



HERICOAST 5th Interegional Partners Meeting

Shandon Hotel, County Donegal

Tuesday 24th – Thursday 26th April, 2018'

Workshop report



AGENDA

Tuesday 24th April

- 8.15pm Assemble in hotel bar
- 8.30pm Opening Dinner in Marbles Restaurant, Shandon Hotel
- 10.00pm Traditional music session in hotel bar

Wednesday 25th April

- 9.30am Steering group meeting (Agenda as circulated by Kare), *Alternative activity for stakeholders not attending the Steering Group Meeting: Visit to Dunfanaghy Workhouse and Heritage Centre*
- 11.30am Tea, coffee break
- 12 noon Presentation of action plan ideas from partners (8 minutes each)
- 1.45pm Lunch break
- 3.00pm Roundtable discussion on the development of action plans
- 5.00pm Session wrap up
- 7.15pm Assemble in lobby
- 7.30pm Dinner in The Cove Restaurant, Portnablagh

Thursday 26th April

- 9.30am a) Wrap up of Day 1
b) Marinescape Forum, Burgas
c) Discussion on final Conference
- 11.00am Tea, coffee
- 11.30am Visit to Best Practices
Fanad Lighthouse, Seascape Character Assessments
- 2.30pm Lunch break, The Pier, Portsalon

3.15pm Walking tour of Rathmullan with Deirdre Friel, Donegal Heritage Trails

7.30pm Assemble in hotel lobby

8.00pm Dinner in Lizzie's, Dunfanaghy and closure of Workshop

Wednesday 25th April

The partners attended the 5th Steering group meeting while stakeholders were invited to participate to a field visit demonstrating the reuse of heritage assets of Dunfanaghy Workhouse.

After the steering group meeting all participants met for the workshop session. After a brief presentation by Kåre Kristiansen on the relation between the toolbox, the good practises and the regional actions plan the different partners presented their current ideas for developing their regional actions plans. For division of group, see attachment.

After a short break the partners joined the different round tables members of different partners regions and their stakeholders. One person from each partner were hosting one table sharing their ideas for their regional action plan. The other persons present at the table provided feedback, new ideas and knowledge on relevant good practices. The purpose of the group work was to share ideas of action plans and get feedback, learn more about relevant practices and get ideas for new relevant ones and explore ideas for pilot actions.



The group setting was as follows:

	table A – 1st round	
region	Castilla y León	Partner
host	Celia Fuentes Rodríguez	JCyL
experts	Alessia Finori	MO
	Jon Arriola	LA
	Koldo Goitia	LA
	Larisa Lovin	TU
	Leonid Artamon	TU
	Marcello Vecchiarelli	MO
	Miguel Angel Garcia Velasco	JCyL
	Miguel Angel Rubio Gómez	JCyL
	Mihai Nicu	TU
	Mikel Fernandez	LA
best practices		
	TU Casa Avramide Mo Costa dei Delfini LA Albaola	
	table A – 2nd round	
region	Donegal	
host	Claire McCallan	DO
experts	Alessia Finori	MO
	Javier San Millán Merino	JCyL
	Kåre Kristiansen	VA
	Larisa Lovin	TU
	Laura Cuevas Ortiz	JCyL
	Linde Egberts	AP
	Maria Carla de Francesco	MO
	Mihai Nicu	TU
	Mikel Fernandez	LA
	Sinead McGlynn	DO
best practices	VA Coastlight (chapter 5, page 5) JCyL Tourist Consortium Castila Waterway JCyL Plan of Cultural Heritage MO Albergo Diffuso	

table B – 1st round		
region	Vest- Agder	
host	Hege Martin Kristinsen	VA
experts	Aideen Quinn	DO
	Alana Greene	DO
	Andrea Harkin	DO
	Fernando Díez Mediavilla	JCyL
	Jan Robert Jore	VA
	Jesus Iriondo	LA
	Linde Egberts	AP
	Maria Carla de Francesco	MO
	Nora Lillegaard	VA
	Sinead McGlynn	DO
best practices	MO Albergo Diffuso DO Fanad Lighthouse Do Seacape Character Assessment	
table B – 2nd round		
region	Tulcea	
host	Cristina Dinu	TU
experts	Aideen Quinn	DO
	Andrea Harkin	DO
	Celia Fuentes Rodríguez	JCyL
	Dirk Gotzmann	AP
	Dumitru Mergeani	TU
	Fernando Díez Mediavilla	JCyL
	Gheorghita Vranceanu	TU
	Jan Robert Jore	VA
	Leonid Artamon	TU
	Marcello Vecchiarelli	MO
	Maria Carla de Francesco	MO
best practices	VA Coastlight JCyL waterway good practise DO Fanad Lighthouse	

table C		
region	Molise	
host	Adolfo Fabrizio Colagiovanni	MO
experts	Claire McCallan	DO
	Cristina Dinu	TU
	Dirk Gotzmann	AP
	Dumitru Mergeani	TU
	Eneritz Basurko	LA
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	Kåre Kristiansen	VA
	Laura Cuevas Ortiz	JCyL
	Leire Arrizabalaga Aranbarri	LA
	Rolf Stein Bergli	VA
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	MO Orientale	
	DO Fanad Lighthouse	

Thursday 26th April



The partners started the day with a discussion on the upcoming project events. Dirk Gotzmann presented the plans for the Marinescape Forum in Burgas stressing that this was the last occasion for the partners to meet in person and exchange thoughts about the action plans and good practices.

The discussion on the Marinescape Forum was followed by a group discussion on the final conference that has been announced in the

application as a **high-level political dissemination event**. High-level means that political decisions makers and influencer expect to attend this final conference. During the discussion there was a general consensus about the need to start the planning of the conference as soon as possible in order to attract the right audience. A planning group with representative from each partner were going to be set up after the workshop. The advisory partners offered their help to this process by drawing a rough outline of the process.

One thing that the value of the conference to the project was not yet very clear to the partners, we would like to highlight here what steps could be taken at what moment to ensure the conference meets up to its ambitions.

After the discussion the group joined for a visit to the best practices. For description of field visit, see attachment.





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Field visit related to the good practices in Donegal

REPORT

Venue: County Donegal (Fanad Lighthouse and Rathmullan)

40 people attended the field visit, the list of participants is in an annex to this report.



The group at the Shandon Hotel, Wednesday 24th April.

The field visit included a visit to the locations linked to the good practices discussed during the workshop: Fanad Lighthouse and Seascape Character Assessment.

- **Visit to Fanad Lighthouse**

The route from the Shandon Hotel to Fanad Lighthouse took in some of the scenic route along the Rosguill Peninsula and Mulroy Bay. Deirdre Friel proprietor of Donegal Heritage Trails, gave a commentary of the heritage assets of the area in conjunction with some local history and information. The group viewed Doe Castle, now in the ownership of the National Monuments Service and a former stronghold of the MacSuibhne (McSweeney clan). They heard of the Gaelic families of Donegal and the struggles for control of land and people.

The next stop was at the Donegal Boardwalk Resort, a privately owned development encompassing cottages for rent, a restaurant and boardwalk across the dunes and linking into a walk to Downings village. Interest had been expressed by the group from Molise to see a boardwalk in coastal Donegal to compare with the boardwalk developed in Termoli as part of the Life Maestrale project.



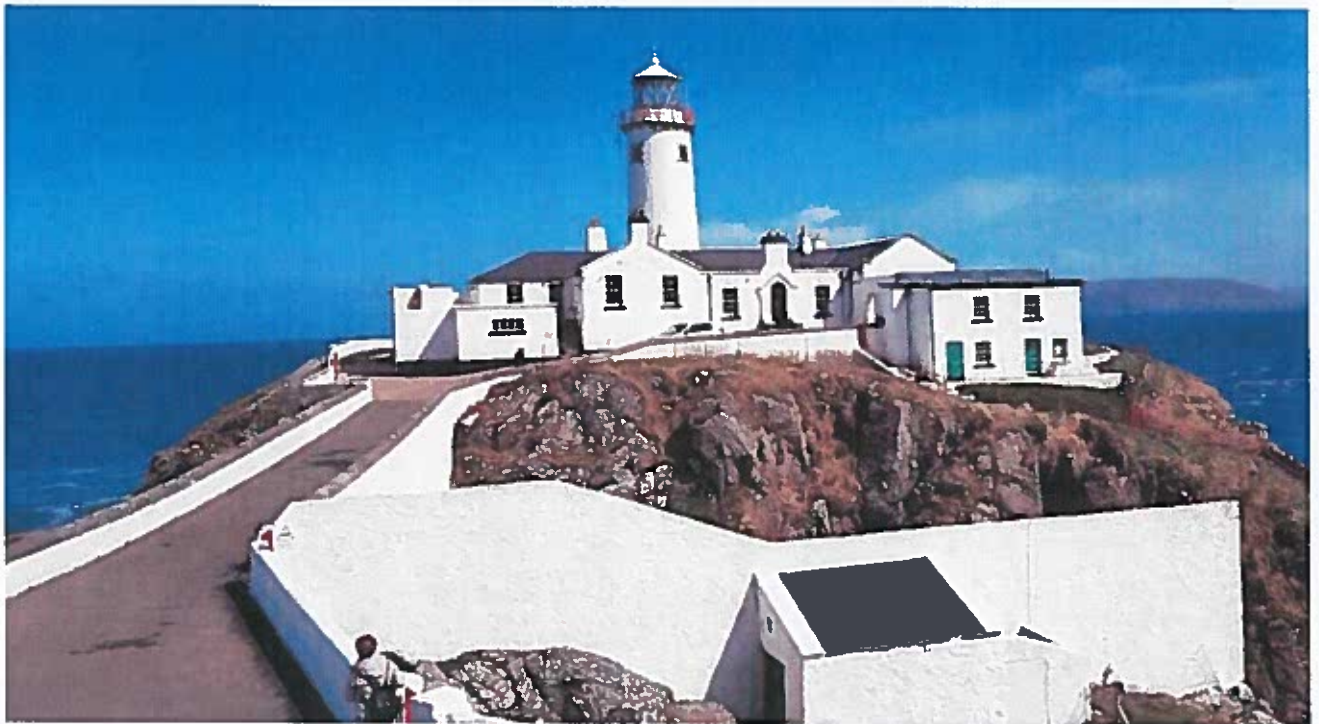
The boardwalk is visible to the right within the dunes.

The route to the lighthouse crossed over the Harry Blaney Bridge which spans the Rosguill and Fanad peninsulas. Opened in 2009 at a cost of €20 million, the bridge replaced an old ferry crossing point and cut an hour off the driving journey time between the two places. From a viewpoint beside the bridge the group was able to see Island Roy and hear how children used to walk to school on stilts at low tide before the construction of the causeway. The island was originally known as Oileán na Bhráighe, island of the prisoners, and had association with Doe Castle.

Fanad Lighthouse is first visible at a distance on the approach road from the west and is immediately recognizable. The manager of the Lighthouse (Teach Solais Fhánada) , Eimear Ni Mhathúna greeted the group on arrival and introduced Caitlin who was the guide for the tour.

The group was able to explore the newly opened exhibition space in the pod before entering the rooms of the lighthouse. Caitlin gave a short but interesting history of the area and structures before participants were guided to the uppermost reaches of the lighthouse tower.

Eimear also opened up one of the cottages offered for rental to allow the group to enjoy the standard of accommodation available. It was pointed out that none of the rental properties have broadband connection allowing a complete break from everyday pressures. Some of the group had the opportunity to engage with Eimear to further discuss the foundation and day to day running of the business and in particular the community involvement and supports available to them.



Fanad lighthouse with cottages to the fore



View northwards from the top of the tower. The WW1 look out post is visible to the left on the rocky headland.

- **2nd visit along Lough Swilly/Seascape Character Assessment**

On leaving Fanad Lighthouse, the group travelled southwards to Portsalon and heard about the maritime history of the Lough and environs. The spectacular views from Knockalla northwards across Ballymastocker Strand was an opportunity for a photo stop. Aquaculture in the Lough evidenced by salmon cages and generally in Donegal, was a point for discussion having regard to the employment of over 200 people in the Fanad region by Marine Harvest.

Knockalla Fort and views across to Dunree with the associated military and maritime history provided a backdrop to contemporary uses. Tourism is the main economic generator in the area. The group finished in Rathmullan with firstly a stop at Rathmullan House and then a walk along Batt's Walk to the beachfront area. The striking sculpture of the Flight of the Earls provided a final stop with Deirdre explaining the history of the Gaelic Lords and the connections within Europe .




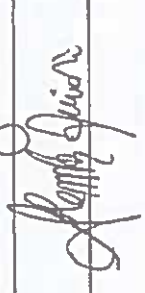








Deirdre Friel gives an account of the Flight of the Earls with the striking silhouette of the sculpture as a backdrop. The sculpture was crafted by John Behan and commissioned for the 400th anniversary of the event in 2007.

CONCLUSIONS

Participants were very interested in the management of Fanad Lighthouse with partners especially inquiring about the level of local authority and other support available on an ongoing basis. The field visit served to demonstrate visually and physically the diversity and scale of the coastline of Donegal. The fine weather emphasized the spectacular coastline and allowed the group to see the connectivity between the Fanad and Inishowen peninsulas and the different vistas along the coastline. The divergence between sheltered inlet and rocky headland was evident. These physical attributes formed the baseline for the Seascape Character Assessment and following discussion at the workshop on methodology, the field visit permitted the group to see the raw materials at hand.

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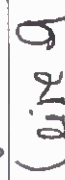





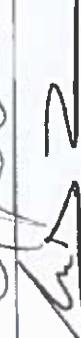




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