focus Groups |





Number of participants

19

Short description of the event

The need not to limit oneself to enhancing only the lagoon area, that is to say that limitedly considered as an area of naturalistic protection, but also to consider the neighboring territory and the embankments from which one can enjoy a splendid panorama. The embankments can also be used for slow mobility with cycle-pedestrian paths. Cycle tourism should be one of the leading elements for this area.

Proposal for an integrated project in the lagoon environment, involving mouths, shores, banks, open and closed waters, linked precisely to slow mobility (bike and pedestrian), with guided tours through CRQ that describe and tell the places that are being traveled. The use of technology could be of absolute importance and also relatively inexpensive.

Of particular interest are the themes of environmental education, linked to the places in the lagoon.

An element of tourism enhancement can be the application of European certifications for tourism and hospitality; think of the EcoLabel marks for tourist facilities, green suitcases, EMAS, etc. A sustainable tourism must be recognized and certified also through these instruments recognized at European level.





Farms must have a broader view of the service they can offer, not only related to production, but also to hospitality. The widespread hotel project must also involve these structures, to create real quality locations, where you can live in unique environments such as salt marshes, and appreciate the local products.

The institutions, in particular the Region and Promoturismo, must play a great role for these promotional activities and for the entire Laguna Agreement.

Finally, it was also proposed to develop a technology park that deals with the lagoon and the issues related to it, combining tradition and innovation.

The Regional Plan on biodiversity that the Region is adopting is fundamental to understand what exactly can be proposed and in which places. We have splendid places, of integral protection, where some activities can never be carried out.

It is therefore necessary to have an overall knowledge of the tools already in place for the design of works and actions that can be carried out. Another aspect to focus on is archaeological tourism, but also tourism linked to crafts and traditional historical shops.

A cornerstone of this territory is fishing, and it is precisely from here that it is important to start over with integrated projects. Fishing alone no longer allows it to be an economically



| | | convenient sector for the families who work there and therefore must be integrated with other aspects, tourism, environmental education on site, but also a possible tourist reception in the fishing valleys. |
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| VI. Meeting 6 | Date | 02/02/21 |
| | Venue | On-line on Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Water, biodiversity and reserves, lagoon areas |
| | | Objective: With a series of thematic in-depth studies, lead to the construction of the first Action Program for the Marano Lagoon Contract. |
| | | Methodology: The methodology used was that of the Focus Groups |
| | Number of participants | 27 |
| | Short description of the event | A leading role in this Lab was played by the District Basin Authority of the Eastern Alps, with Dr. Ziantoni, who shared the sharing and discussion process put in place with the Wet Area Agreement. From what has been learned, the activities are fully linked with the basin planning. |
| | | A functional project should consider the entire canal system and not just the lagoon as a catchment area. This new delimitation must also be an opportunity for economic |



| | | development to be shared between administrators and entrepreneurs of the territory. It is always important to take into consideration the connection with the other projects in progress such as the Interreg Response on climate change with Lignano Sabbiadoro which is drafting the SECAP (energy and climate change plan), with the aim of |
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| | | reducing emissions and finding a resilience to adapt to climate change. The issue of waste in the lagoon returns as a significant element for the protection of water and biodiversity. Operating through a timely action of |
| | | environmental education and information on the territory is essential. A number of initiatives are already underway. The theme of waste abandoned at sea is complex and those that float are only a small part, the bulk is what is |
| | | underneath and it is difficult to collect them. However, there are interesting projects already active that should be implemented. |
| VII. Meeting 7 | Date | 18/02/21 |
| | Venue | On-line on Google Meet |
| | Topics addressed | Enhancement, governance, promotion; integrated analysis approval. |
| | | Objective: With a series of thematic in-depth studies, lead to the construction of the first Action Program for the Marano Lagoon Contract. Approval of the Strategic Document and Knowledge Analysis by the Assembly. |



| | Methodology: The methodology used was that of the Focus Groups. |
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| Number of participants | 26 |
| Short description of the event | The integrated cognitive analysis document is presented for approval to the Assembly that approves unanimously. The integrated cognitive analysis document becomes an integral document of the future Wetland Contract. |
| | The thematic focus groups are presented: they will continue the participatory process and the drafting of the program of actions. |
| | The meeting continues by taking up the theme of climate change, and in this regard, presenting Federica Flapp, ARPA FVG - OSMER SERVICE, for a brief speech. She informs that ARPA is involved in two INTERREG European projects that affect the coastal and lagoon area and address the issue of climate change and its impacts with the aim of encouraging the implementation of plans, actions, both for mitigation and for adaptation to climate change. |
| | Luca Troian adds to the proposal already made relating to the cycling itinerary, the problem that involves the historic center of Marano of the high water, because if the sea level rises as it seems it is something to start taking into consideration, this also at morphological level |



affects the coastlines, such as the mote of the casoni and a whole series of elements present in the lagoon.

The Deputy Mayor of the Municipality of Muzzana del Turgnano intervenes and points out for the Municipality of Muzzana a problem that is gaining more and more importance is represented by the mouths of the waterways that enter the lagoon.

The councilor, Massimo Tonizzo, of the Municipality of Rivignano-Teor, thanks for the involvement and has taken steps to ensure that the Municipality takes part in this process and proposes a river contract right on the Stella river. He emphasizes the importance of the River Contract tool to begin to understand the causes of the pollution of the Stella River, which are partly known, and to try to find solutions to drastically reduce pollution.

The Councilor of Marano Lagunare rejoins the problem of landfill, due to non-existent ordinary maintenance, and that the Laguna contract must also serve this purpose. He confirms that climate change, with frequent storms, are going to affect the sandbanks, the mote where the casoni are located and the coastal cordon that with the last storm of 2019 there was a significant erosion, and believes that the Contract should represent a tool for solving



problems together, considering that the FVG Region has also approved participation in the participatory process.

Dr. Zanchetta points out that there are several studies and that we know what is happening, but the solutions are extremely costly. The theme of speed is a dramatic theme, in the sense that in the whole lagoon there is a maximum speed defined by a Royal Decree of 1939 of 12 km per hour, which can hardly be respected, in reality the technicians say that already 12 km is too much for an eroding sandbar, so much so that in the management plan of the Lagoon, in some small channels, close to the sandbanks, 8 km per hour have been proposed. The impact of navigation can affect erosive phenomena for about one third, then there are another two thirds of other pressures, even of a natural type, self-sustaining phenomena.

C. ASSESSMENT

Considerations about the methodology used Standard territorial labs methodology can range between different methods (such as a traditional workshop, future workshop, world café, roundtable, EASW, Participatory Swot Analysis....). The choice or the right mix is usually made to gain as much coordination and consensus building as possible among stakeholders and decision makers, and to reduce and absorb disagreements arising between various sectors, primarily between protection and economic activities. The idea of the territorial labs is to present the pilot area and its characteristics and through participatory approach identify main problems, solutions, and challenges of the area. One of the crucial steps is to find the opportunities and at the same time also threats that we can be faced with. If it is possible, we can determine the role of the stakeholders.



The territorial labs contribute to the comprehension of various interests included and to the assessment of the potential inclusion of the main actors.

The COVID-19 outbreak and the law enforce forbidding any public meeting brought several different unforeseen parameters to be considered, such as stakeholders technical skills and availability, internet connection width and availability, acquaintance to remote communication platforms and endurance to this new communication form.

All this new parameters led to a dynamic approach that adapted to the audience features to redefine "on the go" each territorial lab. This approach required extra work in building the meeting before and after the actual on-line event. The world café method was discarded due to the technical limitations set by the law for the organizing body. The online territorial labs started as traditional workshop to evolve more and more into a virtual roundtable / participatory SWOT analysis. The introductory presentations were followed by an open discussion on the issues that the stakeholders perceive in the pilot area. Inn the following labs the introductory part got smaller and smaller as long as the stakeholder understood the role of each other and moved deeper and deeper into problems and solutions.

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| B. REPORT | I. Meeting 1 | Date | Throughout 2016 |
| | | Venue | Email correspondence and face to face meetings with participants of questionnaires |
| | | Topics addressed | Attitudes and perceptions of biodiversity in Neretva Delta |
| | | Number of participants | 81 (50 local inhabitants and 31 representatives of organizations working in the area) |
| | | Short description of the event | During 2016, employees of PIDNC conducted semi-structured questionnaires with |



| | | representatives of institutions and the local population to determine: 1. The most important natural and cultural values for stakeholders and threats to them 2. Which changes in the biodiversity of the area do stakeholders perceive in the last 10 years 3. Which changes in the local community do stakeholders perceive in the last 10 years 4. How do they perceive the role of the PIDNC and to check willingness to cooperate with the Institution 5. What is their vision of the targeted area Gathered information was used is input to prepare other Territorial labs. |
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| II. Meeting 2 | Date | 16 th May 2016 |
| | Venue | Metković Culture Centre, Metković, Croatia |
| | Topics addressed | Values and threats identification |
| | Number of participants | 37 |
| | Short description of the event | During the workshop the biodiversity, cultural and socio-economic values were identified and prioritized by the stakeholders. In this way the current trend of the governance, biodiversity and socio-economic aspects was shared among the participants. Afterwards threats to these values were also identified and prioritized by the stakeholders |
| III. Meeting 3 | Date | 14 th December 2016 |



| | | Venue | Hotel Merlot, Opuzen, Croatia |
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| | | Topics addressed | Priority activities contributing to biodiversity |
| | | Number of participants | 47 |
| | | Short description of the event | The aim of the workshop was to determine the most important activities to be implemented in order to preserve the biodiversity of the Neretva Delta area. In this way the preferred scenario of the governance, biodiversity and socio-economic aspects was shared among the participants. These activities are also the core of the Wetlands Contract. |
| | IV. Meeting 4 | Date | 14 th June 2017 |
| | | Venue | Culture centre Ploče, Croatia |
| | | Topics addressed | Zonation of Neretva Delta – activities in spatial context |
| | | Number of participants | 40 |
| | | Short description of the event | The aim of the workshop was to determine the zonation of the protected areas in the Neretva Delta together with relevant stakeholders. A part from determining the zones, it was decided which activities are appropriate for each of the proposed zones. I.e. activities determined during the 3 rd Territorial lab have been put in a spatial context of the Neretva Delta area. |
| | V. Meeting | Date | 18 th and 19 th April 2016, 17 th May 2016, 13 th December 2016, 7 th , 8 th , 27 th and 28 th |





| | 5 Internal meetings between PIDNC and | | February 2017, 1 st March 2017, 20 th and 21 st April 2017, 13 th June 2017, 22 nd and 23 rd November 2017 |
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| , | Association Biom | Venue | PIDNC office in Dubrovnik and Association Biom office in Zagreb |
| | | Topics addressed | Internal meetings between PIDNC and Association Biom, consultant for developing the Management plan for Neretva Delta Natura 2000 site, on the topic of preparing the Plan and Territorial labs |
| | | Number of participants | Depending on the meetings, from 3 to 15 participants |
| | | Short description of the event | During internal meetings these topics were addressed: |
| | | | Stakeholder involvement, stakeholder analysis, SWOT analysis of PIDNC and vision of the Neretva Delta area |
| | | | Goals of Management plan and Territorial labs |
| | | | Conservation measures for strictly protected species |
| | | | Activities contributing to biodiversity preservation |
| | | | Zonation of the Neretva Delta area |
| | VI. Meeting 6 | Date | 10 th June 2020 |
| | | Venue | Mlinište, Croatia |
| | | Topics addressed | Designation of new protected areas in the Neretva Delta and activities in Wetlands Contract |



| | | Number of participants | 28 |
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| | | Short description of the event | The aim of the meeting was to present the newly designated protected areas in the Neretva Delta, as well as the Wetlands Contract and potential activities to be listed in the action plan. |
| | VII. Meeting 7 | Date | 20 th October 2020 |
| | | Venue | Dubrovnik City Hall, Dubrovnik, Croatia |
| | | Topics addressed | CREW kick-off meeting |
| | | Number of participants | 14 |
| | | Short description of the event | The aim of the meeting was to present the CREW project to selected stakeholders, as well as the Wetlands Contract and potential activities to be listed in the action plan. |
| C. ASSESSMENT | I. Considerations about the methodology used | For the 1st Territorial lab , semi-structured questionnaires were conducted with representatives of institutions and the local population alike. This was a great opportunity to get insight on the perceptions of the Neretva Delta from the local community. For local inhabitants this was done face to face and their anonymity was assured in further steps (analysing answers, presenting the results of the survey, etc.). Representatives of different organizations working in the area were also surveyed through email, ensuring a high response rate from them. However, the questionnaire was conducted on a convenience sample, that is, on those who agreed to participate. Future research is needed to expand the sample of participants. Additionally, more focused questionnaires need to be conducted with other stakeholders, such as the hunting community, nature protection sector, touristic sector, water management, police officers, etc. | |



The 2nd, 3rd and 4th Territorial labs were held as interactive workshops. The participants were determined in a stakeholder analysis, which was conducted beforehand by the PIDNC. The workshops were organized by the PIDNC, but were facilitated by external facilitators from Association Biom. At the beginning of each workshop, the facilitator presented the workshop agenda and an explanation was given on what was expected of the stakeholders during the workshop. This was followed by a presentation by PIDNC staff on the context of the workshop and a summary of the previous workshop was given as well. After this introductory part, the interactive part began during which stakeholders were encouraged to be actively involved. This was usually done through break out groups, which served as an opportunity for all Territorial lab attendees to participate more actively. At the end of each Territorial lab, the workshop was evaluated by the participants and the results were analysed by the PIDNC and Association Biom, in order to improve future workshops. In general the participants were satisfied with the workshops' design and results, as well as their own active involvement. As the most positive aspect of the workshop, the participants noted the opportunity of collaborating with staff from many different organizations working towards biodiversity preservation of the Neretva Delta. Some suggestions by the participants were that certain breakout groups were too large for all participants to actively engage. The results of the workshop were always sent to all invited participants.

Although all three workshops were attended by a fair number of participants, some sectors were lacking. For example, a representative of the hunting community was present only on two workshops, the police sector only one workshop, etc. Thus, these sectors lack information from some workshops. The results of workshops was sent to them, however this cannot replace active participation in the workshop.



The workshops posed as an invaluable platform for different stakeholders to understand the roles of other organizations in preserving biodiversity in the Neretva Delta and reach common solutions for certain problems. The workshops were also a great opportunity for networking among participants. More important, organizing Territorial labs in the form of stakeholder workshops, gave the participants a sense of ownership of the activities which will be included in the Action plan of the Wetlands Contract.

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- A.5. Photographs and participants list of meeting held with Zažablje County in Mlinište on 10th June 2020.
- A.6. Photographs and participants list of CREW kick-off meeting held in Dubrovnik on 20th October 2020.





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| B. REPORT | I. Meeting 1 | Date | 14/7/2020 |
| | 1 st LAB | Venue | Agrotourism Mofardin, Palud Ornithological Reserve |
| | | Topics addressed | Values of the area, problems present; SWOT analysis |
| | | Number of participants | 37 (27 stakeholders and 10 representatives of Public Institution Natura Histrica) |





| | | Short description of the event | In July 2020, first LAB with stakeholders of the Palud Ornithological reserve was organized. The goals were the following: 1. to perform a SWOT analysis and identify main problems and opportunities existing in the area and 2. to get as many stakeholders as possible together and start a joint process of planning future activities and produce a Wetland Contract |
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| II. N 2 nd L | leeting 2 .AB | Date Venue | 2/9/2020 and via questionnaires Beach bar Luan – Palud Ornithological Reserve / on-line |
| | | Topics addressed | Identification of possible activities of each stakeholder – self-assessment of the engagement in the Wetland Contract |
| | | Number of participants | 21 (5+16) |
| | | Short description of the event | Since 2 nd LAB was cancelled because of the COVID, questionnaires were distributed to the participants of the 1 st LAB, and via the social networks, in order to gather information on how the stakeholder see their own role in the process. Besides, a small meeting/workshop was held with 5 local inhabitants with the same topic. |
| | III. Meeting 3 Meeting with | Date | 27/1/2021 |
| the | vice- or of the | Venue | Office of Public Institution Natura Histrica, Croatia – live meeting |





| - | Topics addressed | Common issues of shared responsibilities |
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| notigine . | Number of participants | 1 (imposed by COVID pandemics restrictions) |
| | Short description of the event | Since the City of Rovinj-Rovigno is the main stakeholder in the Palud area, we have discussed a number of themes of interest, the main being: |
| | | Roads and paths in the Reserve – status, maintenance, problems with parking Littering and communal issues Tourist offer within the Reserve Property issues, illegal building and other actions in the area |
| IV. Meeting 4 | Date | 4/2/2021 |
| Meeting and fieldwork | Venue | Palud Ornithological Reserve – fieldwork |
| | Topics addressed | Archaeological and cultural values of the area, development of specific tourist offer |
| | Number of participants | 3 (Directors of the County Museum of archaeology, and City Museum of Rovinj, Head of the Tourism Department of the Istria County) |
| | Short description of the event | Main cultural and archaeological values of the Reserve were visited, and specific possibilities of organizing future tourist offer were discussed on the spot |
| V. Meeting 5 | Date | 23/2/2021 |
| Meeting with State-level | Venue | On-line |
| officials | Topics addressed | Existing problems and pressures in the area |
| | Meeting and fieldwork V. Meeting 5 Meeting with | Rovigno Number of participants Short description of the event IV. Meeting 4 Meeting and fieldwork Topics addressed Number of participants Short description of the event V. Meeting 5 Meeting with State-level officials Venue Venue Venue |





| | Number of participants Short description of the event | The aim of the meeting with State-level authorities was to discuss in detail certain situations that happen in the field and to try to jointly find a solution for it in the future. Ornithological Reserve is a state-level protected area, and hence the Ministry is in charge of issuing the permits for any activities in the area. |
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| VI. Meeting 6a 3 rd Territorial | Date Venue | 13/4/2021 On-line |
| Theme 1: Environment | Topics addressed | Biodiversity, Hydrology, Cultural Heritage |
| | Number of participants | 15 |
| | Short description of the event | Draft of the Action Plan and was presented to participants, and after that, activities under the theme of environment were discussed in detail. Management structure of the Wetland Contract was discussed, as well as the ways of future communication and cooperation. |
| VII. Meeting 6b | Date | 13/4/2021 |
| 3 rd Territorial LAB | Venue | On-line |
| Theme 2: | Topics addressed | Tourism, visibility |
| Socio- economic development | Number of participants | 9 |
| acreiopinent | Short description of the event | Draft of the Action Plan and was presented to participants, and after that, |





| | | activities under the theme of socio- economic development were discussed in detail. Management structure of the Wetland Contract was discussed, as well as the ways of future communication and cooperation. |
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| VII. Meeting | Date | 14/4/2021 |
| 3 rd Territorial | Venue | On-line |
| Theme 3: Governance | Topics addressed | Visitor infrastructure, surveillance of the area, maintenance |
| | Number of participants | 12 |
| | Short description of the event | Draft of the Action Plan and was presented to participants, and after that, activities under the theme of governance were discussed in detail. Management structure of the Wetland Contract was discussed, as well as the ways of future communication and cooperation. |
| VIII. Meeting | Date | 26/4/2021 |
| 7 4 th Territorial | Venue | On-line |
| LAB | Topics addressed | Presentation of the Wetland Contract and Action Plan |
| | Number of participants | 18 |
| | Short description of the event | "Subfinal" version of the Action Plan was presented to participants, and after that, discussed in detail. Management structure of the Wetland Contract was |





| | | confirmed, as well as the ways of future communication and cooperation. Based on the discussion, and subsequent e-mail correspondence, the final version of the Contract with Action plan was created. |
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| C. ASSESSMENT | I. Considerations about the methodology used | For the 1st Territorial lab, in the preparatory phase stakeholders were contacted and then individually invited to participate in the process. Also, a lot of media effort (local and regional radios and newspapers, social networks), was put to attract potential stakeholders. That proved to be a good strategy, since some of the stakeholders who later signed the contract were attracted to the process in that way. The 1st lab was held live, and paritcipants had good response to facilitators performing the SWOT analysis, using the world café methodology with several stakeholder groups, with the aid of flipcharts and coloured stickers. The reactions of participants during and after the workshop were very positive, and our assessment is that it was a good methodology. The 2nd territorial Lab had to be quickly converted form live to other forms of work. It was conducted using semi-structured questionnaires, which stakeholders had to fill-in and return. Small part of it was done in the form of live workshop, with only specific stakeholders invited (local inhabitants and small enterprises acting within the Reserve). Since this population is less acquainted with modern technology, it was very useful to have the face-to-face meeting with them. Generally, we had to repeat and remind people to send back the questionnaires, and we assess this method useful but very time-consuming. The 3rd and 4th Territorial labs were held mostly on-line, which reduced the possibilities of applying more specific facilitation methodologies and introduce more interactive procedures. |





| | However, since by the time these labs took place, the group of stakeholders was already more friendly and homogenous, the on-line work actually became more pleasant. It proved to be a good substitute for live meetings, but some of the stakeholders had technical problems and the others were a bit reluctant to speak freely and openly. Therefore, for this kind of work, direct interaction on the workshop-type event remains the first choice. |
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| D. ANNEXES | A.1. Results of the 1st Territorial lab (questionnaire results from representatives of institutions and local communities). In Croatian. A.2. Signature Sheets – 1st LAB A.3. Questionnaire – template – 2nd LAB A.4. Signature Sheets – 2nd LAB A.5. Minutes – Meeting Rovinj A.6. Minutes – Fieldwork-Culture&Tourism A.7. Photographs of the LABs and meetings |





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| B. REPORT | I. Meeting 1 | Date: | 27 th of November |
| | | Venue | Pag island (Povljana) |
| | | Topics addressed | Touristic aspects and ornithological reservation |
| | | Number of participants | 1 |





| | Short description of the event | By talking with a representative of local community involved in the touristic sector we wanted to detect the current situation and see if there is any interest to cooperate in the future. The topics were housing, seasonality of touristic offer and how it relates to apartments capacity, but also how would an ornithological reservation develop value that can be both sustainable for the reservation and its purpose but also attract tourists and generate income during the offseason. |
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| II. Meeting 2 | Date | 27 th of November |
| | Venue | Pag island (Povljana) |
| | Topics addressed | Ornithological reservation and its educative purpose |
| | Number of participants | 2 |
| | Short description of the event | During the interview with two teachers in the local elementary school we have discussed how to make the ornithological reservation more user-friendly and approachable, especially for the younger age population. This is an important task not just to raise awareness about the wildlife in the reservation, but also to highlight the value of it from young age. |
| III. Meeting 3 | Date Venue | 27 th of November Pag island (Povljana) |





| | Topics addressed | Current condition of the Veliko i Malo blato reservation |
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| | Number of participants | 1 |
| | Short description of the event | We held a half-structured interview with a ranger/hunter, discussing how is the public responding to the location protected status. There are some positive trends to build upon, but a lot more all-encompassing effort would be needed to transfer those trends beyond the reservation. |
| IV. Meeting 4 | Date | 17 th of December 2020. |
| | Venue | Pag island (Povljana) |
| | Topics addressed | General perception of Veliko i Malo blato reservation |
| | Number of participants | 4 |
| | Short description of the event | Interview with representatives from Croatian association for protection of birds and nature was held as a half-structure interview on topics of ornithological future of the Veliko i Malo blato localities, as well as the ways this could be done in a sustainable way to not harm the nature. |





| V. Meeting 5 | Date | 11 th of December 2020. |
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| | Venue | Zoom meeting |
| | Topics addressed | Developmental priorities for Veliko i Malo blato |
| | Number of | 10 |
| | participants | |
| | Short description | Zoom meeting was held with |
| | of the event | representatives of relevant public institutions aiming to discuss both on-field and public issues from administrative perspective. In that regard, Zoom meeting was organized as a focus group discussing several topics, aiming to find common ground to further develop shared interests. |





| | VI. Meeting 6 | |
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| | | Date: 1st of February 2021. Venue: Smaller scale conference Topics addressed::Preservation of bird species and ornithological reservations in the region |
| | | Number of participants: 25 Short description of the event: |
| | | The conference was made to increase the visibility of topics addressed before and strengthen the position of relevant stakeholders in the region, giving us a better starting point to further develop CREW wetland contract |
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| C. ASSESSMENT | I. Considerations about the | The methodology was separated in two ways, according to the needs of data gathering and restrictions related to COVID pandemic. In any case, we wanted to communicate with both local population and representatives of public institutions, as the first group might have |





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more common knowledge about the problems encountered, while the second group has administrative power to make changes, and of course, different administrative issues they need to address before resolving a problem. Finally, gathered data has been put in the regional context and was presented in a conference to highlight the importance and potential of the wetland areas in the region as well as the necessity of cooperation among different stakeholders to approach these issues.

Regarding the interested public and administrative representatives, for both groups it was important to detect their opinions and see where their interests overlap. Interested public approaches the reservation with more personal interest then the administrative units, so topics discussed were more focused on the on-field knowledge of the location and its potential. In that regard, we've detected both opinion on the current situation and some creative incentives where further development can be expected. For the administrative units it was important to present some of these findings and detect common ground to build upon. Administrative units have limited and fragmented power, so cooperation is a necessity to make further changes.

After further discussing and systematizing the gathered data and to ensure successful development of the Action plan and the following wetland contract a conference was made to disseminate relevant data on these issues. This in turn provided some insights on how the regional stakeholders view developmental priorities of Veliko i Malo blato, along with raising the importance cooperation among other stakeholders that have interest in similar issues on the pilot project location, or other regional locations as well.

The method chosen for the general public and other interested parties was a half-structured interview. This was done partly due to COVID measures and practicality of it, but it also was a more approachable way to gather opinions from the stakeholders. The interview was half-structured, meaning we had a set of topics and





subquestions we wanted to address, but we have let the conversation flow according to the priorities and self-assessed knowledge of participants. People interviewed were due to their interest/affiliation with the location of Veliko i Malo blato, and all of them could provide some insight on various issues regarding its development (public image, nature preservation, education, tourism, birdwatching).

For the second group of stakeholders, administrative representatives, an online workshop was held in a form of a focus group. We wanted to see where every stakeholder stands in their current plans for the ornithological reservation by given topics, detect problems and solutions for them. Added value of the workshop was that it also served as a networking experience, finding common grounds in otherwise separated stakeholders. Focus group enabled us to develop a more complex insight in different topics, regarding the feasibility of some actions, potential problems and of course solutions. In that regard, communicating different perspectives was important to further develop ideas, and has served as a starting point for ensuring a successful partnership in the future.

Finally, the conference held in Zadar County rooms served to broaden the gathered perspectives and elaborate the importance preserving the Veliko i Malo blato localities, along with other locations similar to them in the region. This is relevant not just for nature preservation but also as a developmental potential for the whole region, as Lovro Jurišid, head of Zadar County Economy, tourism, infrastructure and EU founds department highlighted, these localities have the potential to attract high-end tourist outside the touristic season, making protected areas an important potential to consider in the future. While this perspective is just something to build upon, support from the most important developmental institution in the region could be used as an important aspect to develop the CREW Action plan and the related wetland contract, as long as the momentum from all of these meetings continue. This is all the more important as a number of





| | | relevant stakeholders (administrative units) was present in the public at the event. |
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| A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | I. Overview | Within WP4 – "Implementation of the Wetland Contract", CREW partner PTNBO held a series of participatory events involving various stakeholders. The meetings (Territoral Labs) had the main purpose of representing the planning, programming, analysing and positioning actitivies already within each of the participant stakeholders, for reasons connected to their own institutional scope or mission. The Territorial Labs (that, along the process, were also reffered to as 'Tavoli Tematici', to simplify dissemination and convey the participatory nature of the meetings) helped providing a vision of the development and planning prospects in the medium / long term in the territorial reference context of the WC, therefore, making it possible to assess the suitability of the overall planning / programming activated and their adequacy to the solution of existing criticalities, providing the Strategic Document with the tools for the development of scenarios and intervention priorities. A detailed account of each territorial lab will be offered in the following |
| | | section, while observations about the elements of coherence and difference to the general methodology developed in the guidance manual, according to the place-specific approach implemented will be duly noted in Section C. "Assessment". |

B. REPORT

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| B. REPORT | I. Meeting 1 | Date | September 28 th 2020 (h 10:00-13:00) | |





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| | Venue | Montemilone (Basilicata – Italy), Council Room |
| | Topics addressed | Territorial Lab: "Governance" |
| | Number of participants | 14 |
| | Short description of the event | The work of this territorial lab focused upon the interregional scale of the Wetland Contract, as well as the forms and methods for sharing the outputs from each process of the two Wetland Contracts created for the Ofanto river, new ZEA law and connected ITI investments, governance tools and a comprehensive discussion on the WC as a decision-making hub or governance body. |
| II. Meeting 2 | Date | September 30 th 2020 (h 10:00-13:00) |
| | Venue | c.da Canestrello - Candela (Apulia) |
| | | Cooperativa Agricola 'La Croce Farascuso", |
| | Topics addressed | Territorial Lab: "Agriculture" |
| | Number of participants | 14 |
| | Short description of the event | The lab was tasked to elaborate on a concrete experience: Candela's drafting PUG, in which a new relationship is experimented between agriculture and the specific context of the middle Ofanto valley. The experience was facilitated by a direct report of the project's designer. In this case, agricultural practices were involved both in the preliminary phase of |





| | | territorial planning and as a maintenance and monitoring tool. |
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| | | Must be noted that the contribution of the participating farmers essentially focused on the constant demand for water resources for agricultural purposes, proposing the construction of additional storage basins or at least the commissioning of those that never came into operation. |
| III. Meeting 3 | Date | October 1 st (10:00 - 13:00) |
| | Venue | c.da Moschella – Cerignola Agriturismo "Moschella" |
| | Topics addressed | Territorial Lab: "Tourism and Green Economy" |
| | Number of participants | 17 |
| | Short description of the event | The works of this thematic territorial lab started from the issue of identity and re-branding of the natural parks. A cross-contaminations between art, nature, history, and religion is a key element in the construction of new 'paths of meaning' and narrative accounts. |
| | | As a comparative work, the first studies on the construction of the "La Via dell'Ofanto" project were submitted to the lab, as a soft mobility system for the eco-construction of the Lower and Middle Valle dell'Ofanto. The project is configured through a series of time-based scenarios: current events, or what is already usable today; short term, or considering the actions envisaged in an advanced state of implementation (or about to be); medium-long term, |





| | | i.e. all strategic actions in the forecast falling within the sphere of mobility and tourism in the territory of reference of the WC. |
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| | | As a closure, the participants performed an in-depth study of the opportunities for tourism and development of the territory of national and transnational cycling networks, with a focus on the territory of the WC, together with Dr. Raffaele Sforza as expert of the Puglia Region and member of the working group for the drafting of the Regional Cycling Mobility Plan. Reflections on the themes of hospitality and services linked to the itinerary promoted by the Park (hotel accommodation, bicycle repair shops, intermodality) were also offered by Dr. Gianfranco Ciola, former Director of the Coastal Dunes Park and promoter of the first Apulian Albergabici in Ostuni. |
| IV. Meeting 4 | Date | October 5 th (10:00 - 13:00) |
| | Venue | Barletta (BAT – Apulia) Future Center |
| | Topics addressed | Territorial Lab: "Infrastructure" |
| | Number of participants | 15 |
| | Short description of the event | This thematic territorial lab dedicated highlighted several key issues in the overall management of the Ofanto water scheme, with findings to be applied upon the structural system of multi-functional and multi-subject water supply both in periods of water crisis and in those of ordinary availability. |





| | | Results of a geomorphological survey aimed at delimiting the current riverbed of its temporal evolution were presented, although in a draft version. The work was carried out in the context of the permanent 'Institutional Technical Table' for the coplanning of water basin in the district area, with the technical support of the Italian Center for River Requalification (CIRF). |
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| | | In cooperation with the Southern Apennine District Basin Authority, the laboratory participants were invited to discuss a series of "WIN-WIN" interventions intended as infrastructural services linked to the planning of agricultural areas near the river, as well as the urban planning facilities provided for within the urbanized city. |
| V. Meeting 5 | Date | October 7th (10:00 - 13:00). |
| | Venue | Margherita di Savoia (BAT – Apulia) Council Room |
| | Topics addressed | Territorial Lab: "Nature" |
| | Number of participants | 23 |
| | Short description of the event | The building block of this thematic laboratory was to conceive nature as a conceptual and physical invariant, and the river as a living, bio-diverse and multifunctional organism. |
| | | The first meeting contained a detailed presentation of the research projects undertaken by the IRSA CNR on pollution by plastics and microplastics, together with the first draft studies for the paper "The Natural |





Heritage System of the Ofanto Valley", obtained from the homogenization of ISPRA data from Puglia and Basilicata regions.

In the second work meeting participants followed up on the theme of river restoration, hosting a panel by the designers of the "Interventions for the restoration, recovery and management of the coastal wetland near the mouth of the River Ofanto in the Municipalities of Barletta and Margherita di Savoia", illustrating their own work and opening for a discussion on the very relationship between nature and hydraulic requirements, particularly in the embanked sections.

C. ASSESSMEN T

Considerations about the methodology used

The participatory activities of the process were placed in a crucial circumstantial framework for the entire reference territory of the river basin, opening interesting scenarios of cooperation between bodies. This process allowed us to endorse the most intrinsic meaning of a Wetland Contract, in the sense of a tool for triggering of local impulses, within a homogeneous territorial system, beyond the administrative limitation, in which the river is the measure for verifying the sustainability of choices and for development hopes. In this perspective, participatory activities were inserted as an instrument of territorial drive by investing not only the competent bodies and administrations, but the entire community of the valley, in the assumption of co-responsibility and promotion of a shared Action Plan, aimed at addressing the environmental problems of the river basin in the context of its local development.

In light of the special circumstances related to the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19, which in alternating phases did not allow the regular performance of the planned participatory activities and in particular the carrying out of the activities planned within the Thematic Tables according to conventional method, options were evaluated to activate a participatory process at a distance, through digital edemocracy web tools. A virtual community of citizens, associations and public administrators was therefore established for a online





consultation path, through a dedicated telematic platform (https://www.cdfbassamediavalleofanto.it). **D. ANNEXES** All territorial labs were effectively disseminated through the project's official channels and the organizer's social media profiles. A full video account of 3 out 5 territorial labs (i.e. "Agriculture", "Tourism and Green Economy" and "Infrastructure") have been uploaded on the partner's YouTube channel, and are available for public consultation at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC84Q9yFGqlUBpEhscQMaF3A/featured CdF Bassa e Media Valle dell'Ofanto 3 iscritti Q HOME VIDEO PLAYLIST CANALI DISCUSSIONE INFORMAZIONI Video caricati ► RIPRODUCI TUTTI 6 N N & + 1 mm m 📦 📔 💯 6 N T & 8 1 ----CONTRATTO DI FIUME

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