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(open to public)

09:00 - 09:20 | Registration

09:20 - 09:30 | Welcome speech

Fabio Peron
Director of *Culture del Progetto* Department, Università Iuav di Venezia

Cristina Valentini
Communication Manager, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme

Session 1

Revamping governance of Mediterranean wetlands

9:30 - 11:00 | Opening session

Chair: ***Marta De Marchi***
Research Fellow, Università Iuav di Venezia

GREW at a glance: from vision to impacts
Maria Chiara Tosi
Scientific Coordinator of GREW project, Full Professor, Università Iuav di Venezia

Wetland Contracts for climate resilience: building communities, shaping futures
Giancarlo Gusmaroli
Technical Coordinator of GREW project, Coordinator of the CoP of Wetland Contracts in the Mediterranean

Committing to action beyond GREW: Signature of Memorandum of Understanding
All GREW Project Partners

11:00 - 11:30 | coffee break

11:30 - 11:50 | Lecture

Mediterranean wetlands in a changing climate: what is at stake?
Chris Rostron
Coordinator of MedWet - the Mediterranean Wetlands Initiative

11.50 - 13.00 | Wetland Contracts across the Mediterranean: growing, evolving, scaling up

Chair: ***Maria Chiara Tosi***
Scientific Coordinator of GREW project, Full Professor, Università Iuav di Venezia

Panel discussion

Concha Durán
Head of the Water Quality Service, Júcar River Basin Authority (CHJ) and representative of the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations (MENBO)

Edo Bricchetti
Coordinator of the Lombardy Ecomuseums Network and Senior Advisor at Global Network of Water Museum (WAMUNET)

Luca Saccone
Secretary, Association of Mediterranean Deltas (DELTAMED)

Ramy Bawadi
Project Coordinator, Shouf Biosphere Reserve (SBR), Lebanon

Stefano Magaudda
Researcher, UniRoma3, Italy

13:00 - 14:30 | Light Lunch - with digital poster session

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Session 2

Scaling up Wetland Contracts: from local action to policy impact

Chair: ***Alessia Franzese, Alessandra Marcon***
Research Fellows, Università Iuav di Venezia

Intro: ***Alessandro Bratti***
Representative of the European Water Regulators (WAREG)

14:30 - 15:30 | Achievements in the GREW pilot areas: small coastal wetlands

Wetland Contract of Palud (Istria county, Croatia)
Katarina Perkovic
Natura Histrica - Public Institution for the Management of Protected Areas in Istria

Wetland Contract of the Brijuni archipelago (Istria county, Croatia)
Martina Hervat
National Park Brijuni

Wetland Contract of Kolansko Blato (Zadar county, Croatia)
Matej Mikulic
Zadar County Rural Development Agency (AGGRA)

Q/A

15:30 - 16:30 | Achievements in the GREW pilot areas: large coastal wetlands

Wetland Contract of the Northern lagoon of Venice (Veneto region, Italy)
Marta De Marchi, Alessia Franzese, Alessandra Marcon
Università Iuav di Venezia

Wetland Contract of the Marano lagoon (Friuli Venezia-Giulia region, Italy)
Antonio Ferraioli, Stefano Magaudda
Riviera Friulana Community

Wetland Contract of the Po di Volano delta (Emilia-Romagna region, Italy)
Martina Berneschi, Sergio Fortini
Land Reclamation Consortium of the Ferrara Plain

Q/A

16:30 - 17:00 | coffee break

17:00 - 17:30 | Achievements in the GREW pilot areas: river estuaries

Wetland Contract of the Ofanto river mouth (Apulia region, Italy)
Agostino Ciciriello
Agency for the Nord Barese Ofantino Pact

Wetland Contract of the lower Neretva river (Dubrovnik-Neretva county, Croatia)
Nikolina Đangradović
Public Institution for the Management of Nature in Dubrovnik-Neretva County

Q/A

17:30 - 18:00 | Final remarks: a national perspective

Angiolo Martinelli
Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, Italy

21.00 | Social Dinner (GREW Project Partners and invited Stakeholders)