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“WHAT FUTURE FOR FISHERIES IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN BASIN?”

29TH – 30TH OCTOBER 2014, TERMOLI (MOLISE REGION, IT)

Event venue:

Meridiano Hotel – Lungomare Cristoforo Colombo n. 52 – 86039 Termoli (CB), Italy

AGENDA

(30/10/2014)

Over the last twenty years, the lack of statistical data, the persistence of illegal fishing practices, the increase in marine pollution phenomena as well as overfishing represented, and still represents, the main obstacles to the sustainable exploitation of fish stocks in the Adriatic-Ionian basin.

Aiming to reverse the current trend in marine resources degradation, the new European Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) has aimed to provide concrete answers to these threats by promoting more sustainable and competitive fisheries and aquaculture sectors. The CFP entered into force on 1 January 2014, and is the result of five years of heavy discussions and negotiations between the European Commission, the Member States, the European Parliament, Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), and representatives of the fisheries and aquaculture sectors. Consequently, the forthcoming months are of paramount importance in order to assess if - and the extent to which - the CFP will be able to achieve its goals of sustainability from an economic, social, and environmental point of view.

The Adriatic-Ionian basin is a maritime zone of strategic importance for the assessment of the "socio-economic and environmental impacts" of the Common Fisheries Policy. Indeed, a wide range of capture activities exist in the Adriatic-Ionian basin. Fishing is multi-specific and is characterised by activities that involve the use of various tools, including small-scale artisanal fisheries, demersal trawling and pelagic fishing at mid-height, as well as recreational fishing. Furthermore, for most of the States and the Regions bordering the Adriatic-Ionian basin, fishing and aquaculture represent two strategic economic sectors ensuring economic recovery and new jobs at territorial levels. With regard to this last point, it is worth underlining that fisheries and aquaculture are covered by the main thematic pillars of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional action plan, recently published by the European Commission.

In such a context, the seminar "*What Future for Fisheries in the Adriatic-Ionian Basin?*" aims at creating an informal platform bringing together the key stakeholders in charge of shaping, financing, and implementing fisheries and aquaculture policies across the Adriatic-Ionian basin. This informal platform



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represents the first step of a technical and political follow-up of the CFP. It also should lead to the setting-up of a win-win approach built on a concrete dialogue addressing the European Commission (DG MARE and DG ENVIRONMENT), the European Parliament (PECH Committee), Regional and national governments, representatives of the fisheries sector, NGOs, scientists, as well as members of territorial cooperation projects dealing with fishing, aquaculture and environmental issues.

During the seminar debates on the content of the CFP, participants will take turns presenting examples of best practice (e.g. sustainable fishing practices, tourism activities related to fishing, co-management of marine protected areas, etc.) In addition, an interactive session will be developed by representatives of the MED-IAMER project with the aim to validate the methodology behind the exercise of analysing the environmental status of the waters of the Adriatic-Ionian Basin.

Finally, aiming to enhance the development of an integrated Maritime Policy in the Adriatic-Ionian basin, the seminar will cover the theme of EU cross-border and transnational cooperation. In this context, dialogue with non-EU Member States will be ensured through the participation of the members of the Fisheries Committee of the Euro-Adriatic-Ionian Region.

The seminar "*What Future for Fisheries in the Adriatic-Ionian Basin?*" will be organised with the financial support of the European Commission in the framework of the projects COM & CAP MARINA-MED (MED programme 2007-2013) and ADRIGOV (IPA programme 2007-2013).

TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2014

19.30 – 21.30 WELCOMING COCKTAIL (for registered participants only)

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WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2014 - WORKING LANGUAGES: ITALIAN, ENGLISH

8.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

9.00 OPENING SESSION

- **Mr. Angelo SBROCCA**, Mayor of Termoli
- **Mr. Francesco COCCO**, Secretary General of the Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion and Coordinator of AdriGov Project
- **Mrs. Mercedes ACITORES**, Project Evaluation and Monitoring Officer, Med Programme Joint Technical Secretariat, Managing Authority of the Med Programme, Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur

9.20 SESSION 1: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES: A KEY DRIVER BOOSTING BLUE GROWTH IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN BASIN

Moderation by **Mr. Giuseppe SCIACCA**, Senior Policy Officer, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, COM&CAP MarInA-Med project

- **Mrs. Silvia SCALCO**, Policy Officer, DG MARE, European Commission
- **Mr. Marco AFFRONTI**, Member of the PECH Committee, European Parliament
- **Mr. Miguel BERNAL**, Fishery Resource Officer, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) (*apologised for absence*)
- **Mr. Giampaolo BUONFIGLIO**, President of the Mediterranean Advisory Council (MEDAC)

11.00 Coffee Break & Project Display Corner

11.30

- **Mrs. Monica BURCH**, Policy Officer, FARNET SUPPORT UNIT
- **Mr. Uriano MECONI**, Dirigente P.F. Economia Ittica Fiere e Mercati, Marche Region. NEtworking for the developMent of maritime tOurism at EUSAIR level - [NEMO](#) project

12.30 Debate

13.00 Lunch

14.15 SESSION 2: HUMAN IMPACTS ON THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN MARINE ENVIRONMENT

STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION ON COASTAL AND MARITIME PRESSURES IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN BASIN, introduced by **Mrs. Núria BEDOS BAYO**, Government of Catalonia, Lead Partner of the [COM&CAP MarInA-Med](#) project:

Mrs. Dania ABDUL MALAK, University of Malaga, Lead partner of the project: Integrated Actions to Mitigate Environmental Risks in the Mediterranean Sea - [Med-IAMER](#) project

Mrs. Céline DUBREUIL-IMBERT, Ph.D., Water Programme Officer, Plan Bleu

16.45 Coffee Break & Project Display Corner

17.15

- **Mr. Luca SANTAROSSA** and **Mr. Alain JEUDY DE GRISSAC**, Fishing governance in MPAs: potentialities for Blue Economy - [FishMPABLUE](#) project
- **Mr. Mauro RANDONE**, WWF Mediterranean Programme Office, Project: Future Trends in the Mediterranean Sea – [MEDTRENDS](#) project
- **Mr. Pierpaolo CAMPOSTRINI**, Coordinator of [ADRIPLAN](#) project, National Research Council – Institute for Marine Sciences (CNR – ISMAR)

18.45 Debate

19.00 THE ADDED VALUE OF HORIZONTAL COMMUNICATION & CAPITALISATION: FOR A MARITIME INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THE MEDITERRANEAN – INTRODUCTION TO THE MED MARITIME INTEGRATED PROJECTS PLATFORM

- **Mrs. Elodie NUNES**, Project Officer, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, [COM&CAP MarInA-Med](#) project

19.15 CONCLUSIONS

19.30-20.00 Project Display Corner

20.30 DINNER

22.30 End of the first day

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9.00 SESSION 3: ENHANCING TRANSNATIONAL AND CROSSBORDER COOPERATION: TOWARDS A COMMON FRAMEWORK FOR FISHERIES IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN BASIN

Round table introduced by Mr. Mr. Francesco COCCO, Secretary General of the Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion and Coordinator of AdriGov Project, and **moderated by Mr. Giuseppe SCIACCA**, Senior Policy Officer, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, COM&CAP MarInA-Med project

- **Mr. Mario RICHERI**, Head of Fisheries Project Unit, Veneto Region
- **Mr. Reshat XHELILAJ**, External Expert of the Regional Council of Vlora, Albania
- **Mr. Argyris KALLANIOTIS**, Director of Greek Fisheries Research Institute (F.R.I)
- **Mr. Vittorino FACCIOLLA**, Regional Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Molise Region

10.00 BEST PRACTISES:

- **Mrs. Simona DALLA RIVA**, Coordinator of ECOSEA Project, Veneto Region
- **Mr. Piergiorgio VASI**, Department Responsible for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Emilia-Romagna Region: "The experience of Upper Adriatic District, which opportunities for the EU programming period 2014-2020?"
- **Ms. Nadia BARILE**, Pilot Projects : I.P.A. S.H.A.P.E. and Study on efficiency processes for purification of bivalve mollusks, Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale of Abruzzo and of Molise (IZS)
- **Mr. Damiano PETRUZZELLA**, Project Manager of MAGNA GRECIA MARE, CIHEAM - Centre International de Hautes Etudes Agronomiques Méditerranéennes

10.40 Debate

11.00 Coffee Break & Project Display Corner

11.30 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS BOOSTING COOPERATION ON SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

Introduction by Mr. Mario IALENTI, Responsible of the Office for European Territorial Cooperation and development cooperation, Molise Region

- **Mr. Bernardo NOTARANGELO**, Representative of IPA II 2014-2020 Crossborder Programme, Italy-Albania-Montenegro, Puglia Region
- **Mrs. Tarja RICHARD**, Coordinator of the Med Programme Joint Technical Secretariat, Managing Authority of the Med Programme, Region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur
- **Mr. Luca PALAZZO**, Programme Expert of the Joint Managing Authority - ENPI CBC "Mediterranean Sea Basin" Programme
- **Mrs. Silvia GRANDI**, Representative of the Managing Authority of Adriatic Ionian Transnational Cooperation Programme 2014-2020 - ADRION, Emilia Romagna Region
(moved to Session 1)

12.40 PRESENTATION OF THE BLUEMED INITIATIVE

- **Mr. Pierpaolo CAMPOSTRINI**, Coordinator of ADRIPLAN project, National Research Council –Institute for Marine Sciences (CNR – ISMAR), presentation of the BLUEMED project

12.50 Debate

13.15 CONCLUSIONS

13.30 END OF THE MEETING

13.30 Lunch

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