

WETNET PROJECT

Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands

WP 2 - Communication

Activity 2.7 – Participating in External Event

Project Partner: Veneto Region (Vr)

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Deliverable 2.7.1 - Event Report

Empowering territories for a Sustainable Mediterranean

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1. EVENT DETAILS

Title: Empowering territories for a Sustainable Mediterranean

Type: Session during the Ecomondo trade, the Green Technologies Expo which took place in Rimini, Italy from 6 to 9 November 2018

Date: 6 November 2018

Location: Rimini, Emilia Romagna Region, Italy

Programme: Representatives from six Interreg MED thematic communities presented their achievements and share their challenges with private organisations, local public authorities and international organisations, and invited to discuss on three strategic axes for the future of the Mediterranean region: “Circular Economy opportunities and challenges in the MED area”; “Innovation for sustainability in the MED Area”; and “Governance, citizens awareness and participation for a Sustainable Mediterranean”.

Audience: Representatives of 6 MED thematic communities – invited in the 3rd panel: Michele Colavito, Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion, PANORAMED project - Francesca Villani, Metropolitan City of Bologna (Italy) - MADRE project (Green Growth community) - Francesco Filippi, Musol Foundation (Spain) - Local4Green project (RES Community) - Francesca Liguori, ARPA Veneto (Italy) - REMEDIO project (Urban Transports Community) - Claudio Perin, Veneto Region - WETNET project (Biodiversity Protection Community) - Gianluca Sarti, Rimini Strategic Plan Agency, Mobilitas project (MED Urban Transports). The audience was mainly composed of students and people interested in the projects’ topics.

WetNet participation: Vr representatives: Claudio Perin - Financial Manager (speaker); Franco Alberti – Project Coordinator (audience); Andrea Ballin – Project Staff member (audience)

2. DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT

The panel in which the WetNet speaker was involved discussed new governance models and how changing behaviours can have a relevant impact for better lifestyles in the Mediterranean cities. The speakers tried to answer questions such as: What are the sustainability governance and citizens awareness challenges in the MED area? How can we improve the participation of citizens in the elaboration and deployment of sustainability policies? What best practices exist in the MED cities and Regions in sectors such as energy management? The idea of the panel was not to present the projects with slides as usual but rather to discuss the problem expressed in the title (“Governance, citizens awareness and participation for a Sustainable Mediterranean”). For this were asked the speakers two questions by the moderator Ermete Mariani of UNIMED. For WetNet the questions focused on river contracts as a tool and methodology for biodiversity governance.

3. RELEVANCE FOR THE WETNET PROJECT AND THE MED TERRITORY

Ecomondo trade fair was a relevant National showcase and a good occasion for networking with other MED projects. WetNet represented the Biodiversity Protection in panel 3. This ensured the full coverage by the community of the three main discussion topics under the perspective of the necessary participatory approaches to an ecosystem based management of natural resources, among which the water resource. The Vr representative explained what WetNet defines as “inclusive approach”, a dialectical path capable of supporting and guiding various actors towards a common and shared vision on all strategic issues regarding wetlands protection and management: hydraulic risk, local development, environmental sustainability, environmental and landscape protection, ecosystem services preservation, etc.

4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

The speech of Vr representative Claudio Perin remarked that successful wetlands resources planning and management requires the active participation of all community institutions involved in economic development and resource management. Even if it was not possible to make the entire speech because of the limited time, the news and whole text will be sent to SARGA for the Project website, in order to disseminate it within the WetNet partnership. Some international brochures of the Project were distributed to the participants during the event.

5. PHOTO GALLERY



APPENDIX 1 - Event Programme (excerpt)



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Empowering territories for a Sustainable Mediterranean

organizzato da Interreg MED Green Growth, Blue Growth, Renewable Energy, Urban transports,...

Gratuito

Empowering territories for a Sustainable Mediterranean

#innovation #competitiveness #circulareconomy #sustainablelifestyle

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Tiglio Room - Pav. A6

Organized by: Interreg MED Green Growth, Blue Growth, Renewable Energy, Urban transports, Sustainable Tourism and Biodiversity Protection Communities

We believe that a sustainable development for the Mediterranean region is achievable if we succeed in making the proactive attitude of multiple stakeholders converge to tackle strategic challenges on a given territory. However, nurturing the interregional cooperation dimension is essential to share knowledge and to keep a more holistic approach to tackle global issues such as climate change, depletion of non-renewable resources, as well as land, water and sea pollution.

Since November 2016, more than 800 private and public organisations have joined forces in the framework of the Interreg MED programme to promote a sustainable lifestyle and competitiveness, a more participative governance, circular economy and innovation for sustainability in the Mediterranean region.

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17.00 - 18.00: Third panel - Governance, citizens awareness and participation for a Sustainable Mediterranean

The third panel will analyze new governance models and how changing behaviours can have a relevant impact for better lifestyles in the Mediterranean cities and will answer questions such as: What are the sustainability governance and citizens awareness challenges in the MED area? How can we improve the participation of citizens in the elaboration and deployment of sustainability policies? What best practices exist in the MED cities and Regions in sectors such as energy management?

Moderator: Ermete Mariani, UNIMED - Urban transports, Sustainable Tourism and Biodiversity Protection communities

Panelists

1. Michele Colavito, Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion, PANORAMED project
2. Francesca Villani, Metropolitan City of Bologna (Italy) - MADRE project (Green Growth community)
3. Francesco Filippi, Musol Foundation (Spain) - Local4Green project (RES Community)
4. Francesca Liguori, ARPA Veneto (Italy) - REMEDIO project (Urban Transports Community)
5. **Claudio Perin, Veneto Region - WETNET project (Biodiversity Protection Community)**
6. Gianluca Sarti, Rimini Strategic Plan Agency, Mobilitas project (MED Urban Transports)

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APPENDIX 2 - Participation Certificate

ITALIAN
EXHIBITION
GROUP
A merger of
Rimini Fiera and Fiera di Vicenza

ATTESTATO DI PARTECIPAZIONE

Si attesta che il Sig.

CLAUDIO PERIN

ha partecipato come relatore al seminario/convegno

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programma a Rimini dal 06 al 09 Novembre 2018.

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