

LASPEH PLUS

“Low Adriatic Species and Habitat PLUS”

Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

The protected areas of the South Adriatic while adopting common conservation measures for habitats and species included in the lists of the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive of the European Union, are characterized by differences in terms of management and planning. These differences can be overcome by the transfer of best practices between protected areas and the creation of a network between them. In compliance with this goal, LASPEH PLUS aims to transfer the Joint Strategic Plan developed by three protected areas of Puglia, and the national agencies of the Parks of Albania and Montenegro to other protected areas of the Adriatic. The main objective of this MoU is the creation of a network between the project partners and other natural protected areas involved in the project activities of the programme area with the aim to share best practices, exchange of data and methodologies for the better conservation of habitat and species protected by the European Directives and the collaboration in future calls of the new Programming Period 2021-2027.

This document constitutes an agreement between signing parties namely: 1) Provisional management consortium of Regional Natural Park “Coastal Dunes from Torre Canne to Torre San Leonardo” (in Italy), 2) National Agency of Protected Areas (in Albania), 3) Public enterprise for National Parks of Montenegro (in Montenegro) and other natural protected areas of the South Adriatic interested to participate.

taking into consideration

- the European Biodiversity Strategy for 2030;
- the European Blue economy Strategy;
- the EU 8th Environment Action Programme to 2030;
- the European Green Deal (Action plan “Preserving our environment”);
- the European Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR);

- the objectives of European Territorial Cooperation at EU level;
- the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (ECST);
- the Transnational Joint Strategy for the better management of species and habitat in Natura 2000 sites implemented with the LASPEH project;

have discussed and agree on the following

Article 1 Definitions

Wherever used in this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires, the subsequent terms have the following meaning:

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Article 2 Purpose and Scope

This Memorandum of Understanding (called “MoU”) aims at identifying and developing a network involving the Natural Protected Areas of the South Adriatic, interested on development of the Transnational Joint Strategy for the better management of species and habitat in Natura 2000 sites implemented with the LASPEH project, to foster the cooperation in drafting common projects, implementing joint actions and strategies.

This MoU sets for the terms and understanding between the above-mentioned partners to establish a joint fruitful Network by optimizing the collaboration of the Natural Protected Areas.

Article 3 Background

Overcoming borders reinforces the added value of territorial cooperation and helps better address similar threats as well as promote more balanced development and a better management of the Natura 2000 sites.

Based on their experience of cooperation in the previous periods, the convening partners came together in an attempt to share the common goals in the frame of the biodiversity conservation, identifying some principles to carry out joint actions able to promote a sustainable development of their area and to improve the management of species and habitat in Natura 2000 sites.

The new EU Programming Period 2021-2027 offers many opportunities in terms of resources and exchange of best practice for the next 7 years. Taking in mind the standardization of OPs, the concentration on few thematic objectives and the specific emphasis on results, partners can start working to cooperate in a pathway supported by a maximum participation and synergy between the partners.

Article 4 Content of the Memorandum of Understanding

The mutual goals to be achieved by signing this MOU are:

1. To promote the Transnational Joint Strategy for a better management of species and habitat of the Nature 2000 sites developed through the LASPEH project;
2. To promote the LASPEH Conservation plans developed through LASPEH project, aiming to further promote the cross-national cooperation in the field of biodiversity conservation;
3. To share best practices for the better conservation of habitat and species protected by the European Directives;
4. To exchange of data and methodologies related to the conservation measures;
5. To promote LASPEH Project results which included a tool to promote contents and actions for sustainable management of the natural protected areas;
6. To maintain and update the official Project's website;
7. To disseminate the project's publications accessible on the Project's website.
8. To identify of potential users and stakeholders who have interest in strengthening the Transnational Joint Strategy for a better management of species and habitat of the Nature 2000 sites developed through the LASPEH project;
9. To implement of system for ongoing communication among Parties;
10. To regular reporting on Projects sustainability actions progress to other Parties;
11. To collaborate with other Parties in order to share ideas, expertise, and resources in potential follow up actions or some other fields of common interest;

12. To identify and communicate of potential funding sources (especially at European level), for sustaining the Project or development of new project proposals;
13. All the partners would make any possible effort to come up with new proposal in the new Programming Period 2021 - 2027 for example promoting a new proposal to realize other activities indicated in the action plans of the LASPEH Conservation Plans;
14. To collaborate with Universities or Research institutes dealing with analyzing and studying the biodiversity of ecosystems and identify and test solutions and conservation measures.

Article 5 Institutional framework

After the signature of this Agreement, each Party will appoint a representative who will act as a focal point for the implementation of this Agreement. The focal point will promote the implementation of the cooperation and facilitate exchange of information between the Parties on matters of common interest.

Article 6 Financial aspects

Each Party will bear its own costs incurred in the implementation of this Agreement. This agreement does not represent a commitment of funds on the part of either Party.

Article 7 Duration and Effectiveness

This agreement is effective upon signature of all Parties for a period of 5 (five) years after the Projects completion. It may be renewed and/or amended by mutual written agreement between the Parties.

Article 8 Termination of the Agreement

This agreement may be terminated by either Party by providing 6 (six) months prior written notice to the other Parties.

Article 9 Dispute settlement

All disputes arising from the interpretation and/or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled through diplomatic means.

This Memorandum of Understanding is made in 1 (one) original copy, stored at the LP Provisional management consortium of Regional Natural Park “Coastal Dunes from Torre Canne to Torre San Leonardo” as responsible for the Development of the MOU. Each partner has a scanned copy of the agreement.

This Memorandum of Understanding is subject to any approvals and/or ratifications of competence, in order to proceed with the signing and at a later time to provide for the decisions of the individual entities involved.

Signatures parties from Italy



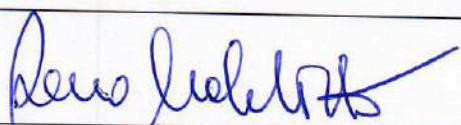
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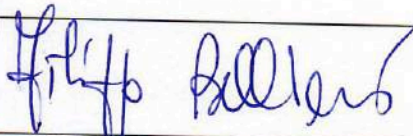
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Area Marina Protetta • Riserva Naturale dello Stato

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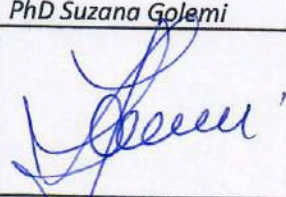
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