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4 EVENTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE PROJECT EU-FIN

- RAVENNA
- DENIA
- ESPINHO
- SIRACUSA

Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"

**1st EVENT
9-10-11 FEBRUARY 2015
RAVENNA (ITALY)**

Participation: The event involved **90** citizens, including **29** Invited participants from **10 different countries (Italy, Spain, Macedonia, Cyprus, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Greece, Portugal):**

- 4 Delegates from IZSSi (Italy)
- 3 Delegates from Municipality of Ravenna (Italy)
- 3 Delegates from DICA Onlus (Italy)
- Delegates from Museo Natura (Italy)
- Giuseppe Palma, General Secretary of Assoittica (Italy)
- Vincenzo Olivieri, Veterinary in the AUSL of Pescara (Italy)
- Giuseppe Arcangeli, Veterinary of IZS Venezie (Italy)

- Alessandro Giuffrida, Professor of University of Study of Messina (Italy)
- Marco Pedol, Managing director of Sistemi e Filiere (Italy)
- Antonio Martinez Marti (Ajuntament de Denia) (Spain)
- Francisco Vicente Signes Grimalt (Ayuntamiento de Denia) (Spain)
- Kiril Ristoski (Municipality of Tetovo) (Macedonia)
- Giovanni Cafeo (Municipality of Siracusa) (Italy)
- Marios Matheou (Municipality of Pegeia) (Cyprus)
- José Luis Diaz Serrano (Ayuntamiento de Mazarron) (Spain)
- Marica Babic (Zadar County Development Agency) (Croatia)
- Antonio Vicente De Amonim Alves Pinto (Município de Espinho) (Portugal)
- Merita Kazazi (Skoder County) (Albania)
- Alexander Marleci (Skoder Municipality) (Albania)
- Gion Marku (Baskia Vau Dejes) (Albania)
- Emin Adzovic (Urban Municipality of Tuzi) (Montenegro)
- Branka Dojcinovic (Local Municipality Apatin) (Serbia)
- Dimitros Gkaliakis (Municipality of Agia) (Greece)

55 students and 6 teachers from the school “Enrico Mattei” of Marina di Ravenna, Italy.

Location / Dates: The event took place in the **Municipality of Ravenna, Italy** from **09-02-2015 to 11-02-2015**.

Short description:

The first event of “EU-FIN European Union Fishing Network”, project funded by Europe for Citizens Programme 2014-2020 and managed by Education Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA), occurred in Ravenna (Italy) among 09-02-2015 and 11-02-2015.

The action, whose lead applicant is *Istituto Sperimentale Zooprofilattico* of Sicily, involves 18 national and international entities, among which local authorities, regional ones and organisations working on fishing field.

29 delegates coming from countries’ project partners – Spain, Portugal, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia, Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, Cyprus and Italy organization – participated actively at the activities in Ravenna with their contributions and proposal of common activities to develop in the areas of intervention. During the event the partners dealt with fishing issues and its impact on local economies. Particular attention was be focused also on how to make fish activities more sustainable and eco-friendly. The event will took place in the wonderful setting of Museo Natura in Sant’Alberto, a museum placed in the Po’s River Delta Park, where over the international delegates have been involved also 55 students attending junior high schools in Marina of Ravenna and their teachers, that participated in the laboratories on fishery issues and fishes anatomy organized by the Museum’s and EU FIN staff. During the manifestation Italian and international experts presented a clear and exhaustive framework of fishing in Italy and Mediterranean zone, considering the European Common Fishing Policy.

2nd EVENT
6-7-8 MAY 2015
DENIA (SPAIN)

Participation: The event involved **55** citizens, including **32** Invited participants from **10 different countries (Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Serbia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania, Portugal, Greece, Macedonia):**

- 4 Delegates from IZSSi (Italy)
- 5 Delegates from DICA Onlus (Italy)
- Antonio Martinez Marti (Ayuntamiento de Denia) (Spain)
- Francisco Vicente Signes Grimalt (Ayuntamiento de Denia) (Spain)
- Ana M^a Kringe Sánchez (Ayuntamiento de Denia) (Spain)
- Fejsal Beadini (Municipality of Tetovo) (Macedonia)
- Giovanni Cafeo (Comune di Siracusa) (Italy)
- Teresa Gasbarro (Comune di Siracusa) (Italy)
- Myria Loizidi Papanastasiou (Municipality of Pegeia) (Cyprus)
- José Luis Diaz Serrano (Ayuntamiento de Mazarron) (Spain)
- Marica Babic (Zadar County Development Agency) (Croatia)
- Antonio Vicente De Amonim Alves Pinto (Municipio de Espinho) (Portugal)
- Merita Kazazi (Skoder County) (Albania)
- Edmin Adzovic (Urban Municipality of Tuzi) (Montegro)
- Ana Balac (Local Municipality Apatin) (Serbia)
- Stergios Gerogiannis (Municipality of Agia) (Greece)
- Apostolos Koufodimos (Region Thessaly) (Greece)
- Leonardo Maiuolo (Municipality of Borgia) (Italy)
- Giuseppe Arcangeli, veterinari among IZS Venezie (Italy)
- José Antonio Esteban Simón, Director of the Research Department at Oceanografic of Valencia (Spain)
- Celia Ojeda Martinez, Greenpeace activist (Spain)
- Elvira Jimenez Navarro, Greenpeace activist (Spain)
- Jesus Crespo Caudeli, Fisherman (Spain)
- Aitor S. Forcada, Professor of Marine Sciences and Applied Biology department, University of Alicante (Spain)
- Carlos Valle Pérez, Professor of Marine Sciences and Applied Biology department, University of Alicante (Spain)

and **23** local participants from the organization connected with the fishery sector, local associations and private auditors.

Location / Dates: The event took place in the **Ayuntamiento de Denia, Spain**, from **06-05-2015** to **08-05-2015**

Short description:

The event, which was attended by all the international delegates and about 30 local participants, was divided into three sessions. The first session was coordinated by the council of Denia: Francisco Vicente Signes Grimalt (city councilman) welcomed local and international participants presenting Denia, its manufacturing realities and its development

opportunities. The technical-scientific session was coordinated by Dott. Calogero Di Bella and focused its attention on sustainability in the marine environment in relation to traditional fishing and on the innovation of its techniques.

Thanks to the interventions of Italian veterinarians, the activists of Greenpeace, the Director of Research Department of Valencia's Oceanogràfic, the professors of the University of Alicante and a representative of the community of local fishermen, event participants were able to understand the positive impact, of sustainable fishing (not only environmental, but also economic policies). The issues faced by the speakers in this stage of the conference animated also the afternoon meeting. In this last session Dr. Daniele Gizzi coordinated the round table on actions to be developed in partnership in the 2014-2020 planning: considering that during the meeting in Ravenna the partners agreed on the need to cooperate for the presentation of project proposals interest, DICA Onlus invited delegates to present their project ideas . The presentations were followed by a debate among the participants during that emerged the similarities (in terms of geographical areas and areas of intervention) between the participants, who in this phase expressed their availability and interest in being involved in future planning actions. The President of the DICA Onlus has finally shown and presented to the delegates the draft of a memorandum of understanding for a common development of the cities located near the sea (the protocol is attached to this report; MEMORANDUM). This document was prepared as a result of what agreed at the first event in Ravenna, in other words the need to consolidate and formalize the commitment of the project partners in forming an association that can also play lobbying at local and European levels. The municipality of Borgia proposed as a legal form for the creation of this body the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation, a cooperation instrument at Community level which enables cooperative groupings to implement territorial cooperation projects co-financed by the Community or of carrying out actions of territorial cooperation at the initiative of the Member States.

3th EVENT
09-10-11 SEPTEMBER 2015
ESPINHO (PORTUGAL)

Participation: The event involved **61** citizens, including **23** invited participants from **10 countries (Italy, Spain, Portugal, Macedonia, Greece, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Cyprus, Albania):**

- 4 Delegates (IZSSI) (Italy)
- 4 Delegates (DICA) (Italy)
- Antonio Martinez Marti (Ajuntament de Denia) (Spain)
- Josep Crespo (Ajuntament de Denia) (Spain)
- Armend Fazliu (Municipality of Tetovo) (Macedonia)
- Teresa Gasbarro (Municipality of Siracusa) (Italy)
- Apostolos Koufodimos (Region Thessaly) (Greece)
- José Luis Diaz Serrano (Ayuntamiento de Mazarron) (Spain)
- Marica Babic (Zadar County Development Agency) (Croatia)
- Antonio Vicente De Amonim Alves Pinto (Município de Espinho) (Portugal)
- Merita Kazazi (Skoder County) (Albania)
- Emin Adzovic (Urban Municipality of Tuzi)(Montenegro)
- Mirjana Kranjac (Local Municipality Apatin) (Serbia)
- Stergios Geroggiannis (Municipality of Agia) (Greece)

- Leonardo Maiuolo (Municipality of Borgia) (Italy)
- Giannis Konnoris (Municipality of Pegeia) (Cyprus)
- Andrea Santulli, University of Palermo (Italy)

Location / Date: The event took place in the **Municipality of Espinho, Portugal**, from **09-09-2015** to **11-09-2015**.

Short description:

The first day was notable for the technical coordination meeting at the Council Chamber of the Municipality of Espinho. IZSSi, the Municipality of Espinho and international delegates took part in this meeting. On the September 10, 2015 was held the conference "Artisanal Fishing: from regulation to sustainable practices, a tourism opportunity" at the Museum Municipal de Espinho. The event, attended by all the international delegates of the project and the Portuguese community, was divided into four sessions. The first session saw the presentation of the project by DICA onlus. The IZSSi and the Camara Municipal de Espinho considered crucial a brief description of the initiative, which underlined the activities in the previous events and the targets for the future, even because the presence of the Portuguese Secretary of State in charge of the Sea, Pr. Dr. Manuel Pinto de Abreu, and the Honourable Dr. Ulisses Pereira. After that, the authoritative Italian and Portuguese experts gave their contribution, speaking about the issue of artisanal fishing from a technical and scientific point of view, emphasizing the opportunities for economic and social development. The first part of the conference was completed by the mayor of Espinho, Dr. Pinto Moreira, and the Secretary of State, who stressed the importance not only for Portugal but also for Europe to promote the Blue Economy by adopting an holistic approach, including the experiences and traditions in the fisheries sector which can bring a benefit for small companies and for the socio-economical context. The afternoon session featured a round table for the definition of due main actions:

- establishment of a "Transnational lobbying association" through the Memorandum of Understanding presented during the event in Denia. DICA has collected the consent of all partners to proceed with the preparation of documents that will be signed at the last event in Sicily;
- presentation of a project on the MED Programme - Specific Objective 3.2 "Maintaining biodiversity and ecosystems through strengthening management and interaction of the protected areas." DICA presented the terms of reference of the program, explaining objectives, actions and eligible subjects, and the project proposal promoted by IZSSi on marine protected areas.

At the end of the round-table has been discussed the proposal lunched by the Municipality of Borgia of creation of an European Group for Territorial Cooperation. At this purpose the Municipality proposed two extra days activities in Borgia (Calabria Region) after the end of the event of Siracusa. Moreover the participants made an assessment on the event and agreed on the success of the same in terms of content expressed by participants and proposals on which to work during the project initiative. Before departure, international delegates also took part in the visit to the fishing zone of the town.

4th EVENT
26-27-28 OCTOBER 2015
SIRACUSA (ITALY)

Participation: The event involved citizens, **62** citizens including **22** invited participants from **10 countries (Spain, Portugal, Albania, Montenegro, Greece, Croatia, Italia, Macedonia, Serbia, Cyprus)** :

- 4 Delegates from IZSSi (Italy)
- 3 Delegates from DICA (Italy)
- Jose Luis Diaz Serrano (Ayuntamiento de Dénia) (Spain)
- Vicente Pinto (Município de Espinho) (Portugal)
- Abdylvahid Mahmudi (Municipaity of Tetovo) (Macedonia)
- Emin Adzovic (Municipality of Tuzi) (Montenegro)
- Gjon Marku (Municipality of Vau Dejes) Albania)
- Loizide Papanastasiou Myria (Peyia Municipality) (Cypro)
- Merita Kazazi (Municipality of Shkoder) Albania)
- Marica Babic (Zadra Nova) (Croatia)
- Moreira Pinto (Município de Espinho) (Portugal)
- Mirjana Kranjac (Autonomous Province of Vojvodina) (Serbia)
- Jose Ferrer Crespo (Ayuntamiento de Dénia) (Spain)
- Dzivorad Smiljanic (Municipality of Apatin) (Serbia)
- Apostolos Koufodimos (Region of Thessaly) (Greece)
- Asterios Gerogiannis (Municipality of Agia) (Greece)
- Emma Schembari (Municipality of Siracusa) (Italy)

At the event participated even two classes (**27 students**) of the Technical High School Alessandro Rizza of Siracusa.

Location / Date: The event took place in the **Municipality of Siracusa** , from **26/10/2015** to **28/10/2015**.

Short description:At the event attended 22 international delegates from the countries of the project partners such as Spain, Portugal, Greece, Montenegro, Croatia, Albania, Macedonia, Serbia, Cyprus and Italy that have been actively involved in the interventions and proposals regarding the definition of the project idea on Marine Protected Areas. The local citizens participated actively at the work together with the international delegations. This co-working was aimed to involve and bring the citizens closer to the European policy in the field of Fisheries and representatives of regional institutions in the fishing industry. During the event was signed the memorandum of understanding between the international partners for the definition of the International Fishing Association. All the partners signed an agreement aimed to activate a path for the creation of an Association *“For a common path of development of coastal cities”* based in Italy. Moreover has been debated and defined a project proposal relating to marine protected areas to be presented on the Med Programme. The event took place in the beautiful setting offered by the City of Syracuse, within the premises of the protected marine area of Plemmirio, close to the Maniace Castle. The Mayor of the Municipality of Borgia presented even the programme and the organization of the extra-two days event held in Calabria Region (29-30 October). At the meeting participated even **two classes of the Technical high School Alessandro Rizza (27 students)** that could deepen their knowledge about the European Union opportunities such as the programme to support the international mobility and the youth employment. The expert of DICA Onlus, together with the Municipality of Siracusa representative illustrate where and how enter in contact with the opportunities offered by the European Programmes. At the end of the event of Siracusa the international delegates moved to the Calabria Region to attend at the meeting with the fishermen in Soverato (CT) and the debate on EGCT in Borgia (CT).