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Specific objective: *RSO2.7 Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution*

Project mission: *Protecting, restoring and valorising the natural environment and heritage*

Project category: *Transfer project (Thematic Project)*

1st MEDITERRANEAN FORUM ON WETLAND CONTRACTS

*Launching of the Community of Practice
of Wetland Contracts in the Mediterranean*

05-06/11/2025

Marseille (France)

c/o La Coque Centre

Place Henri Verneuil



05/11/2025 - Day 1

09.00 - 09.30

Registration & welcome coffee

09.30 - 11.00

Opening session

Moderator: *Chris Rostron (MedWet)*

09.30 - 10.00

Institutional welcome

Chris Rostron (MedWet)

Hervé Menchon (City of Marseille)

Humberto Delgado Rosa (Director for Biodiversity, EU DG ENV) - online

10.00 - 10.15

Overview of the WEGOCOOP project

Vaso Papadopoulou (Anatoliki S.A.)

10.15 - 10.30

An outlook on Mediterranean wetlands health

Chris Rostron (MedWet)

10.30 - 10.45

Wetland Contract in the Mediterranean: state of art and perspectives

Giancarlo Gusmaroli (MedWet)

10.45 - 11.00

Presentation of the virtual platform of Mediterranean Wetland Contracts

Romina D'Ascanio (Roma Tre University)

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 - 13.30

Launching the Mediterranean Community of Practice on Wetland Contracts

Facilitator: *Chris Rostron (MedWet)*

11.40 - 13.15

Place-based wetland governance and the future for Wetland Contracts

Roundtable

- *Eric Mino (OIEau - Office International de l'Eau | INBO - International Network of Basin Organizations)*
- *Francesco Puma (Italian River Contracts Board)*
- *Carol Martinez (MedPAN - Network of MPAs managers in the Mediterranean)*
- *Adriana Salazar (Union for the Mediterranean)*
- *Arnaud Terrisse (Plan Bleu | Natural Heritage Mission)*
- *Curzio Cervelli (Interreg EuroMed - Joint Secretariat)*
- *Marko Prem (UNEP/MAP - United Nation Environment Programme | Mediterranean Action Plan, PAP/RAC - Priority Actions Programme / Regional Activity Centre) - online*

13.15 - 13.30

Presentation of the Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a Mediterranean Community of Practice on Wetland Contracts



13.30 - 15.00

Light Lunch

15.00 - 17.30

New seeds of Wetland Contracts in the Mediterranean

Moderator: *Vaso Papadopoulou (Anatoliki S.A.)*

15.00 - 15.10

Introduction to WEGOCOOP TRANSFERABILITY ACTIVITIES

Romina D'Ascanio (Roma Tre University)

15.10 - 16.00

Introduction to WEGOCOOP SYMPOSIA

Naya Tselepi (Anatoliki S.A.)

Panel discussion

- Wetland Contract for Agropontino reclaimed land and wetlands (Italy)
Elisa Avellini (Roma Tre University)
- Wetland Contract for Odiel saltmarshes (Spain)
Enrique Martínez (Andalusian Government, General Directorate for Natural Protected Areas)
- Wetland Contract for Axios river delta (Greece)
Naya Tselepi (Anatoliki S.A.)

16.00 - 16.50

Introduction to WEGOCOOP ROADSHOWS IN EU REGION

Inma Guerrero (FAMP - Andalusian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces)

Panel discussion

- Wetland Contract for Vransko lake (Croatia)
Maja Cuze Denona (Public institution Nature park Vransko jezero)
- Wetland Contract for Vjosë-Nartë lagoon (Albania)
Xhemal Xherri (Protection and Preservation of Natural Environment in Albania - PPNEA)
- Wetland Contract for Carvalhal coastal wetland (Portugal)
Alexandra Mendonça (Development and Innovation Network - RCDI)

16.50 - 17.30

Introduction to WEGOCOOP ROADSHOWS IN MENA REGION

Giancarlo Gusmaroli (MedWet)

Panel discussion

- Wetland Contract for the Upper Catchment of the Awali River (Lebanon)
Ramy Bawadi (Shouf Biosphere Reserve - Al-Shouf Cedar Society) - online

18.30 - 20.00

Guided tour of Marseille

20.00 - 22.00

Social dinner (only WEGOCOOP Project Partners and invited Stakeholders)



06/11/2025 - Day 2

09.00 - 09.30

Registration & welcome coffee

09.30 - 11.00

Open challenges in governance of Mediterranean wetlands

Moderator: *Giancarlo Gusmaroli (MedWet)*

09.30 - 09.45

Introduction to the MEDWET WETLAND NETWORKS

Chris Rostron (MedWet)

09.45 - 10.45

Panel discussion

- Governance challenges in Greek wetlands (Greece)
Lydia Alvanou (NECCA - Natural Environment and Climate Change Agency)
- Governance challenges along the Guadalquivir river (Spain)
Juan Martin (Salarte - Fund for the Stewardship and Recovery of the Salt Marsh)
- Governance challenges of the Oristano gulf in Sardinia (Italy)
Francesca Etzi (MedSea - Mediterranean Sea and Coast Foundation) - online

10.45 - 11.00

Q&A | Open Discussion

11.00 - 11.30

Coffee break

11.30 - 13.00

Flagship initiatives advancing Wetland Contracts in the Mediterranean

Coordinator: *Romina D'Ascanio (Roma Tre University)*

11.30 - 11.45

Introduction to the EU FUNDED PROJECTS ON WETLAND CONTRACTS

Elisa Avellini (Roma Tre University)

11.45 - 12.45

Panel discussion

- INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA PROGRAMME | "GREW" PROJECT
Maria Chiara Tosi (University IUAV of Venice) - online
- INTERREG ITALY-FRANCE MARITTIMO PROGRAMME | "RICREA" PROJECT
Piera Pala (MedSea - Mediterranean Sea and Coast Foundation) - online
- INTERREG EUROMED PROGRAMME | "COASTING" & "COASTING+" PROJECTS
Teresa Muela Tudela (FAMP - Andalusian Federation of Municipalities and Provinces)

12.45 - 13.00

Q&A | Open Discussion



13.00 - 13.30

Main messages from all sessions & closure

Chris Rostron (MedWet)

Giancarlo Gusmaroli (MedWet)

Naya Tselepi (Anatoliki S.A.)

Romina D'Ascanio (Roma Tre University)

13.30 - 15.00

Light Lunch

15.00 - 16.00

WeGoCoop Steering Committee meeting (only project partners)