

WETNET PROJECT
Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands

WP 2 - Communication

Activity 2.7 – External event report

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International Workshop
“Toward integrated River Ecosystem Management”

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1 Event Details

Title:

Toward integrated River Ecosystem Management

Type:

International Workshop

Date:

26-28/09/2017

Location:

Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Programme:

See link below and annex 1.

Link:

<https://www.alpine-space.eu/project-news-details/en/1818>

Audience:

Invited experts were: Ms Helene Masliah-Gilkarov, ICPDR, Austria - Mr Rob Collins The Rivers Trust, UK - Mr Jean-Emmanuel Rougier, Lisode, France - Mr Lukas Egarter Vigl, EURAC Research, Italy - Mr Giancarlo Gusmaroli, Italian Centre for River Restoration, Italy - Mr Klaus Michor, Revital Integrative Naturraumplanung, Austria - Mr Olivier Chaix, INTEGRALIA SA, Switzerland (audience: see report below)

WetNet participation:

- Giancarlo Gusmaroli (Italian Centre for River Restoration)

2 Description of the Event

The SPARE project aims at exchanging, adapting and capitalising strategic planning and river management experiences across different spatial & governance scales. SPARE acts in a transdisciplinary way combining socio-political, economic and ecological assets and integrating inputs from different stakeholders and beneficiaries. Five pilot case study sites in five participating Alpine countries form the core of our project. In these areas good practices, policies and tools addressing the field of river management are currently being developed and tested. One of the main issues addressed in the SPARE project and the pilot case study sites is active participation of all stakeholders in integrated river management.

The workshop, which took place on September 27th, 2017 in Ljubljana tackled the challenges of public participation with examples of good practices from abroad. The International Knowledge Exchange Workshop (IKEW) was organised within the EU project SPARE (Strategic Planning for Alpine Riverine Ecosystems – Integrating protection and development) by the Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia.

3 Relevance for the WetNet Project and the MED territory

The aim of the Workshop was to support the Pilot Case Study sites by recognizing different reference practices and exchange knowledge that could successfully support their needs to improve public participation within the framework of Integrated River Ecosystem Management. For that several challenges were addressed:

- What role should citizens associations have in river management and how can we assure their long-term success?
- How can we motivate citizens to be actively involved in river management in the long term?
- How can we successfully introduce the ecosystem services (ES) concept into participation and decision-making processes?

For each challenge above mentioned the experts (including the WrtNet project delegate) introduced their own experiences and presented their or other reference practices which could support the challenge and specific needs.

REPORT:

https://www.alpine-space.eu/projects/spare/news/180927_spare_ikew_ljubljana_report_final.pdf

4 Concluding Remarks

The above mentioned report contains several hints and recommendations that could be taken into account when implementing Wetland Contracts.

5 Photo Gallery





ANNEX 1 - Event Programme



The Workshop followed the agenda.

Start	End	Programme
8:15	8:45	Registration
8:45	9:30	Session 1: Welcome & introduction
0:45		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome: Minister Irena Majoen (Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning), dr. Metka Gorišek (acting director, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia) - Introduction of current state of SPARE, IKEW agenda, Pilot Case Studies, participants and moderators/facilitators mag. Sašo Šantl (workshop host/moderator and SPARE project manager, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia)
9:30	13:15	Session 2: Plenary - Debate on challenges and supporting reference practices for Integrated River Basin/Ecosystem Management
3:45 h		Challenge A: What role should citizens associations have in river management and how can we assure their long-term success? Coffee break Challenge B: How can we motivate citizens to be actively involved in river management in the long term? Short break Challenge C: How can we successfully introduce the ecosystem services (ES) concept into participation and decision-making processes? Introduction to next session
13:15	14:30	Lunch
14:30	17:00	Session 3: Parallel groups work –5 PCS tables: Dora Baltea (I), Drôme (F), Inn - Engadin (CH), Soča (SI), Steyr & Grosser Bach (A)
2:30 h		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussion and actions planning to address weak points and needs of PCSs, (possible exchange of experts and other participants between PCS tables), - Joining of the youth from WWF (possible questions from youth), - Results finalization: conclusions on defined actions and still open weak points and needs.
17:00	17:15	Coffee break
17:15	18:00	Session 4: Conclusions
0:45 h		Presentation of PCS results, short discussion, conclusions Closure
20:00	...	Dinner