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I – SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS

- 1ST SESSION ON: ADVANCEMENTS OF IMP GROUP AND OF THE COORDINATION BOARD OF THE BOLOGNA CHARTER.

FEEDBACK ON THE ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS OF MAY-JUNE:

The meeting starts at 3:30 P.M.

Roberto Montanari introduces the 2nd Coordination Board with a brief overview on the main points in Agenda and giving communication on the new adhesions to the Bologna Charter occurred in the last months from the Coordination Board kick off meeting held in Bologna the 20th February 2014. In particular **Generalitat de Catalunya** (February 2014), **Israel Ministry of Environmental Protection** (April 2014), **Regione Autonoma Friuli Venezia Giulia** (May 2014), **Split-Dalmatia County** (June 2014). Up today the Med coastal Administrations adherents are 23 plus the Intermediterranean Commission of the CRPM that adopted the Charter in June 2013. Moreover, thanks to the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the COASTGAP Lead Partner (Regione Lazio) and the Lead partner of the RITMARE project (CNR-ISMAR), Italian flagship project on Research & Innovation on the coastal and marine space, **CNR-ISMAR** is directly involved in the development of the Joint Action Plan, fostered by the COASTGAP project, for the specific Joint Actions referred to the Research ambit.

Concerning the MEETINGS related to the Bologna Charter in May-June period he refers briefly as follow.

On the **15th May 2014 in Brussels** a delegation composed by the Regions Emilia-Romagna, Lazio and East Macedonia-Thrace, hosted by the CPMR-IMC Working Group on IMP, met some representatives from EC DGs to illustrate them the main objectives of the Bologna Charter 2012 and the content of its operational part: the Macro-Project and the Joint Action Plan we are working on (please see the Conclusions of the meeting 15 April in annex, "01. Conclusions IMC Bologna Charter 14_05_15.doc"). In very few words:

1. The initiative met great interest and overall positive impressions by all the Units representative.
2. Has been rated as very positive the approach towards the cooperation with the regions South and East of the Mediterranean.
3. We have collected several suggestions on the focus of the project initiatives (Joint Action) and its expected results, in relation to programs and actions being prepared by the various units .
4. We had indications and invitations on some upcoming important events on the themes of the Strategic Research Agenda, implementation and MSP ICM, next calls.

The first follow up was the meeting held on the **21st of May in Brussels**, by DG RTD Marine Resources Unit, on the Blue Med Initiative ("Blue Growth Initiative for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean", within H2020 Societal Challenge 2) in which we were invited. It was the 1st Stakeholder meeting to start the definition of the vision and content of a research initiative in the Med to be launched in early 2015. We indicated the Director of ISMAR-CNR (Mr. Fabio Trincardi) who represented the Bologna Charter initiative in the meeting. It followed a meeting in **Rome 6th of June**, by the Italian Ministry of Research (MIUR) as coordinator in this phase, starting the definition of contents following the methodology individuated in Brussels and that will be completed by the end of 2014. Thanks to these meetings regional representatives have been foreseen in this process, and the Bologna Charter initiative is involved fruitfully, we think, for the topics we are carrying on in the Joint Action Plan.

MSP DIRECTIVE STATUS AND MPLEMENTATION

Continuing with the points in Agenda the floor is given to Lucas Bosser (of CRPM) who refers about the meeting of expert group on ICM-MSP held in Athens the 4-5 of June, meeting indicated for our participation by DG Mare and ENV during the meeting in Brussels 15 May. Participates were national experts (consultants and ministries), Dg Mare and DG Env. Bosser attended the 5th in the session focused on implementation of MSP Directive. The main points reported can be summarized as follow:

- o DG MARE representative explained that ICM will not work as an EU instrument, since the Directive in its consolidated version is definitively focused on MSP, anyway since the Directive mention "land-sea interactions", these interactions can no longer be ignored, moreover adding that "coastal waters" was already covered by other EU instruments.
- o Regarding specifically the MSP Directive's implementation:
 - the Directive should be adopted in the coming month

- EC wants to make sure that every stakeholder's opinion will be equally taken into account. When talking about stakeholders they clearly don't have Regional authorities in mind for MSP directive.
 - The members States have the responsibility to identify Competent Authorities
 - Adopting an adapted approach in each sea basin is crucial
 - The most important problem identified was the lack of cooperation and collaboration between the member States which could lead to limiting the impact of the Directive
- o In the future, even though the Directive is going to be adopted, the expert group will maintain its *raison d'être* to bring ideas to facilitate the implementation of the Directive and propose solutions to resolve the problems it might meet as well as strengthen the links between the different relevant EU tools.
 - o EC is working on producing a note of the meeting which I will send to you.
 - o Funding has not been mentioned.

MARINA-MED PROJECT

Concerning the MarInA-Med Project (approved in the last call of MED program) as cross-cutting support and coordination in Communication & Capitalisation activities for the 13 project selected under the same call "Maritime Integrated Approach", Bosser gave some information that can be summarised as follows:

- o Aims of MarInA-Med project:
 - collecting, processing and disseminating key results of the 13 projects,
 - inter-project information exchanges,
 - organising events to present and capitalise projects results.
- o Agenda:
 - 3 crosscutting events will be organised:
 - ✓ Kick-off meeting will be held in Marseille on the 15 and 16 July
 - ✓ Mid-term event in Molise in December
 - ✓ Final Event in Barcelona (the 2nd and 3rd meetings will be opened to associated partners and externals)
 - 5 thematic events, specific communication after the Kick-off meeting
- o Main targets:
 - The Med Program – influencing the future calls
 - European Authorities – scientific results to be taken into account in the decision making process
 - Territorial Stakeholders
- o Synergies with other maritime and marine project under Med Program as well as other projects interested in exchanges. A joint event with COASTGAP project could be organised in Rome in October.
- o The preliminary results of the project will be sent to the external stakeholders by the end of 2014 in order to get comments and generate exchanges.

- 2ND SESSION ON: ADVANCEMENTS OF JOINT ACTION PLAN AND MAJOR COASTAL PROJECTS.

ADVANCEMENTS ON THE JOINT ACTIONS

It is illustrated the scheme of the Joint Action Plan, anticipated via e-mail by the end of May with the aim to individuate candidates among partners willing to coordinate the development of the specific Joint Actions contents and of partner willing to collaborate in the process.

Within the discussion they are confirmed the indications, candidatures coming from:

- Region Lazio, by Paolo Lupino for Joint Action 1.1
he refers also about a candidature arrived from ISPRA for Joint Action 1.2,
- Region Emilia-Romagna by Roberto Montanari for Joint Action 4.1
he refers also about a candidature arrived from MoEP Israel on Joint Action 4.2 and 2.1-2.2, plus a candidature from ISMAR-CNR for J.A. 3.2 and 3.3 with availability also for J.A. 1.2 and 1.3,
- UPO Sevilla by Fatima Navas who candidates for J.A. 1.4,
- Cyprus, by Stelios Zevros who expressed the willingness of the Public Works Department to collaborate in the content development of all Joint Actions.

For more details please see the annex "02_JAP_Scheme Joint Actions" the indications in blue in the file are further hypothesis to be confirmed.

The individuation of coordinators and partners in the “Scheme Joint Actions” are indicative for proceeding with the better definition of contents of the single Joint Actions already outlined within the Joint Action Plan document. The aim is to develop the content of each Joint Action, starting from the brief description now written in the JAP, into a scheme of project ready to be used as basis for future application in calls of upcoming EU Programmes.

ADVANCEMENTS ON MAJOR COASTAL PROJECTS

On the basis of the template anticipated by end of May, 4 Major Coastal Projects were individuated and illustrated.

Cyprus. Stelios Zevros illustrated the “**Larnaca North Coastal Redevelopment Project**” in Cyprus. It concerns the requalification of a coastal stretch, conversion from industrial (fuel depot) to residential/ commercial/ tourist area, with rearrangement of the waterfront, realignment of infrastructures along the coast, hard coastal defenses (revetments/ sea wall, groins) and beach nourishment with import of sand.

Region Lazio. Piergiorgio Scaloni proposed the “**Tiber Major Project**” concerning an integrated project for the requalification of Tiber River banks and River mouth (Passo della sentinella – Idroscalo), increasing sediment transport, nourishment of Tiber River mouth system beaches (Fiumicino, Roma, Pomezia), flood risk mitigation, adaptation of Marinas and Ports to sustainable coastal management and other measures for water quality improvement, eco-compatible agriculture development and touristic promotion.

Region Emilia-Romagna. Roberto Montanari illustrated the Major project for “**Protection and restoration of the area Foce Reno – Bellocchio – Lido Spina**” integrated with the “**Extraordinary nourishment intervention on Emilia-Romagna coast with off-shore sand deposits**”. It concerns the adaptation to climate change of a waterfront of about 5 km, with implications on sustainable management of a coastal stretch of about 10 km, in a high value naturalistic area (SIC, ZPS, Ramsar). Nourishment, groins, dune reconstruction, sand motor, lagoon channels restoration, for the defense of habitat of protected species, the defense of the urban settlements of Lido di Spina, touristic resorts and activities, and of the State road 309 (s.s. Romea). It is coupled with the Extraordinary Nourishment intervention having the scope to restore the safety conditions of the 8 coastal stretches along the regional coast, in very critical conditions. It is foreseen the provision of sand taken from two submarine accumulations located from 40 to 50 km off the regional coastline.

Israel: Montanari refers also about the Major Project proposed by the Israel Ministry for Environmental Protection with the title “**ICZM for the northern Tel-aviv to Herzeliya coastal zone**”. It concerns an integrated project with restoration and expansion of eroded beaches, by sand nourishment and up-to-date ecological marine constructions (e.g. submerged detached breakwaters based on "Geotube" solutions, reef balls, etc), stabilization and minimization of coastal cliffs erosion, establishment of a model for an integrated coastal zone management scheme (bathing, maritime sports activities, marinas, infrastructures etc.) and of an integrated GIS database for the coastal zone. The coastal area's primary feature is approximately 9 km of narrow, sandy beaches backed by eroding aeolianite sandstone ("kurkar") cliffs, up to a height of 30 meters. Today, these beaches are probably Israel's most valued leisure area.

For more details see the annex “03 JAP Major Coastal Projects”.

Montanari recalls the aims of the operation related to the Major projects in order to proceed with the collection of coastal works projects to constitute the package of Major Coastal Projects carried by the JAP (see Joint Action 4.1, Annex 1 of the JAP), mapping coastal projects in the MED area within a coordinated framework, implementing ICZM principles with opportune links and coordination with MSP implementation. This to reinforce the initiative of the JAP and to foster the activation of funding from EU and States to realise them.

Moreover he solicits other partners in presenting Major Coastal Projects envisaged/needed in their territory, following the simple scheme of information adopted for the previous illustrated examples.

He closes the meeting at 5.30 P.M, reminding the next appointment of the Bologna Charter Coordination Board within the COASTGAP event in Rome (6-7 November), in which the JAP would be completed. *NB: date has been changed according with the numerous events and appointments foreseen in October 2014.*

II – DECISIONS AND AGENDA/CALENDAR

1. The Joint Action Plan document will be upgraded according to the contribution of the Partners who expressed their availability in coordinate and contribute to the development of the description of the **Joint Actions**, and adding a further annex including the **Major Coastal Projects** sheets. Further proposals by partners for involvement in Joint Actions and for Major Coastal Projects presentations will be welcome.
2. Under the Memorandum of Understanding between projects COASTGAP and RITMARE, the ISMAR-CNR gave its availability and is involved in the JAP content development with particular reference to the Joint Actions dealing with Research & Innovation (those of Strategic Objective 3 of the JAP) and to others Joint Actions, as indicated in the Scheme J.A. annexed.
3. The Joint Action Plan document is still a working document subject to further upgrading (additions and adjustments). The ultimate version will be issued following the last meeting in Rome.
4. The upgraded document will be the basis for a next meetings with DGs in Brussels (possibly next September), sharing with the partnership the possible outcomes from those meetings and to be submitted for discussion in the following meeting foreseen in **Rome** on the next **6-7 November**.
5. The CPMR will maintain informed the members and partners of the BC and COSTGAP on the initiative and activities of the "MarInA-Med" project and on the approval and implementation of the forthcoming MSP Directive.

III – OTHER QUESTIONS / ANNEXES

- Conclusions of the meeting on the 15th May in Brussels with DGs Units representatives (*Annex 01_Conclusions IMC Bologna Charter_14_05_15.doc*)
- Scheme of participation and coordination in developing the content of Joint Actions (*Annex 02_JAP_ Scheme Joint Actions*)
- Major Coastal projects proposals collection (*Annex 03_JAP_Major Coastal Projects*)
- Documents and programme available on the web site <http://bolognacharter.facecoast.eu/>