

ACTIVITY 1.4**REPORT OF REGIONAL WORKSHOP****Zadar County Development Agency****ZADRA NOVA****DATE:** June 30, 2025**TIME/DURATION:** Three hours (10:00 a.m - 13:00 p.m)**PLACE:** Creative industries center of Zadar, Address: Put Murvice 3a, Zadar, Croatia**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:** 19**REPRESENTED SECTORS/ORGANIZATIONS:**

- Paklenica National Park (2 representatives)
- Zadar County Technical Culture Association (2 representatives)
- Zadar County (2 representatives)
- AGRRA- Agency for rural development of Zadar County (2 representatives)
- Creative industries center of Zadar (1 representative)
- Zadar County Development Agency ZADRA NOVA (6 representatives)
- FLAG Tri mora- Fisheries local action group "Three seas" (2 representative)
- FLAG Lostura- Fisheries local action group "Lostura" (1 representative)
- Dinaric Hub (1 external expert)

SHORT SUMMARY OF THE EVENT:

On Monday, June 30th, from 10:00 AM to 13:00 PM, the first workshop was held at the Zadar Creative Industries Center, located at Put Murvice 3A, Zadar, Croatia. The aim of this workshop was to bring together stakeholders to address the challenges of climate change, with a particular emphasis on issues related to water resource management in the area of Paklenica National Park.

During the workshop, the **bePrepared** project and its results to date were presented. Through a series of speaker presentations, participants discussed the impact of climate change on Paklenica National Park, perceptions of the severity of its effects, and the main climate risks affecting the area. The discussion also covered key needs in water resource management and their most significant impacts.

Additionally, the Management Plan for Paklenica National Park for the period 2023–2033 was presented, along with the Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plan (SECAP) for the Lika-Senj County, and the Program for climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, and ozone layer protection in Zadar County.

A total of 19 participants attended the first workshop, representing nine different institutions, organizations, or as individuals.

DETAILED REPORT

• WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the organizers and the **bePrepared** project, a representative of the Zadar County Development Agency ZADRA NOVA welcomed the participants and introduced the speakers. The remaining participants introduced themselves. The workshop was opened with introductory remarks by representatives of ZADRA NOVA, followed by an overview of the bePrepARed project, its structure, objectives, and activities.

• PLENARY SESSION

Four presentations were held during the plenary session.

The first presentation provided a general overview of the project, including its objectives, results achieved so far, project partners, and the overall thematic focus.

The second presentation, titled “**From European Frameworks to Local Measures – Paklenica National Park**”, offered a detailed overview of European legislation and the local measures implemented by Paklenica National Park to preserve its unique biodiversity, exceptional geomorphological features, and rich cultural heritage.

This presentation highlighted how nature conservation and sustainable development are interwoven in the management of the park, and how collaboration at both local and European levels is shaping concrete steps toward its protection and long-term sustainability.

The next presentation focused on the results of a study on climate change and the perception of extreme weather events in Paklenica National Park. As part of the **bePrepared** project, a short qualitative study was conducted with the aim of collecting insights and experiences from local stakeholders active in the area of the national park. These stakeholders included experts and representatives from various institutions and organizations who, through their professional roles, are regularly involved in matters related to environmental protection, public health, safety, and water resource management.

The primary goal of this research was to understand stakeholders’ perceptions of climate-related risks affecting the area, as well as to identify key needs, challenges, and potential solutions from the perspective of those working directly in the field. Given their practical experience and knowledge, the data collected represents a valuable contribution to understanding the local context and to planning more effective climate adaptation measures.

The study was conducted as an online survey, which enabled broader accessibility and participation from stakeholders across different sectors. The results will serve as a basis for future project activities, focusing on the resilience of the local community and natural systems to climate threats.

During the last presentation, three key project activities within WP1 were presented:

- **Overview of Activity 1.1 – Policy review:** A summary of European and national strategic frameworks related to climate change adaptation was provided, with emphasis on the local measures implemented by Paklenica National Park. The need for alignment of local activities with multi-level planning and climate risk management was particularly highlighted.
- **Results of Activity 1.2 – Climate scenarios:** A comparison was presented between current climate conditions and future projections for Paklenica National Park based on EURO-CORDEX models. Indicators such as SPI, PET, SU, HW, and TXx were analyzed for their potential impact on key sectors including ecosystems, forestry, tourism, health, and water resource management.

- **Overview of Activity 1.3 – Stakeholder questionnaire analysis:** Results from a stakeholder questionnaire were presented, offering insights into perceptions of climate change and extreme weather events, levels of preparedness, and identified needs for information, capacity building, and adaptation measures.

Following the presentations, an interactive workshop session was held to facilitate structured dialogue and identify local priorities for future planning. Key vulnerability elements and challenges were identified and categorized by importance and urgency, forming the basis for proposed actions under WP2.

Workshop participants included representatives from local and regional government, public institutions, scientific and professional organizations, and civil society. The discussion emphasized the importance of integrating scientific climate data into spatial and sectoral planning, particularly in the context of nature conservation and adaptive management practices in protected areas.

The presented results of WP1.2 will serve as the foundation for developing activities within WP2, including the creation of guidelines for the regeneration of natural and cultural landscapes, and the development of operational Nature-Based Solutions planned for the next phases of the project.

- **WORKING GROUP CONCLUSION**

The workshop concluded with an agreement on continued collaboration at both local and cross-border levels, coordinated by the project partners and involving all relevant stakeholders.





