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- City of San Benedetto del Tronto
- Union of Municipalities of Riviera Bassa Friulana
- Public Institution for the Management of Protected Natural Areas of Dubrovnik-Neretva County
- »Natura Histrica« Public Institution for the management of Protected Areas in Istria County
- »Natura Jadera« Public Institution for the Management of Protected Areas in Zadar County
- Province of Barletta Andria Trani
- University of Camerino

PROJECT DURATION

01/12/2018 - 31/05/2021

PROJECT BUDGET

ERDF 1.561.405,36 EUR
TOTAL 1.836.947,50 EUR



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CREW

Coordinated Wetland management in Italy-Croatia cross border region

Specific objective 3.2.
Contribute to protect and
restore biodiversity



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CREW is part of an Italy-Croatia Programme, supported by the European Union. The project promotes a multilevel governance tool called 'Wetland Contract', aimed at achieving global effects on the ecosystems of the coastal wetlands of the Adriatic Sea and on the related socio-economic aspects, overcoming the fragmentation that often jeopardize their integrity, development and conservation.

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PROJECT AIMS

- To set up a cross border Observatory to monitor best practices and data on Italian and Croatian coastal wetlands;
- To protect the biodiversity in Italian and Croatian coastal wetlands by the implementation of a coordinated methodology for wetlands management (Wetland Contract) in coherence with the ICZM (Integrated coastal zone management) principles enhancing the implementation of an integrated tool, the project will assure higher coordination among stakeholders and decision makers, limiting and absorbing raising conflicts between preservation issues and economic activities (farming, aquaculture, tourism) and will enhance the achievement of sustainable long-term results;
- To share a cross border strategy and strengthen synergies among Italian and Croatian coastal wetlands;
- To improve the public awareness about the value of the wetlands ecosystems among policy makers, managers, professionals, and general public and strengthen their active engagement in territorial governance.

By implementing the foreseen actions, CREW will also promote the implementation of EU policies among Italy and Croatia. Wetland Contracts particularly help to achieve the goals of Environmental Directives such as Habitats Directive, Birds Directive, Flood Directive and Water Framework Directive.



TARGET AREAS

Northern Lagoon of Venice (Veneto Region), Sentina Natural Regional Reserve (Marche Region), Marano Lagoon (Friuli Venezia Giulia Region), Regional Park of Ofanto River (Puglia Region), Neretva River Delta (Dubrovnik-Neretva County), Veliko Blato (Zadar County) and Palud - Palù special ornithological reserve (Istarska County).

