

ECOLOGICAL observing System in the Adriatic Sea: oceanographic observations for biodiversity
Priority Axis 3: Environment and cultural heritage
Specific Objective 3.2: Contribute to protect and restore biodiversity

D2.4.4 HIGH LEVEL POLICY MEETING

WP2 – Project Communication and Capitalization activities

A2.4 – MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

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The policy meeting of the project ECOS was held online on June 11th, 2021, from 11.00 to 13.00. The meeting was held in Croatian and in Italian, with simultaneous translation. It could not be held in Brussels, as formerly envisaged in the project application form, due to the prolongation of the pandemic restrictions, which still did not allow the organization of event in person.

The main aim of the meeting was to present the main outcome of the project, i.e. the Adriatic ecological observatory “ECOAdS”, and discuss the plans for its long-term maintenance with relevant representatives of policy, governance and research and monitoring institutions. To this purpose a short policy document (Annex 1) was prepared and shared before the meeting with all the invited. The document illustrates the current structure of ECOAdS, its main components and its potential relevance in relation to the main European and global strategies for biodiversity and for marine observation for the next decade. It suggests as well some steps that could be undertaken for the ECOAdS future development, offering some perspectives in different macro-regional, national and European strategic contexts.

The selection of the invited participants to the meeting was shared and agreed with all the partnership, thus providing a list of around 60 names, from Italy and Croatia. All the persons in the list were contacted by email and, then, directly by the coordination team and the partners, to better explain the structure and aims of the meeting and foster their participation.

A total of 29 persons registered to the meeting (Figure 1 and Annex 2) and nine accepted to give a contribution, regarding their views on the future of ECOAdS. Of the registered participants, 6 were representatives of local, regional or national public authorities, 4 were representatives of Protected areas/natural heritage management bodies, and 109 were representatives of universities and research institutes (details in Annex 2).

The agenda (Annex 3) was drafted according to the list of contributors: after a welcome address and a presentation of the meeting by Grgur Pleslić (BWI, WP2 leader), Alessandra Pugnetti (CNR, Project Coordinator) gave an overview presentation of ECOS and of ECOAdS, emphasizing its aims, structure, and future perspectives. Then, the contributions from the participants followed, organized in three different slots: (i) ECOAdS in the national research and policy context, (ii) ECOAdS in the INTERREG and EUSAIR strategies, and (iii) ECOAdS in the European Research Infrastructure context.

All the contributors expressed their appreciation for the work done within the project for the establishment of the observatory, emphasizing its relevance for the general and crucial issues of sea restoration and conservation, for the governance (within the EUSAIR plans and the Maritime Spatial Planning Directive), and for the technological development, related to the observation of the sea. The ECOAdS potential contribution and link to the Research Infrastructure was also evidenced, with some suggestions about practical and feasible connections.

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The presentations given during the meeting have been shared among the participants and have been uploaded on the project owncloud.

The policy document drafted for the meeting will be implemented with the suggestions of the participants, it will then be translated in Italian and Croatian and it will be made openly available for future uses and needs.

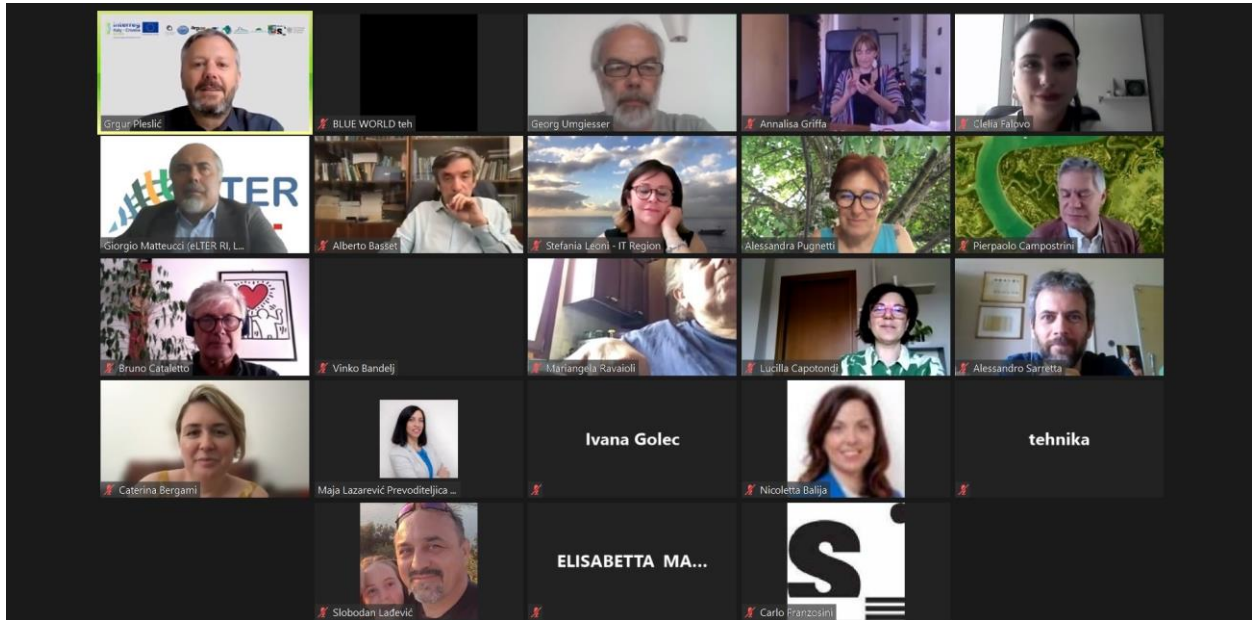


Figure 1 – The participants to the meeting



Annex 1 – The Adriatic Ecological Observing System (ECOAdS): structure and future perspectives within the main European and global biodiversity strategies

Annex 2 – Breakdown of participants per institution and project target group

Target groups: 1 - Local, regional and national public authorities, 2 - Protected areas/ natural heritage management bodies, 3 - Education and training organizations as well as universities and research institutes

| Name | Institution | Target group |
|-----------------------|--|--------------|
| Fabio Vallarola | Comune Ancona | 1 |
| Precali Rossana | Autonomous Region FVG | 1 |
| Stefania Leoni | Emilia-Romagna | 1 |
| Clelia Falovo | Ministry of Ecological Transition, Italy | 1 |
| Irena Vučenić Šostik | Ministry of Sustainable Development and Economy | 1 |
| Anca Daniela Simeon | Interreg Italy-Croatia Joint Secretariat Project Manager | 1 |
| Ivana Golec | PI for the management of protected natural areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva County | 2 |
| Dujo Vlastelica | Sea and karst | 2 |
| Jeramaz Ana | PI for the management of protected natural areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva County | 2 |
| Caramori Graziano | Ente Parco Delta del Po Veneto | 2 |
| Mariangela Ravaioli | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Barbanti Andrea | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Sarretta Alessandro | CNR-IRPI | 3 |
| Caiani Giulia | ARPAE | 3 |
| Lucilla Capotondi | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Gianni Fabrizio | OGS | 3 |
| Griffa Annalisa | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Alberto Basset | University of Salento / LifeWatch ERIC | 3 |
| Matteucci Giorgio | LTER Italy - Cnr | 3 |
| Umgiesser Georg | ISMAR-CNR, DANUBIUS-RI | 3 |
| Carlo Franzosini | Shoreline soc. coop. | 3 |
| Bandelj Vinko | OGS | 3 |
| Bongiorni Lucia | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Mihanović Hrvoje | Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries | 3 |
| Cataletto Bruno | OGS | 3 |
| Bergami Caterina | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Elisabetta Manea | CNR-ISMAR | 3 |
| Fabio Trincardi | CNR DSSTA | 3 |
| Pierpaolo Campostrini | CORILA | 3 |



Annex 3 – Meeting agenda