

WETNET PROJECT
Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands

WP 2 - Communication

Activity 2.5 – Horizontal project event report

Project Partner: Veneto Region (VR) - Italian Centre for River Restoration (CIRF)

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Deliverable 2.5.1 - Event Report
Panacea kick-off meeting

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1 Event Details

Title:

Panacea kick-off meeting

Type:

Kick-off meeting

Date:

15-16/03/2017

Location:

Marseille (France)

Programme:

The project's kick-off meeting took place in Marseille, on March 15-16th 2017, with the participation of the 9 projects of the Community on Biodiversity Protection. This meeting helped to reinforce the links among the projects and PANACeA partners, and to draw an action plan for the Community. For further details see ANNEX 1.

Link:

<https://biodiversity-protection.interreg-med.eu/media-calendar/events/detail/actualites/panacea-kick-off-meeting/>
<http://planbleu.org/en/event/panaceas-kick-meeting>

Audience:

Delegates from Horizontal project Panacea and from the following Modular projects:

- ACT4LITTER: Joint measures to preserve natural ecosystems from marine litter in the Mediterranean Protected Areas.
- AMARe: Actions for Marine Protected Areas, integrated management and maritime spatial planning.

- CONFISH: Connectivity and knowledge transfer among Mediterranean fishery stakeholders and scientists resolves connectivity of fishery populations.
- ECOSUSTAIN: Ecological sustainable Governance of Mediterranean Protected Areas.
- FishMPABlue2: Fishing governance in Marine Protected Areas: potentialities for Blue Economy.
- MEDSEALITTER: Developing Mediterranean-specific protocols to protect biodiversity from litter impact at basin and local Marine Protected Areas' scales.
- MPA-ADAPT: Guiding Mediterranean MPAs through the climate change era: Building resilience and adaptation.
- PHAROS4MPAs: Blue Economy and Marine Conservation - safeguarding Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas in order to achieve Good Environmental Status.
- PLASTICBUSTERS MPAs: Preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas.
- POSBEMED: Sustainable management of the systems Posidonia-beaches in the Mediterranean region.
- WETNET: Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands.

WetNet participation:

- Giancarlo Gusmaroli (Italian Centre for River Restoration)
- Silvano De Zorzi (Veneto Region)

2 Description of the Event

The PANACeA Project aims at streamlining networking and management efforts in Mediterranean Protected Areas (PAs) as a mechanism to enhance nature conservation and protection in the region. PANACeA is a horizontal project co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund through the Interreg Med Programme.

One of the main objectives of PANACeA is to bring together projects and institutions working on similar issues to identify common working areas, avoid duplication of efforts and multiply the impact of project results and events by extending their outreach. Networking and cooperation among biodiversity protection projects and people are essential.

To help us reinforce the links among the community of modular projects selected and the PANACeA partners, a Kick off Meeting was held in Villa Méditerranée in Marseille on 15th and 16th of March 2017.

The PANACeA partners from 9 modular projects - AMARe - ACT4LITTER – CONFISH – ECOSUSTAIN – FISHMPABLUE2 – MEDSEALITTER – MPA-ADAPT – POSBEMED – WETNET - met with their associated partners, the Interreg Med Programme Joint Secretariat and the PANACeA team to move forward a better equipped Mediterranean community on biodiversity protection..

3 Relevance for the WetNet Project and the MED territory

This meeting is a key component in the design and implementation of PANACeA's activities and deliverables. It presented the action plans for communication, community building and capitalization, and entailed interactive sessions and networking opportunities to start creating synergies and cross-fertilization between the projects.

4 Concluding Remarks

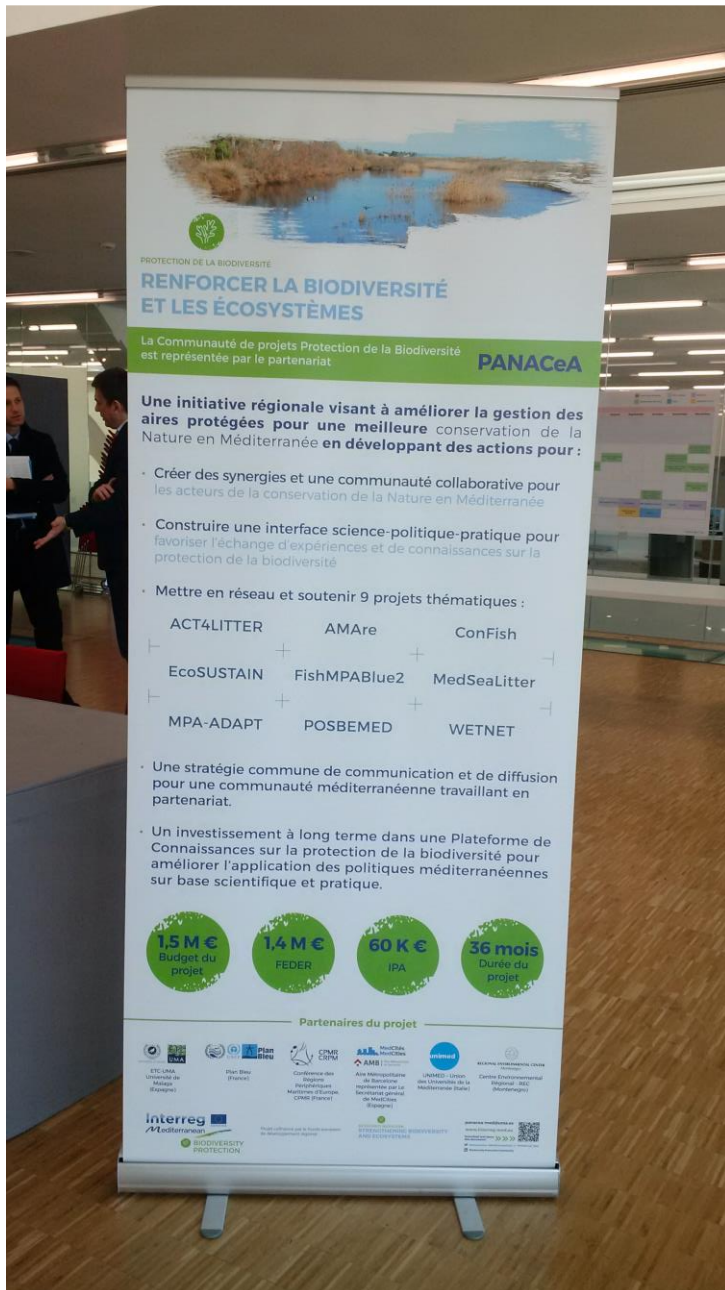
Key outcomes:

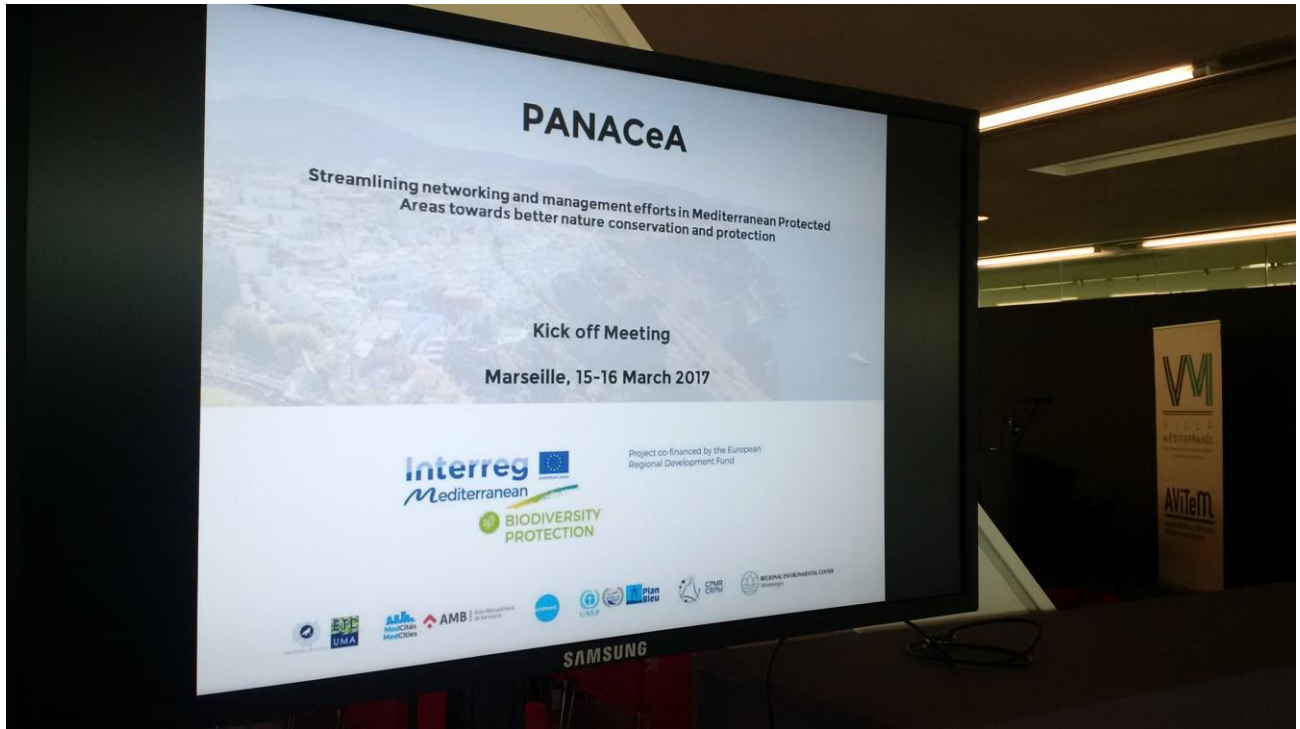
- The evident will of all those that were there to exchange and contribute for the emergence of a real community and a Mediterranean approach.
- The presence of other horizontal projects that has allowed to start a cross-cutting dialogue among thematic communities, in the frame of the same Axis and with other Priority Axes.
- The interactive activities and the tools used that have helped the cooperation and exchange among the participants.
- The common aim in developing a thematic community around projects and institutions, in order to facilitate the analysis and synthesis of the expected outputs and results, so that these may have a stronger impact at the different policy and territorial levels.

Next steps:

- Take the opportunity to share project news, calendar, main activities, ideas on the thematic community with PANACeA in order to diffuse a common voice on this issue around the Mediterranean.
- Take the opportunity during the events organized by PANACeA or other common events to strength the networking among you and to start to share methods, approaches, visions in order to continue to find synergies and collaborate together.
- Take advantage of the geographical distribution of the institutions to facilitate the communication between projects.

5 Photo Gallery





(SNAPSHOT FROM THE EVENT VIDEO CLIP AVAILABE AT <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LTF0W83JUJ&FEATURE=Youtu.be>)

ANNEX 1 - Event Programme

DAY 1: Wednesday, 15 March 2017	
8.30 – 9.00	Registration – Pick up badges and material <i>PANACeA partners</i>
SESSION 1: GENERAL PRESENTATION – The Mediterranean region and the need for an active community on biodiversity protection. <i>Moderator: Dania Abdul Malak – ETC-UMA</i> <i>Rapporteur: Alyssa Clavreul – Plan Bleu / Konstantia Nikopoulou – MedCities</i>	
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome note – Mediterranean cooperation for biodiversity protection <i>Agnes Rampal – Regional Councillor from Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur, President of the Euromed Committee and French Vice-President of the CPMR Intermediterranean Commission (tbc)</i>
9.15 – 9.35	Opening address – PANACeA scene setting <i>Dania Abdul Malak – ETC-UMA</i>
9.35 – 9.45	The Interreg Mediterranean Programme – Structure, synergies and links to other thematic communities <i>Francesca Marcato – Interreg Med Programme – Joint Secretariat</i>
9.45-10.45	Who are PANACeA’s Modular projects – Brief introduction (max. 3 minutes) by the 9 thematic projects on biodiversity protection <i>ACT4LITTER – AMAre – CONFISH – ECOSUSTAIN – FISHMPABLUE2 – MEDSEALITTER – MPA-ADAPT – POSBEMED – WETNET</i>
<i>10.45-11.15 Coffee break</i>	
SESSION 2: PANACeA STRATEGY AND METHODOLOGY – Presentation of modus operandi and tools under development by PANACeA. <i>Moderator: Dania Abdul Malak – ETC-UMA</i>	
11:15 – 11.45	Community Building + Q/A: Overview of the PANACeA community: mapping thematic priorities and key partners <i>Nelly Bourlion – Plan Bleu</i> <i>Rapporteur: PB/MedCities</i>

11.45 – 12.15	Communication tools + Q/A: Strategy and tools: spreading knowledge, fostering cooperation and disseminating results <i>Lise Guennal - CPRM</i> <i>Rapporteur: CPMR/UNIMED</i>
12.15 – 12.45	Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Knowledge Platform + Q/A: Building an info point for Mediterranean biodiversity protection data and management techniques <i>Emanuele Mancosu – ETC-UMA</i> <i>Rapporteur: ETC-UMA</i>
12.45 – 13.15	Capitalization + Q/A: Integrating projects' activities in the Mediterranean policy agenda – Key events and actions <i>Nelly Bourlion – Plan Bleu</i> <i>Rapporteur: CPMR</i>
13.15 – 14.15 Lunch Break	
SESSION 3: GETTING TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY – Interactive session for the 9 MPs to directly meet each other and identify potential synergies between projects. <i>Moderator: Srna Sudar, Regional Environment Centre (REC)</i>	
14.15 – 15.15	Speed dating: Identifying common activities and areas of interest: how to make the best out of collaboration with your peers. <i>All Modular projects with PANACeA partners</i>
15.15 – 16.30	Grouping exercise: Priorities and Synergies From identification to implementation: building the community around priorities and deliverables by partners. <i>All Modular projects with PANACeA partners</i>
16.30 – 16.45	The Interreg Med Project Website Structure and tools for project coordination and visibility <i>Paulo Emerenciano/Laura Pugieu – Interreg Med Programme</i>
16.45 – 17.00	Wrap up initial conclusions and forecast of Day 2. <i>All Working group rapporteurs with PANACeA partners</i>
17.00 – 18.00	Cocktail <i>All participants</i>
18.00 End of DAY 1	

Thursday, 16 March 2017	
SESSION 4: BUILDING THE COMMUNITY – Session in working groups for the selection of common actions, working methodologies and events to be developed during year 1 of PANACeA	
9.00 – 10.30	Working groups: Setting the procedure to be used between the partners for collaborative activities Devising a calendar of joint activities Implication level of partners and next steps <i>All</i>
10.30-11.00 Coffee break	
11.00 – 11.30	Conclusions and key messages from working groups – Expectations and support needed from PANACeA <i>Rapporteurs of each working group</i>
11.30 – 11.45	Conclusions and key messages from the Advisory Board <i>CAR/PAP – IUCN-Med – MedPAN – RAC/SPA – Tour du Valat – WCPA – WWF Mediterranean</i>
SESSION 5: MOVING FORWARD Moderator: Dania Abdul Malak- ETC-UMA Rapporteur: Marcello Scalisi- UNIMED	
11.45 – 12.05	Synergies with other relevant Mediterranean initiatives – Strengthening links with the sustainable tourism community in the Mediterranean <i>Milena Zoppedu, Interreg Med Community on Sustainable Tourism</i>
12.05 – 12.30	Conclusions and next steps <i>Dania Abdul Malak – ETC-UMA, all</i>