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The screenshot shows a web browser window with three tabs open. The active tab displays a news article from RCDI about the WETNET project. Two red arrows point from the text sections to images: one arrow points to a photo of a group at the Melides Lagoon, and another points to a photo of people at a conference. To the right of the text is the Interreg Mediterranean logo, featuring the text 'Interreg' and 'Mediterranean' with a green and yellow swoosh graphic, and the 'WetNet' logo below it.



The Melides Lagoon was visited by the WetNet international partnership

As part of the 5th Project Meeting that took place in Portugal, RCDI organized a field visit to the Portuguese pilot area, the Melides Lagoon Wetland, in November 2018. Representatives of the Municipality of Grândola and the Melides Civil Parish joined the international partners and specialists from the Nature Conservation Institute (ICNF) and the Portuguese Environment Agency (APA) explained the natural values of the area and the specificities of the Lagoon. After the visit, the group had lunch in one of the restaurants on the Melides Beach and proceeded to the Cineteatro Grândolense for the project meeting.



iBLUE project meeting in Aghios Nikolaos, Crete, 9th to 11th October

The 5th Steering Committee meeting of the iBlue project took place in Aghios Nikolaos, Crete, on 9, 10 and 11 October 2018, hosted by the partner Lasithi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The project partners had the opportunity to participate in the Thematic Seminar "The impact of the yacht sector in Lasithi Region as a sustainable tourism destination" and in the 3rd Consortium Training Course, addressing the 3-Pillars Business Model Methodology.



WETNET participated in the X Iberian Congress on Water Management and Planning that took place on September 5th-7th, in Coimbra, Portugal

RCDI, the Portuguese project Partner, was the participating member of the Wetnet partnership to the bi-annual Iberian Congress on Water Planning and Management, an initiative of the New Water Culture Foundation (FNCA, Fundación Nueva Cultura del Agua), involving more than fifty universities and research institutions from Spain and Portugal.

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In this scope, wetnet will promote the communication and cooperation between all the entities that operate on each wetland, seeking to balance interests and to define an action plan. Every stakeholder should participate on the definition of the actions that will desirably end up as a Wetland Contract, similarly to tools in use in other countries, such as France and Italy, for more than two decades (River Contracts). The contract should contain the preservation principles to adopt taking into account the ecosystem's harmonization and conservation.

In Portugal, RCDI will work in the Melides Lagoon area, in collaboration with the Grândola Municipal Council. It will be a valuable opportunity to promote participatory management solutions for an area that has high ecological sensibility and important economic value.

[Download here the 1st Wetnet Brochure.](#)

More information about the pilot-area in Portugal:

- Pilot Area Characterization
- Legal Framework
- Stakeholders Mapping
- Report on Alternative Scenarios
- Report on Sharing & Assessing Scenarios

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The aim of the project is to **Improve the effectiveness of conservation policies** in relation to protected wetlands in the MED area. It will analyze, test and disseminate new forms of institutional collaboration and it will develop a mechanism for the integration and coordination of the different actors involved in the management of wetlands. Participatory tools will be tested in order to actively involve local stakeholders in the conservation, management and sustainable development of ecosystems and landscapes of the wetlands.

Project partners

- Veneto Region
Province of Verona
- Research Centre of the Mediterranean Institute of Sciences and Civil Society
- Andalusian Federation of Towns and Municipalities
- Spanish Conselleria de
- Italian Center for River Restoration
- SGRCA (Cooperative of Reggio Emilia)
- OCD - Development and Environment Agency

Associate Partners

- Portuguese International Association
- The Justicia Foundation

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A Lagoa de Melides recebeu a visita da parceria internacional do Projecto WetNet

No âmbito da reunião semestral do projecto que se realizou em Portugal no final de Novembro de 2018, a RCDI organizou uma visita de campo à área de intervenção do projecto, a Zona Húmida da Lagoa de Melides. Os parceiros internacionais foram acompanhados por representantes da Câmara Municipal de Grândola e da Junta de Freguesia de Melides e foram recebidos por especialistas do ICNF e da APA que explicaram os valores naturais da zona e as especificidades da Lagoa. Depois da visita, almoçaram num dos restaurantes sobre a Praia de Melides, seguindo depois para o Cineteatro Grândolense, onde iniciaram a reunião de trabalho.

Reunião do projecto iBLUE em Aghios Nikolaos, Creta, em 9, 10 e 11 de Outubro

O projecto iBLUE realizou a 5ª reunião do seu Steering Committee em 9, 10 e 11 de Outubro de 2018, em Aghios Nikolaos, Creta, organizada pela Câmara de Comércio e Indústria de Lasithi. Os parceiros do projecto tiveram oportunidade participar no Seminário Temático sobre "O impacto do sector da náutica de recreio, na Região de Lasithi, como destino turístico sustentável", bem como no 3º Curso de Formação do Consórcio sobre a metodologia 3-Pilars Business Model.

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O projecto WETNET participou no X Congresso Ibérico de Gestão e Planeamento da Água, que decorreu entre os dias 5 e 7 de Setembro, em Coimbra, Portugal

A RCDI, o parceiro Português do Wetnet, participou, em representação do projecto, no Congresso Ibérico de Planeamento e Gestão da Água, uma iniciativa bi-anual da Fundação Nova Cultura da Água (FNCA, Fundación Nueva Cultura del Agua), envolvendo mais de cinquenta universidades e instituições de investigação de Espanha e de Portugal

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poderá assumir a forma de "contrato de zona húmida" à semelhança de instrumentos idênticos utilizados em países como a França e a Itália, há mais de duas décadas (River Contracts). Neste contrato serão estabelecidos os princípios de salvaguarda e conservação a adoptar, numa perspetiva de harmonização e preservação do ecossistema.

Em Portugal a RCDI trabalhará sobre a zona da Lagoa de Melides em colaboração com a Câmara Municipal de Grândola, sendo uma oportunidade para promover a gestão participada de uma área do município que apresenta, simultaneamente, elevada sensibilidade ecológica e um importante valor económico.

Descarregue aqui a primeira brochura do projecto.

Conheça mais informação sobre a área-piloto do projecto, em Portugal:

- Caracterização da Área do Projecto
- Quadro Regulamentar
- Mapeamento de Stakeholders
- Relatório de Cenários Alternativos
- Relatório de Avaliação de Cenários

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Para mais informação visite o website do projecto Wetnet.


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The screenshot shows the WetNet project website. At the top, there's a banner with a photo of a wetland and the text 'WETNET Coordinated management and networking of Mediterranean wetlands'. Below the banner are three green circles with the numbers '2.252 ME', '1.914 ME', and '30 Meses'. A detailed description of the project follows, mentioning its aim to evaluate the effectiveness of wetland protection policies and develop new institutional collaboration mechanisms. It also lists partners and logos for Interreg Mediterranean and the European Regional Development Fund.