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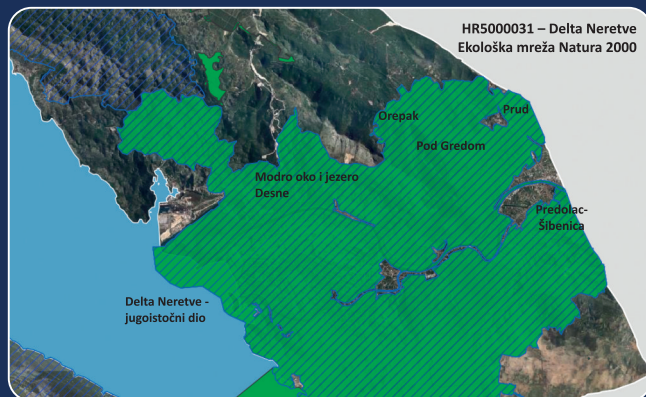
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- Territorial Pact for Employment North Bari/Ofantino
- University of Camerino

PROJECT DURATION

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PROJECT BUDGET

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CREW

DELTA OF THE NERETVA RIVER

Natural wealth of international importance



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CREW promotes the implementation of EU policy between Italy and Croatia by the **Wetlands Areas Convention** in achieving the objectives of environmental directives such as the **Habitats Directive, the Birds Directive, the Floods Directive and the Water Framework Directive**. This project will define the appropriate management objectives of cross-border cooperation and thus enable the application of appropriate safeguards.

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Due to its location, climate and water richness, the Neretva River Delta, with a total area of about 20,000 ha, it is one of the most interesting areas of the Republic of Croatia, Europe and the world, extending to about 12,000 in the Republic of Croatia.

It is the largest river mouth of the Republic of Croatia and is one of the few remaining wetlands in Europe, consisting of remnants of Mediterranean wetlands with preserved coastal lagoons and large areas of wetlands. Particularly prominent are reed beds where many endangered species of animals live.

In the area of the Neretva Delta, six geographically defined areas with a total area of 1,624 ha and one mineral are protected in accordance with the **Nature Protection Act (OG 80/13, 15/18, 14/19 and 127/19)**:

- special Ornithological Reserves **Pod Gredom, Prud and Orepak**
- Special ichthyological-ornithological reserve **Neretva Delta - south-eastern part**
- significant landscapes of **Predolac-Šibenik, Modro oko and Lake Desna**
- protected mineral – **stone balls**

The delta area has also been declared an area of the **Natura 2000** ecological network of particular importance to the **European Union** as a **Conservation area for birds (POP)** and a **Conservation Area significant for species and habitats (POVS)** with a total area amounting to about 23,800 ha.



The Neretva River Delta is internationally recognized as the **Ramsar Area - a wetland of international importance** which expands over 12,742 ha. The aim of the **Ramsar Convention**, signed in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar, is to conserve humid habitats on the earth which are critical to the survival of many plant and animal species, including wetland birds. The Neretva River Delta represents one of the five selected areas of the Republic of Croatia of exceptional international importance.

Protected areas and areas of the **Natura 2000** ecological network are managed by the **Public institution for the management of protected nature areas of the Dubrovnik-Neretva County**.

For the purpose of better coordination of the management and protection of the area, the Neretva River Delta represented a targeted area within the **CREW project - Coordinated Wetlands Management in the Italy-Croatia cross-border Region**, Italy-Croatia Cross – Border Cooperation Program, with the aim of ensuring greater coordination between the different levels of management institutions as well as stakeholders.

