

Methodology of the cross-border stakeholders' engagement (D.1.2.1)

1. Introduction

The conservation of marine ecosystems requires active participation and collaboration among a wide range of stakeholders. The BIOPRESSADRIA project is dedicated to testing and implementing a joint cross-border strategy to achieve practical solutions aimed at reducing the impact of coastal and nautical tourism on marine and coastal biodiversity. By addressing the increasing pressures on valuable coastal habitats, this project seeks to ensure the sustainable use and long-term protection of marine ecosystems.

This Stakeholder Engagement Plan outlines the strategic framework for engaging key stakeholders, ensuring transparent communication, mutual understanding, and collaborative decision-making throughout the project's lifecycle. Stakeholders include various authorities at the national, regional, and local levels, the tourism (nautical) sector, private sector entities, local communities, educational institutions and the wider public. Each of these groups has an interest or influence in the conservation and sustainable management of the area's marine and coastal resources.

The aim of this Plan is to create a step-by-step program for engaging a wide range of stakeholders and establishing a consultation process, transforming organized data into shared, actionable steps aimed at mitigating coastal nautical pressures and protecting valuable habitats. The involvement of various stakeholders will contribute to a systematic analysis of pressures (with special emphasis on anchoring) and the development of measures for their solution. In addition, communication objectives are raising awareness and changing behavior of stakeholders.

2. Stakeholder identification and analysis

Stakeholders have been identified at the international, national, and local levels (within the project's pilot areas). The stakeholder analysis included determining each stakeholder's level of influence on the project outcome, their willingness to participate, ways in which they can contribute to the project, and the best methods for their engagement.

Based on the analysis project identified on what topics involvement is needed, the methods and priority stakeholders.



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Stakeholders will be involved through: Keep informed on activities and results; exchange data and information; involve in high level events with active role; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues; involve in planning; involve in communication/awareness rising; information collection; find synergies with similar projects; advocacy.

Methods of involvement: meetings; events; e-mail; workshops; trainings; communication activities; questionnaires, etc.

Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
INTERNATIONAL					
Intergovernmental bodies and agencies	Interreg Italy-Croatia	Contracting authority; oversees implementation and supports visibility and capitalization	Informed and regularly updated; involved in communication and final event	Reports, email updates, meetings, event participation	High
	European Commission, General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE)	Responsible for EU maritime affairs and fisheries policy; relevance for nautical tourism pressure	Informed of project outputs and results	Email, project briefs, high level events invitations	Medium
	European Commission, EC DG ENV Directorate-General for Environment	Responsible for EU environmental policy and Natura 2000 framework	Informed of project outputs and results	Email, project briefs, high level events invitations	Medium
	UNEP-Barcelona Convention, Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP)	Regional coordination of marine protection across Mediterranean countries	Exchange of knowledge; synergies with regional action plans and protocols	Workshops, joint events, data sharing	Medium
	UNEP-Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	Global scientific platform supporting policy-science interface on biodiversity	Informed of project methodologies and findings, especially biodiversity pressures	Email updates, dissemination of project results	Medium



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	UNEP-PAP/RAC, RAC/SPA	Support the implementation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) and the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean (SPA/BD Protocol).	Technical input and tools for spatial planning and biodiversity protection; potential replication	Workshops, data exchange, meetings	Medium
	EUSAIR	Macro-regional strategy platform relevant for sustainable tourism and environmental protection	Informed and involved in high level events with active role; strategic dissemination of results and alignment of local/national strategies with EUSAIR objectives.	Participation in events and workshops	Medium
	International Hydrographic Organization	Responsible for international standards in nautical charts and hydrography	Informed on anchoring pressure zones; consulted for possible data harmonization	Email, expert communication	Low
International NGOs	Mediterranean Posidonia Network	Focused on conservation and sustainable management of <i>Posidonia oceanica</i> habitats	Shared results from anchoring studies; input on best practices for habitat protection; dissemination through network	Exchange data, information and materials, webinars	High
	MedPAN	Regional network of MPA managers	Consultation on pressure management and anchoring; dissemination through network	Online meetings, questionnaires, webinars	Medium



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	Seas At Risk	Environmental NGO network promoting sustainable seas	Informed of project outputs and results	Dissemination of project results, communication materials, email	Medium
	MIO-ECSDE - Mediterranean Information Office for the Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development	Regional NGO for environment and sustainability education	Supports awareness-raising and capacity-building actions	Participation in meetings; interviews; events; workshops	Medium
	WWF MMI and MED	Expertise in marine conservation, stakeholder engagement and communication; strong visibility and policy impact across the Mediterranean	Supports awareness-raising and capacity-building actions	Participation in workshops; events	Medium
SME international	Whitesand Solutions	Private company offering eco-mooring systems and technologies	Consulted for technical solutions in pilot areas	Online presentations, meetings, events	High
CROATIA					
National public authority	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition	Competent ministry for the management of protected areas, Natura 2000 and protected species and habitats. In charge of maintaining Biportal with habitats maps and other information; develops strategies and regulations; reports to the European Commission.	Keep informed on activities and results; exchange data and information; involve in high level events with active role; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues	Meetings, events, e-mail, important workshops, relevant trainings, communication activities	High



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
	Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure	Competent for maritime traffic, safety of navigation, management of the maritime domain and seaports. Manages port authorities. Develops waste waters discharge, anchoring regulation and other relevant regulations. Gives permits for research at sea. Responsible for official nautical charts (through the Croatian Hydrographic Institute)	Keep informed on activities and results; exchange data and information; involve in high level events with active role; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues	Meetings; events; e-mail; important workshops; relevant trainings	High
	Ministry of Physical Planning, Construction and State Assets	Competent for spatial planning including the development of the marine spatial zoning plan. The Ministry can order the development of a Plan of special characteristics for protected areas.	Keep informed on results; exchange data and information; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues	Events; e-mail; relevant trainings	Medium
	State Inspectorate - Sector for the supervision of environmental protection, nature protection and water law supervision	Surveillance and enforcement of Nature Protection Act provisions, and by-laws provisions. Other related laws (costal construction, sea pollution, waste management etc.)	Keep informed on results	Events; e-mail; relevant trainings	Medium
	Ministry of Tourism and Sport	Promotion and implementation of sustainable tourism	Keep informed on results	Events; e-mail; communication activities	Medium



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
		practices (Sustainable Tourism Development Strategy by 2030)			
Regional public authority	Split-Dalmatia County	The administrative departments for environmental protection and for maritime affairs are important for issuing a permit of the anchorage installation and the implementation of Natura 2000 assessment, as well as carrying out the process of awarding a concession on maritime property on the County level.	Keep informed on activities and results; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; communication activities; relevant trainings	High (Pakleni Islands)
	Šibenik-Knin County				Medium (NP Kornati)
	Dubrovnik- Neretva County				High (Natura 2000 pilot areas)
	Port authority of Split-Dalmatia County	Port authorities can prohibit or limit anchoring in a certain area for all or individual vessels depending on the length of the navigable facility and/or spatial- temporal organization of traffic, which is another mechanism for regulating anchoring over sensitive areas (it can be regulated by the Minister by law, and Port Authority by regulation).	Keep informed on activities and results; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues; involve in planning	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; communication activities; relevant trainings	High (Pakleni Islands)
	Port authority of Šibenik-Knin County				High (NP Kornati)
	Port authority Korčula				High (Badija)
	Port authority of Dubrovnik- Neretva County				High (Natura 2000 pilot areas)
Coastal protected areas	Croatian Marine Protected Areas	All public institutions managing marine	Keep informed on activities and results; involve	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops;	High



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
management institutions	Network - CROMPAS	related national parks; nature parks; special reserves, Natura 2000 (9 plus project partners). Important for results dissemination.	in communication/ awareness rising	communication activities; relevant trainings Ecosystem services questionnaire	
Interest groups including NGOs	Croatian Chamber of Commerce (Association of nautical tourism, Association of ports, shipping companies and maritime agencies, including ACI marinas)	Skipper/chart/yacht associations have high influence and knowledge about moorings and anchoring. Communication channel towards nautical tourists.	Keep informed on activities and results; involve in planning (project APP); involve in communication/ awareness rising	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; communication activities; relevant trainings; Ecosystem services questionnaire	High
	Green Sail	Working on environmental education and awareness rising of boaters	Keep informed on activities and results; involve in communication/ awareness rising	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; relevant trainings; communication activities	Medium
	Geopark Vis Archipelago	Based on Vis, involved in marine conservation project in the area	Keep informed on activities and results; involve in communication/ awareness rising	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; relevant trainings; communication activities	Low
	WWF Adria	Working on various marine conservation topics, including MPAs management and Posidonia	Keep informed on activities and results; find synergies with similar projects; advocacy	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; relevant trainings	Medium
	Green Forum (20000 Leagues Society; Blue World; Biom and other)	Network of relevant environmental CSOs in Croatia (in brackets those more related to	Keep informed on activities and results; involve in communication/	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; relevant trainings	Low



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		marine and nature conservation)	awareness rising; advocacy		
Higher education and research organisations	Croatian Hydrographic Institute	The Institute produces official maritime navigation charts and publications.	Keep informed on results	Events; e-mail	Medium
	Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries	Research, mapping and monitoring of habitat/species conditions and pressures.	Keep informed on activities and results, exchange data and information, advisory	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; communication activities; relevant trainings	Medium
	Institute for Sea and Coastal Area	Scientific organizations that can provide scientific input on the project activities/pilot area, also include the students to reach the youth target group	Keep informed on activities and results, exchange data and information, advisory	Participation in workshops	Medium
	University of Dubrovnik, Department for applied ecology	Scientific organizations that can provide scientific input on the project activities/pilot area, also include the students to reach the youth target group	Keep informed on activities and results, exchange data and information, advisory	Participation in workshops	Medium
ITALY					
National public authority	Ministry of Environment and Energy Security	Competent ministry for the management of	Keep informed on activities and results; involve	Invitation to high-level events and final event	Medium



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		protected areas, Natura 2000 and protected species and habitats. In charge of the biodiversity strategy, protection of the sea and the coasts.	in high level events with active role; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues		
	Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MIT)	Competent authority for the management and development of maritime waterways transport, port infrastructures, and port authorities. Oversees policies related to maritime traffic, port facilities, and intermodal transport. Regulates environmental sustainability in port areas, anchoring regulations.	Keep informed on activities and results; involve in high level events with active role; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues	Meetings; events; e-mail; important workshops; relevant trainings	Medium
	ISPRA - Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research	ISPRA deals with environmental protection, including marine, environmental emergencies and research. ISPRA also directs and coordinates the regional agencies for environmental protection (ARPA) and cooperates internationally in the field of environmental protection.	Keep informed on activities and results, exchange data and information, advisory	Dialogue, feedback and participation in events	High



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
	Universities	Universities can be involved locally to seek advice and opinions on the projects activities, strategies and results	Keep informed on activities and results, exchange data and information, advisory	Dialogue, feedback and participation in events	Medium
Regional public authority	Region Friuli Venezia Giulia	Regional authority (special autonomy status) involved in environmental governance, maritime affairs, fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism; essential for policy integration and strategic alignment	Informed and consulted for policy coordination, strategic dissemination, and alignment with regional and EU maritime and tourism strategies	Participation in project events and workshops	High
	Regional Agency for Prevention and Environmental Protection (ARPA Puglia and ARPA FVG)	Regional environmental agency responsible for monitoring and protecting environmental quality; provides data and technical input for project implementation	Consulted for scientific and technical support related to environmental pressures and monitoring in pilot areas	Participation in project events and workshops	Medium
	Puglia Region (relevant departments: Environment, Fisheries, Tourism)	Regional authority involved in environmental governance, maritime affairs, fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism; essential for policy integration and strategic alignment	Informed and consulted for policy coordination, strategic dissemination, and alignment with regional and EU maritime and tourism strategies	Participation in project events and workshops	High



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
	Veneto Region (all relevant directorates)	Key regional authority involved in EU programming, biodiversity and tourism strategies, maritime transport, territorial planning, and environmental education	Informed and consulted for strategic alignment, policy coordination, and integration of project outcomes into regional strategies and planning	Meetings, official correspondence, joint dissemination activities	High
	Port authority (Harbour Master's Offices in Monfalcone and Gallipoli)	Port Authorities oversee navigation safety, maritime rescue, and environmental protection. They have the authority to regulate anchoring, imposing restrictions based on navigational needs or traffic organization to protect sensitive areas. Additionally, they manage maritime property, enforce fishing regulations, and ensure compliance with maritime laws at <u>local, regional, and national levels</u> , coordinating all activities efficiently	Permits, authorizations; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues	Meetings, discussions	High (Monfalcone for Panzano Bay and Gallipoli for Porto Cesareo)
Interest groups including NGOs	OGS - National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics	OGS specializes in conducting research in the fields of earth science and oceanography on an international level.	Consulted for scientific and technical support related to environmental	meetings, questionnaires or interviews, workshops and events	



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
			pressures and monitoring		
	Legambiente	National-level environmental NGO with strong advocacy, communication reach, and policy influence	Informed for awareness and community outreach activities	Events, communication activities	Low
	Italian Association of Nautical Enterprises (Assonautica)	National association representing nautical enterprises and users; relevant for sustainable nautical tourism and stakeholder engagement	Informed and consulted on nautical tourism practices and sustainability measures	E-mails, meetings, questionnaires or interviews, workshops and events	High
	Italian Association of Marinas (Assomarinas)	National association representing marina operators; key for promoting sustainable mooring and environmental standards in port facilities	Informed and consulted on environmental standards, marina management and integration of sustainability practices	E-mails, meetings, questionnaires or interviews, workshops and events	High
General public		Important for awareness and behaviour change; includes main pressure users	Awareness raising and information sharing with local communities and tourists	Social media, press releases, community-based initiatives, outreach materials	High
PILOT AREAS LEVEL (detailed stakeholder analysis per each pilot area is listed in separate excel document; it is internal partners working document due to GDPR and changing political environment)					
Regional public authority	Tourist boards	Influence tourism development and visitor behaviour	Informed and involved in awareness-raising	Meetings, campaigns, materials dissemination	High
Local public authority	Local public institutions and service providers	Manage key infrastructure and services; directly influence	Consulted and involved in planning and implementation	Events; meetings; workshops;	High



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		environmental pressures and implementation of local measures.	of measures related to infrastructure, spatial planning and tourism pressure management	communication activities;	
SME local	Marinas	Represent boat users (and buoy field users) from this area; contribute local knowledge and feedback for sustainable use and pressure management	Engaged in awareness-raising and sustainable behaviour promotion	Meetings; consultations; events	High
	Diving centres	Direct interaction with marine environment and tourists; can impact and promote sustainable practices	Engaged in awareness-raising and sustainable behaviour promotion	Workshops; communication materials; meetings;	Medium
	Restaurants and bars	Part of local tourism offer; influence tourist behaviour and resource use	Informed and encouraged to adopt sustainable practices	Leaflets; inclusion in awareness campaigns	Low
	Private accommodation	Hosts tourists visiting pilot areas; influence visitor behaviour and practices	Informed and engaged through communication materials and awareness campaigns	Communication materials; inclusion in awareness campaigns	Low
	Concession holders	Manage specific coastal/marine uses (e.g. beaches, moorings); directly influence pressures	Consulted and involved in implementation of sustainable use measures	Meetings; consultations; site-specific agreements	High
	Local taxi boats	Daily users of coastal/marine space; can contribute to	Informed and engaged to follow and promote	Guidelines, workshops, info materials	High



Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
		pressure reduction and education	sustainable practices		
	Local tourism agencies	Influence visitor flows, behaviour, and destination image	Involved in promoting sustainable tourism offers and messaging	Meetings; promotional materials	Medium
	Tourist offices	Key info points for visitors; channel for awareness-raising	Disseminate project messages and materials	Communication activities; events; e-mail;	High
	Specific charter companies operating in the area	Contribute to nautical pressure; key for implementing sustainable anchoring and visitor behaviour	Consulted and engaged in application of sustainable practices	Meetings; guidelines; communication activities	High
Interest groups including NGOs	Island Committee of Pakleni Islands	Local Committee that brings together all for Pakleni Islands important representatives of public authorities and institutions, the economic sector, NGOs, local community and others.	Keep informed on activities and results; consult in administrative and legal decision-making related issues; involve in planning	Events; e-mail; meetings; workshops; communication activities; relevant trainings; ecosystem services questionnaire	High
	Fishermen organisations	Represent fishers from this area; contribute local knowledge for sustainable use and pressure management	Engaged in application of sustainable practices	Workshops; meetings; communication activities	Low
	Local NGOs	Advocate for environmental protection and represent local interests	Engaged in awareness-raising and dissemination of project results	Meetings; communication activities	Medium
	Sailing and nautical associations	Represent boat users (and buoy field users) from	Engaged in awareness-raising and	Meetings; consultations; events	High



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Target group	Stakeholder	Relevance	Involvement	Methods	Priority
		this area; contribute local knowledge and feedback for sustainable use and pressure management	sustainable behaviour promotion		
	Environmental Education Centre of Porto Cesareo	Local environmental education center focused on raising awareness of marine conservation in a key Natura 2000 area	Involved in educational and outreach activities, especially with schools and tourists	Participation in project events and workshops	Medium
	LEGACOOOP Puglia – Lecce (Regional Cooperative Association)	Regional cooperative association representing local enterprises, including fisheries and tourism sectors	Informed about project activities and results	Participation in project events and workshops	Medium
	Le Cesine Nature Reserve (Vernole – LE)	Protected area management body, important for implementing conservation and visitor management in a Natura 2000 site	Involved in pilot activities, dissemination, and monitoring practices	Participation in project events and workshops	Medium
Education/training centre and school	Local schools	Educate future generations; contribute to long-term behaviour change	Involved in educational and awareness-raising activities	School programs; educational materials; events	Low



3. Stakeholders' engagement actions

Stakeholders' engagement activities (EA) are developed based on the analysis and project application. Some of them will be implemented at the level of pilot sites, and some at the project level. For each engagement activity, the purpose, targeted stakeholders, area, roles, budget, project activity, deadline for implementation and output/deliverables are specified.

Note: most of the listed activities have already been listed in the application form and are obligatory. We have added local meetings with stakeholders and national meetings.

3.1. Pilot area local stakeholders' engagement actions

EA 1	Questionnaire for stakeholders' perceptions of ecosystem services				
Link to project activity	WP1, A.1.2. Engaging public managers and stakeholders to set up actions aimed at the management of beach and leisure boating tourism pressures on coastal habitats in pilot areas.				
Purpose	Gathering information on pilot areas characteristic and pressures, increasing awareness on valuable habitats and ecosystem services they provide. Gathering perception of stakeholders on ecosystem services provided by seagrasses.				
Deadline	Period 4 (September 2025 - February 2026)? End of summer 2025.				
Needed	Development of the methodology, questionnaire.				
Output/deliverables	D.1.2.1. Methodology of cross border stakeholders' engagement D.1.2.2. Stakeholders' contribution for the definition of the plan for the pilot action				
Pilot area	NP Kornati	Dubrovnik-Neretva County or Badija Island	Pakleni Islands	Panzano Bay	Porto Cesareo
Targeted stakeholders	Local stakeholders, boaters, tourists visiting the area, local tourism operators				
Brief agenda	Questionnaire will be on-line. Information about it will be distributed to key stakeholders through a leaflet with QR code, in Italian, Croatian and English.				
When and How?	September 2024 – November 2025, focus on 2025 tourist season				
Roles	Corila for methodology development, leaflet production and data analysis. WP leaders for providing feedback on the questionnaire. Partners managing pilot areas are responsible for printing and distributing leaflets and motivating stakeholders to fill in the questionnaire.				
EA 2	5 stakeholders' local events, one per each pilot area				



Link to project activity	WP1, A.1.3. Event organization for stakeholders' engagement				
Purpose	Raising awareness about ecosystems and ecosystem services, focus on beach and leisure boating tourism pressures in pilot areas. The relationships between ecosystems and stakeholders will be highlighted in terms of the benefits provided, to capture stakeholder interest and raise awareness of the importance of ESs management.				
Deadline	Period 3 (March 2025 - August 2025)				
Needed	Information/communication material produced by LP (D.1.3.2. Presentation of communication material)				
Output/deliverables	D.1.3.1. Local stakeholders' events report D.1.3.3. Follow up report				
Pilot area	NP Kornati	Dubrovnik-Neretva County or Badija Island	Pakleni Islands	Panzano Bay	Porto Cesareo
Targeted stakeholders	Nautical and sailing associations, marinas, rent a boat agencies	Stakeholders related to spatial planning, port authorities	Island Committee	Nautical and sailing associations, marinas, also harbor master and Region FVG	Public institutions, organizations and citizens
Brief agenda	Project presentation, installation of ecological moorings, analysis of nautical tourism pressure	Project presentation, analysis of nautical tourism pressure, the process of developing an anchoring study	Present and discuss boats pressures assessment 2023. Buoys distribution discussion (WP2).	Project presentation, natural habitat description, discussions with stakeholders about the future of the buoy field	Project presentation, discussion of the strategies and actions necessary for the natural resources of the MPA
When	June 2025	July 2025	March 2025	July 2025	December 2024
Roles	PP2 will coordinate this activity to harmonize the overall objective of events organized in pilot areas and provide support for events organized in Croatia, while LP1 will have this role for Italian events. PP5, PP6, PP7 and PP8, which are engaged in the management of pilot sites, will be involved in the organization of events connected to their site by motivating stakeholders' participation, agenda design, logistics organization and overall hosting of events.				

EA 3	Local pilot area stakeholders' engagement meetings and workshops				
Link to project activity	WP1, A.1.2. Engaging public managers and stakeholders to set up actions aimed at the management of beach and leisure boating tourism pressures on coastal habitats in pilot areas.				
Purpose	Gathering information on pilot areas characteristic and pressures Increasing awareness of valuable habitats and ecosystem services they provide. Presenting project, planned activities, results Filling in the questionnaire for stakeholders' perceptions of ecosystem services Discussing solutions Pilot actions development Strategy development APP development BIOPRESS network set up				
Deadline	Period 3 (March 2025 - August 2025)				
Needed	N/A				
Output/deliverables	D.1.2.2. Stakeholders' contribution for the definition of the plan for the pilot action				
Pilot area	NP Kornati	Dubrovnik-Neretva County or Badija Island	Pakleni Islands	Panzano Bay	Porto Cesareo
Targeted stakeholders	Local stakeholders	Local stakeholders	Island Committee	Nautical and sailing associations, marinas, also harbor master and Region FVG	Local stakeholders
Brief agenda	Concrete project activities presentation, present and discuss boats pressures assessment of years prior to setting up	Meeting with port authorities to identify and assess the specific pressures on each relevant bay and cove around the Island of	1-Project presentation (October 2025) 2-Web/app content development. 3-Present and discuss boats pressures assessment 2025., and Posidonia	A second workshop will be organized about the concrete actions on the buoy field. In addition, separate	Presentation of planned project activities, pilot action 1, pilot action 2 and discussion. The aim is to gather eventual inputs before launching the tenders to

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	eco buoy field. Rising awareness in tourists. Distribution of promo material. Project final results presentation	Korčula, focusing on impacts from beach and leisure boating tourism	monitoring results. 4 - Communication event joined preparation. 5 - Project final results presentation	bilateral meetings will be organized with key stakeholders (including NGOs)	contract the pilot actions.
When	By the end of 2025				
Roles	Support needed by other partners: Sunce	Support needed by other partners: Sunce	Support needed by other partners: Sunce	Support needed by other partners: SELC and CORILA	N/A

EA 4	5 local communication events, one for each pilot area				
Link to project activity	WP2, A.2.4. Event organization				
Purpose	Increasing the visibility of the project and the actions carried out at local level. Increasing awareness on valuable habitats and ecosystem services they provide.				
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)				
Needed	Information material and digital photo-video material produced by the LP (D.2.4.4. Video production, D.2.4.5. Press releases), guided tours, interviews, press releases etc. Other promotional and communication material				
Output/deliverables	D.2.4.3 Local communication events				
Pilot area	NP Kornati	Dubrovnik-Neretva County or Badija Island	Pakleni Islands	Panzano Bay	Porto Cesareo
Targeted stakeholders	Local community; charter /boat tourists	Local community; charter /boat tourists	Local community; charter /boat tourists	Nautical and sailing associations, marinas, also harbor master and Region FVG	Port authority, local authorities, nautical and fishing associations and SMEs
Brief agenda	Event at Murter-	Event at town of Korčula	Joined action at sea on	Conclusive event to	Official welcome,



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	Kornati municipality (stand, promo material distribution...)	(stand, comm material distribution, exhibition...TBD)	Pakleni Islands. Event at town of Hvar (stand, comm material distribution, exhibition...to be designed jointly with local stakeholders)	present the final results	presentation of BIOPRESSADRIA project (objective, activities, pilot actions), SELC contribution to the project objectives.
When	2025/2026	Summer 2025	Summer 2025 and/or 2026	2026	Summer 2025
Roles	Support needed by other partners: Sunce	Support needed by other partners: Sunce	Sea and Karst lead, Sunce support Invite all other partners to come (optional)	With the assistance of SELC and SUNCE	With the assistance of SELC
Roles	Participants: other partners (based on proximity or technical/scientific contribution). Each pilot site partner (LP1, PP5, PP6, PP7, PP8) will organize one local event. PP3, with collaboration of PP2 and PP4 will coordinate with the organizing partner the management and consistency of the information to be disseminated, in relation to the different results achieved.				



3.2. National/regional stakeholders' engagement actions

EA 5	Meetings, workshops and events with national/regional stakeholders
Link to project activity	WP3, A.3.3. Events organization and participation
Purpose	Present project and its results to stakeholders during external meetings and events. Give more visibility to the project, capitalize on its results, activate new collaborations and reach wider audience/target groups. Exchange on information and data. Share project results, especially regarding monitoring and pilot actions. Develop solutions toolbox, gain support for solutions implementation. Gather inputs and support for the Cross-border strategy to mitigate nautical and beach-based and recreational tourism pressure on coastal habitats for the period 2028-2032 Biopressadria network setup
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)
Needed	N/A
Output/deliverables	D.3.3.1. Reports about participation in external events
Pilot area	Project level
Where	Online and in person events in Programme area.
Targeted stakeholders	National Croatia: CroMPA, ministries, regional development agencies, charter sector, Green Forum and other CSO; experts. National Italy: ministries, ISPRA, port authorities, Assonautica, Assomarinas, etc.
Brief agenda	Organize meetings and workshops to present and discuss project, key issues, gather inputs, present results. Present project and results on events of other organizations. Participate in panel discussions on events of other organizations. Present project on events of other organizations through papers, posters, communication material distribution etc.
When	Croatia: annual meetings of protected areas expert and ranger services, other projects and experts conferences; Green Forum meetings, regional government events. Charter: Vis regatta (October); Biograd Boat Show (October); Croatia Boat Show (Split, April); CROYA Yacht Show; conferences and meetings of relevant ministries and Croatian Chamber of Commerce. Italy: Barcolana, Salone Nautico di Venecia.....
Roles	Each partner participates in at least an external event to present the project activities and results.



3.3. Cross border stakeholders' engagement events

EA 6	A mid-term high-level dissemination event
Link to project activity	WP2, A.2.4. Event organization
Purpose	Present project achievements and progress, transfer of results.
Deadline	Period 4 (September 2025 - February 2026)
Needed	Project promotional material (gadgets)
Output/deliverables	D.2.4.1. High level dissemination event
Pilot area	Project level
Where	Split, Croatia
Targeted stakeholders	Institutional interlocutors, stakeholders, citizens, media.
Brief agenda	TBD
When	September 2025, 1-2 days
Roles	Sunce with support of other partners

EA 7	Pilot action cross-border events
Link to project activity	WP2, A.2.4. Event organization
Purpose	Promote project activities (spatial zoning, concrete measures, solution toolbox). Solution toolbox development
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)
Needed	N/A
Output/deliverables	D.2.4.2. Pilot action cross border events
Pilot area	Project level - One event per pilot action
Where	Two events (one in Monfalcone, Italy, one in Croatia)
Targeted stakeholders	Stakeholder communities and public managers
Brief agenda	TBD
When	1-2 days
Roles	The large-scale events will be organized one by LP1 and one in Croatia.

EA 8	Capacity building trainings involving stakeholders
Link to project activity	WP3, A.3.1. Capacity building in the field of habitat conservation
Purpose	Build skills, competencies and awareness of stakeholders on habitat management and conservation.
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)
Needed	Trainings designed



Output/deliverables	D.3.1.1. Training Programs D.3.1.2. Training programs report O.3.1. Trainings to enhance stakeholders' skills and awareness on coastal protection O.3.2. "Toolbox" of technical and procedural joint solutions for coastal protection
Pilot area	The training will be organized in the pilot areas or at partners' sites, jointly by all PPs involving participants from IT and CRO. Exact number of trainings will be defined (at least 1 training for pilot site).
Targeted stakeholders	Different categories of stakeholders: local and regional public authorities, NGOs, SMEs, general public and students/schools
Brief agenda	TBD
When	2026
Roles	Under the supervision of PP4 CORILA, a training model will be developed through specific thematic and result schemes which will ensure the active participation of the various stakeholders, including public managers. LP will ensure the coherence of this action across the project with the targets and results. All partners will contribute to the trainings.

EA 9	Cross border strategy and Biopressadria network development and solution toolbox development
Link to project activity	WP1, A.1.5. Development of the cross-border strategy for pressures mitigation in pilot areas, WP3, A.3.2. Co-create a "solution toolbox" for the protection of coastal habitats
Purpose	The development of Cross-border strategy to mitigate nautical and beach-based and recreational tourism pressure on coastal habitats for the period 2028-2032. The adoption of the strategy and of the related tools is done by means of a Memorandum of Understanding, which will also formally constitute the BIOPRESS network and define its modalities of collaboration after the end of the project. Discussion and engagement for the development of the toolbox of integrated solutions.
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)
Needed	This strategy is based on the results of 2 pilot actions, as well as their preliminary activities, and on a "toolbox" of solutions developed in WP3
Output/deliverables	D.1.5.1. Cross-border strategy to mitigate nautical and beach-based tourism pressure on coastal habitats D.1.5.2. BIOPRESSADRIA network O.1.1. Strategy to mitigate nautical and beach-based and recreational tourism pressure on coastal habitats 2028-2032 (abbreviation S4MTP) D.3.2.1. Toolbox of solutions
Pilot area	Project level; Pilot sites



Where	Cross-border (online), during all listed events step by step buildup of the strategy
Targeted stakeholders	International experts (cross border advisory committee); stakeholders (<i>who will be again involved in the discussion and integration of the pillars of the strategy</i>), various stakeholders, public managers and decision makers
Brief agenda	Meetings of the project's Technical Committee, 1 facilitated focus group A questionnaire open for the stakeholders BIOPRESSADRIA network set up
When	By the end of project
Roles	PP2 Sunce will structure and lead the activity, with PP3 SELC and PP4 CORILA providing support in designing the facilitation process and analyzing the results. All other partners will provide inputs and support for Strategy development and motivate stakeholders to join the Memorandum of Understanding. LP1 will lead the consolidation of the solution toolbox, with all PPs will collaborate to the development of the toolbox solutions, each in relation with specific expertise and project competences. SUNCE and SELC, as WP leaders, will provide significant contributions to the creation of the solution toolbox. All partners will contribute to the solution toolbox with the results of the pilot actions and stakeholder discussions in their 5 pilot areas.

3.4. International stakeholders' engagement events

EA 10	Project final event for key stakeholders
Link to project activity	WP3, A.3.3. Events organization and participation
Purpose	Involve key stakeholders. Give more visibility to the project, capitalize on its results, activate new collaborations and reach wider audience/target groups.
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)
Needed	N/A
Output/deliverables	D.3.3.3. Report on project final event
Pilot area	Project level
Where	Venice
Targeted stakeholders	Croatian and Italian key stakeholders



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Brief agenda	Presentations of the main activities and key results, recommendations and conclusions, guest speakers or a panel discussion with stakeholders, a Q&A session, closing remarks, and informal networking
When	By the end of project
Roles	Organized by Corila. The associated partners (Department of Tourism and Maritime Affairs of Split Dalmatia County and White and Whitesand Solution from Balearic Islands) will also contribute to the event.

EA 11	Active participation in events, meetings, workshops organized by international stakeholders
Link to project activity	WP3, A.3.3. Events organization and participation
Purpose	Present project and its results to stakeholders during external events. Give more visibility to the project, capitalize on its results, activate new collaborations and reach wider audience/target groups.
Deadline	Period 5 (March 2026 - August 2026)
Needed	N/A
Output/deliverables	D.3.3.1. Reports about participation in external events D.3.3.2. Report about participation in Programme annual events
Pilot area	Project level
Where	Online and in person events in Programme area.
Targeted stakeholders	EU official events, Interreg Italy-Croatia events International networks meetings and events: Mediterranean Posidonia Network, MedPAN, SMILO, Seas at Risk, IUCN, EUSAIR, RAC/SPA
Brief agenda	Presentation of project activities and results, networking
When	By the end of project
Roles	Each partner participates in at least an external event to present the project activities and results. The LP and/or WP leaders participate in the annual events organized at Programme level.

