

CAMPUS

“Climate Adaptation Plans for UNESCO Sites”

Deliverable 3.6.2–Art and Photographic Exhibition
Activity 3.6 "UNESCO sites visual community instruments"

Report on the Po Delta Exhibition (PP4)

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The CAMPUS project (Climate Adaptation Plans for UNESCO Sites) is financed by the Interreg Italy-Croatia 2021/2027 Programme under the specific objective 2.1: "Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches".

CAMPUS is a cross-border project that aims to protect and preserve the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of existing UNESCO sites in Italy and Croatia from climate change risks, improving their resilience capacities through international cooperation. The project benefits local authorities, citizens and the tourism sector.

Climate change poses threats to the conservation of UNESCO World Heritage sites, affecting both natural and cultural treasures. CAMPUS aims to develop a cross-border framework for monitoring and adapting to climate change in these sites across Italy and Croatia. By collaborating with public institutions, UNESCO sites, and development agencies, the project will provide tools for assessing vulnerability, creating adaptation plans, and implementing climate-resilient measures like natural-based solutions and building enhancements. Through this cooperation, CAMPUS seeks to raise awareness and safeguard these vulnerable areas from the impacts of climate change.

Project objectives are the following:

- Analyze climate change risks in the targeted UNESCO sites and assess their resilience capacity through a cross-border study that supports informed decision-making by relevant authorities. Additionally, develop a tool for continuous risk monitoring during and after the project;
- Develop Climate Adaptation Plans and specific measures to protect UNESCO sites by involving experts and local communities in participatory workshops and defining shared guidelines for climate change adaptation;
- Test nature-based solutions, restoration interventions and light infrastructure in UNESCO sites, in collaboration with experts and authorities, to safeguard their Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) and ensure their preservation.

The CAMPUS project main outputs include: a Monitoring System Tool for the UNESCO sites; UNESCO Sites Climate Adaptation Plans; Cross-Border Conferences for Climate Adaptation Plans; UNESCO Sites Climate Change Counter Measures.



The project methodology emphasizes cross-border cooperation through strong partnership dimensions, ensuring synergies and competencies exchange. The approach is based on mutual learning where experienced partners support others in developing climate adaptation capabilities.

The project engages several Italian and Croatian public and private entities:

- **Municipality of Ferrara (Lead Partner)** – Italy
- **IUAV University of Venice** – Italy (technical and scientific coordination)
- **Municipality of Monte Sant'Angelo** – Italy
- **Po Delta Veneto Regional Park** – Italy
- **Development Agency of Lika-Senj County (LIRA)** – Croatia
- **Regional Development Agency of Split-Dalmatia County (RERA)** – Croatia

Additionally, the **Plitvice Lakes National Park** and the **City of Trogir** are involved as associated partners, ensuring direct involvement of UNESCO site management authorities.

CAMPUS is structured in three work packages: WP1 focuses on climate scenarios and monitoring systems; WP2 develops adaptation plans through Living Labs and stakeholder engagement; WP3 implements concrete solutions including nature-based interventions, building restoration, and awareness activities.

The innovative approach integrates scientific research with participatory planning, ensuring climate adaptation plans are technically sound and socially accepted. Expected outcomes include a cross-border monitoring system, comprehensive adaptation plans for each site, concrete adaptation measures, and increased climate awareness.



INTRODUCTION

Overview

The Guided Tours (D.3.5.2) represent a key communication and education deliverable under Activity 3.5 "Sensibilization activities in primary and secondary schools" within Work Package 3. The tours, to be held in the targeted UNESCO sites, are scheduled for delivery during Period 5 (months 25-30).

Purpose and objectives

The Guided Tours aim to provide direct, experiential engagement with UNESCO sites for school students, deepening their understanding of the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of these heritage sites and raising awareness about climate change impacts and adaptation solutions. Tours serve as interactive educational experiences that complement classroom lessons conducted under Activity 3.5 and foster a sense of stewardship and responsibility for cultural and natural heritage preservation.

Activity

The Po Delta Biosphere Reserve, is member of the MAB UNESCO network since 2015 and it includes 16 municipalities, in the Districts of Rovigo and Ferrara, already part of the two Regional Natural Parks protecting the environments and biodiversity: Ente Parco Regionale Veneto del Delta del Po and Ente di Gestione per i Parchi e la biodiversità - Delta del Po, Emilia-Romagna.

The Po Delta Veneto Regional Park, as manager of the Po Delta Biosphere Reserve, organized and hosted from 18th to 22nd of May 2026 the 3rd World MAB Youth Forum UNESCO "Committed to the Future We Want".

More than 200 young participants (aged 18 – 35 years) representing the MAB Biosphere Reserves (BR) around the world attended the event during the week to have the opportunity to share their ideas, experiences, knowledges and have the chance to work on the MAB Strategic Action Plan



and develop the Youth MAB Declaration 2026 – 2035 and the Road Map to the Action Plan.

The Forum was organized around participatory, youth-driven thematic areas aligned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Kunming–Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, and the Hangzhou Strategic Action Plan. Key thematic areas included:

- Youth contributions to the future of Biosphere Reserves;
- Youth, research, innovation, and sustainability science;
- Youth engagement in policy processes and governance at national and global levels; and
- Youth-led actions, projects, and approaches that advance the Sustainable Development Goals and policy outcomes.



THE PO DELTA EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION TITLE: BR Fair

DATES: 18 – 31 May 2026

VENUE: Mezanine hall at the Congress Center, Piazzale Europa - 45010 Rosolina Mare (RO)

Posters displayed: 123 posters displaying international Biosphere Reserves (BR) territories, characteristics, activities and projects, including Po Delta BR posters and CAMPUS project poster.

Number of visitors: 250 participants of the 3rd World MAB Youth Forum UNESCO; visitors and tourists during the period 23 – 31 May 2026.



Opening event details and attendance: the opening event has been organized for the after-dinner opening evening of the 3rd World MAB Youth Forum UNESCO from 21.00 to



23.00. The participants had the opportunity to share their posters and to offer taste the products of their BRs.

Assessment of exhibition's effectiveness in raising awareness: the decision to include the exhibition inside the event of the 3rd World MAB Youth Forum UNESCO gave the possibility to the exhibition to reach international experts from the worldwide biosphere reserves.

The Visitor Center in Rosolina Mare was the head quarter center of the Forum during the week 18-22 May 2026 and it hosts one of the Po Delta Tourist Information Points during the summer season.

The pdf files of the posters have been also shared, after the event with all the Forum participants.

