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I – SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSIONS

- 1ST SESSION ON: THE COORDINATION BOARD OF THE BOLOGNA CHARTER

The meeting starts at 9:30 A.M.

Paola Gazzolo, Regional Minister of Territorial Safety, Soil and Coast Protection, Civil Protection, opens the meeting introducing the Bologna Charter achievements and the importance of the Joint Action Plan that looks forward to improve the Macro-project outlined within the Bologna Charter. She thanks the IMC-CPMR and the coordinator of the IMP Working Group, Region PACA, for having decided to host the BC Coordination Board for this year of work on the JAP development. She reminds the perspective of the initiative, looking to the future, and concept of overcoming the single project approach towards the logic of a strategic action even at the large scale. It's an initiative that give voice to the Mediterranean coastal Administrations which wants to give their contribution to the implementation of EU Strategy 2020 and to the Blue Growth in the Mediterranean.

Deiktakis George, General Secretary of Decentralized Administration of Crete, underlines the important role of politicians to face the expected climate changes and the related effects to the people life and safety. He gives, in this sense, his widest support to the Bologna Charter initiative.

Corinne Lochet, PACA Region, coordinator for IMC Maritime Policy Group, gives a brief description of CRPM role in the EU maritime policy framework. The main objectives of CRPM activities and priorities are:

- to have an overview of EU directive drafts, participating in to the directives vision;
- to have an influence in the FESR approval path

Moreover, CRPM can give a big effort to support the Bologna Charter Macro-Project initiative. To finance the Macro-project we could participate to EU project calls or to find sources within the Regional Operative Programs. To do a project mosaic is a diplomatic fact, we propose a strategy at European and Mediterranean level.

Davide Strangis, ICM General Secretary, regarding the possibility to use funds coming from ROP (or NOP), briefly illustrates that the art. 96.3d of common provision regulation (CPR) foresees transnational action. The matter is to include references to that article in the OPs. Moreover illustrates the IMC Action plan for 2013-2014 based on three main axis (see ppt presentation).

Roberto Montanari, Emilia-Romagna Region – Soil and Coast Protection and Land Reclamation Service, introduces Session 1 by illustrating the state-of-art of the Bologna Charter initiative, follow-up activities after the signature in Brussels (March 2013), new adhesions occurred, including the IMC-CPMR and other 6 Mediterranean Regions, and Administrations in which the adhesion is under discussion.

Then he starts introducing the Joint Action Plan preliminary Paper under discussion, anticipated to the participants the 10th of February, by illustrating main aims, contents and timing of the operation, continuing with a focus on main ambits of Action (Themes) and on the first proposal for possible Joint Actions, grouped by Themes outlined in the Paper.

He says that, after the discussion process in the next months (modifications, integrations, consolidation), these Joint Actions are expected to be developed into projects and initiatives composing the Macro-Project, already outlined in the Bologna Charter, for which should be searched and activated opportune and adequate funding resources.

To this extent, he says it is foreseen the organization of targeted meetings with the competent EU DGs in order to present the initiative and to explore the funding opportunities for specific projects or action lines. Leaving the floor, he solicits participants to start presentation and discussion on the Paper after the following intervention.

Paolo Lupino, Lazio Region - ARDIS, resumes the decennial process and experience that drove to the COASTAGAP project. Afterwards illustrates the COASTGAP BP's, two of them (Bologna Charter and Joint Action Plan) on discussion in this meeting. Both BP's are characterized by a strong political background. Regarding the Macroproject, foresee in Bologna Charter, have to:

- be a junction of studies, research activities, priority actions and governance;
- has a strong connection with the Mediterranean south side;
- has to be connected to other projects regarding the integrated maritime policy (i.e. Impact-Med project recently submitted)
- fix and implement the knowledge and network developed by this partnership in the last 12 years.

While the Joint Action Plan includes projects and activities, the Macroproject have to be inclusive of investments (for instance, structural funds).

How we can face the construction of the Macroproject?

- using the ongoing project;
- participating to other project;

- creating a partnership between Med Regions to negotiate with EU using different call for each Theme in the JAP

Starting of the round table presentation and discussion:

Corinna Artom, Liguria Region: we need to extend the Macroproject vision. There's no reference for the managing of the inland. This is important in the case we're not able to defend our coast from erosion but we have to manage the retreat.

Roberto Montanari says he agrees with Corinna, and he asks for a specific contribution in order to better develop this aspect actually only mentioned in the JAP Paper. We believe that nourishment is a short and medium term solution that gives us time to plan and to manage structural actions (including the managed realignment) to be realized-having effects necessarily in the long term. If we want to give this operation an overall value for the Med, the JAP and the Macro-Project should embrace diverse policy options looking both to short-mid term and long term solutions.

Damien Pham Van Bang, CETMEF France, says that CETMEF, partner of COSTGAP project, is very interested in participating in the initiative and in those specific actions.

Jelena Petrov, RERA SD: as RERA she expresses their adhesion to the concept and that they are very interested in the participation in the activities. In Split-Dalmatia County the adhesion to the Bologna Charter is under discussion.

Aikaterini Tsoukala (Decentralised Administration of Crete): says that as Crete Administration have participate in several project, like COASTANCE, MAREMED and COASTGAP, so they're very interested to participate because problems are similar in whole European coast. A major problem is how to obtain funds.

George Alexsakis, Crete Regional Councilor and CRPM member, says that MSP - ICZM and land use have to be integrated at Mediterranean level. For this reason it's important to collaborate at micro and macro project scale, finding common solutions for common problems of our coasts.

Rita Nardo, Veneto Region, says that Veneto is evaluating the possibility to sign the Bologna Charter and are very interested to give their contribution to the development of the initiative.

Matteo Bellemo, Veneto Region, says that they are interested also in the matter of sea and fishery.

Paltrinieri, Arenaria Spa. Underlines the importance to set-up rules to improve the collaboration between public and private. He asks to Paolo Lupino what is the role of external partner in COASTGAP, and how they are linked the Jap initiatives with EU Directives. Moreover he proposes to possibly integrate the document with a reference to Concession of Service as opportunity of public-private collaboration.

Luisa Perini, Emilia-Romagna Region, Geological, Seismic and Soil Survey Service underlines the importance of watershed dynamics knowledge to better understand the coast sediment balance. For this reason she suggests to dedicate action directed to upgrade our level of knowledge on this theme within the Macroproject. Moreover suggests, regarding the Italian offshore deposits, to use the achievements of CNR-ISMAR researches and knowledge framework.

Pierluigi Mancuso, Calabria Region, briefly illustrates the state of art of coast management and protection in his region, including the regional Master Plan, supported by ERDF and FAS funds. They are very interested in the themes of coastal surveys and monitoring.

Piacentino Ciccarese, Puglia Region, recall the signature of Puglia Region occurred in Bari the 5th of December together with Abruzzo and Calabria Regions. He says that the Bologna Charter gives us the opportunity to move a step forward, passing from a single project approach to a strategic action at the Area/Basin level. One of the main objectives should be to bring good practices into a common use by public Administrations and targeted to concrete actions. The Macroproject has to foster the PA's involvement in the implementation of EU directives applying concrete action of support. One major problem, in the Adriatic sea, will be the involvement of not EU member state of other side in the maritime policy actions. Moreover he recalls that the Partnership Agreement has been already presented for negotiation to the EU and asks to verify through the Regions Committee the presence or the possibility to include reference to the Art. 96.3 of Reg. 1303/2013.

Iva Pozniak, DUNEA, thanks for the invitation and pass the floor to Ivo Klaić, Dubrovnik-Neretva County, that recalls the signature by his County and illustrates its particular case, where all the human activities are strictly related to the sea and coast, due to the territorial and boundary assets, that determine a long and narrow coastal area surrounded by Bosnia. He points out the need of integrated approach and actions between coast and sea.

Jordi Foz Dalmau, Catalunya Region, underlines that his region have competence for coast protection and management (the situation is different for other regions in Spain). He asks to Davide what is the possible role

of the States in the Joint Action Plan as the relation with the elaboration of the Partnership agreements and the Regional Operative Plans.

Juan Francisco Barroso Calico, Catalunya Region, agrees on the opportunity to work together against Climate Change effects and for the coastal protection. He says that this Group around the Bologna Charter can give a great contribution also to Catalonia's objectives in this field.

Davide Strangis, summarizing the EU mainstreaming process (PA, National OP, ROPs, ETC programmes OP) says that It could be interesting to check if each Member State potentially involved in the future JAP has included in its Partnership Agreement the reference to the Art. 104 of CPR that talk about the Joint Action Plans

Eduard Ariza, Autonomous University of Barcelona, says he worked in PEGASO project. He says that the present initiative, as well as the COASTGAP project in which they are partner, can bring a relevant strengthen of the partnership. He has a lot of experiences in the e-governance portal and in the stakeholder involvement process. He plans to help the Joint Action Plan in the stakeholder involvement.

Mara Sori, Toscana Region, responsible for the CBC program for her Region, likes the approach and the Joint Action Plan as instrument. She observes that the limit of the Joint Action Plan is that it not foresees investments. Partnership Agreement process is quite completed. She suggests that, in case there's not any reference of the JAP in the Partnership Agreement between State and EU, we could try to obtain financing directly from EU. Moreover he says that for CTE programs it is possible to insert references to Art.104 also in a second time in the Partnership Agreement.

Carlo Albertazzi, Emilia-Romagna Region - Soil and Coast Protection and Land reclamation Service, asks to adequately extend the part on the JAP paper dedicated to the response to climate change impacts on the coasts.

Lino Vasinis, Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, says that his Region has interest and is exploring for the adhesion to the Bologna Charter. He agrees with the concept to overcome the single project approach towards wider strategic actions. Funds ex FAS and FSC can give further opportunities and responses.

Luigi Cipriani, Toscana Region, says that strategic projects foreseen by EU programs can contribute to the JAP implementation. He agrees with Corinna Artom about a better development in the JAP document of the diverse option of coastal management and adaptation. He proposes to integrate the JAP and the Macroproject with more defined actions related to the coastal and maritime spatial planning.

Andrea Barbanti, CNR-ISMAR Venezia (also representative of RITMARE Italian research flag project and of ADRiPLAN project on MSP in A-I macroregion), says that the Macroproject needs a specific part devoted to research activities, with connections with Horizon 2020 Program and moreover that it needs an extension of temporal horizon of 10/20 years. He expresses his optimistic view about the partnership and the JAP initiative. Recently a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between RITMARE and COASTGAP in order to collaborate in the definition of the JAP.

Paolo Lupino, answering to some comments, says that we need to distinguish between the central axis of the project (coast protection and management) and other activities that shall integrate the main one. We need to do not forget our main target, of course integrating other aspects (like spatial planning and watershed dynamics better knowledge) without leaving the main target. Answering to Paltrinieri about COASTGAP external partner, he confirm that the private sector support in the JAP proposal is fundamental. We can add a paragraph in the JAP that takes into account the different solution for private to support the public initiatives.

Andrea Taramelli, ISPRA, gives an example about an agreement obtained for a direct support of DG Mare to an initiative concerning marine data proposed by a group composed by ISPRA, Lazio Region, PACA Region and other actor of the Scientific Community of Italy and France. He says he can give his support to organize a meeting by DG Mare with the aim to discuss about the Jap initiative, as expressed by Montanari.

At the end of the round table the JAP preliminary document is approved taking into account all the observations and integrations proposed, to be harmonically included.

Roberto Montanari, closing Session 1, suggests that in the next weeks the participants, who proposed such integrations discussed, can submit their proposals directly in the Preliminary Paper first version or apart and send their contributions, in order to be subsequently integrated in an "Upgraded JAP Document" to be shared by ending of March. This upgraded document should be the basis for the meetings with DGs in Brussels (possibly in April-May), sharing with the partnership the possible outcomes from those meetings and to be submitted for discussion in the following meeting foreseen for the Bologna Charter Coordination Board in Montpellier on the next 12-13 of June.

The floor is given to George Alexakis for its presentation on Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management issues and EU proposal of Directive and state of art of the negotiation process, introducing Session 2.

- 2nd SESSION ON: MARITIME SPATIAL PLANNING AND INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Corinne Locht and Damien Perissè (CRPM) start Session 2 saying that thanks to the CRPM, regions were asked to evaluate the MSP directive. Negotiation are now on the directive draft with the aim to obtain a final version before the EU elections. It's fund a compromise between MSP and ICZM simply erasing all the reference to ICZM, keeping a directive only on MSP but with a specific link with ICZM . This because, for subsidiary principle, some member state was adverse at a EU directive on ICZM. At the end MSP directive implementation will be a duty for a member state, but the integration between land and sea policy will be more flexible.

The ecosystem approach is a key concept within the Directive on marine environment. EC has provided that in the maritime spatial planning the ecosystem approach have to be taking into account (art. 5). About this the EU parliament has asked a clarification.

The EC has declared that the member states are free to arrange maritime spatial plan for topics of their competence instead of 5 topics with EU juridical competence that have to be strictly considered in the plans. The preliminary agreement is that Maritime Spatial Plan have to consider those 5 topics but each member state can decide to add more topics or not.

Other issue is related to the cross-border maritime planning, which is important for CPMR regions bordering non Member States.

Some amendments of EU parliaments suggest to member states to be supported by region in the maritime spatial planning, instead of the member state that would prefer to obtain competence from the directive and not to give them to regions.

Roberto Montanari says that the negotiations are ongoing but it seems that the final decision has been already taken. So it seems that ICZM will be not specifically focused by this Directive, but only a reference to the MSP that should be coordinated with, considering the "land-sea interaction". And this would represent definitively a lost opportunity towards the real integration of the two ambits.

Corinne Locht underline that in any case we are subdued to the ICZM protocol provision. In the MED basin will be difficult to separate ICZM from MSP, in particular in an integrated eco-systemic approach

Carlo Albertazzi says that EC has been taken care of ICZM issues, maybe, in this Directive, other lobby pressures have been successful.

Pierpaolo Campostrini (Corila, Venezia): says that NGOs are contrary to the separation of ICZM from MSP and he briefly illustrate a document recently issued by NGOs on this matter. He propose to use our contacts in the EU parliament to propose a position paper on this topic

Corinne Locht proposes to prepare a position paper and send it to the EU parliament.

- 3rd SESSION: ENHANCING BLUE GROWTH IN MEDITERRANEAN AREA

Damien Perissè gives a brief description about the BLUE GROWTH key concepts of interest for CPMR and potentially for the IMC, in particular those that are not in the Bologna Charter. Some important issues are for instance:

- industrial employment, through marine renewable energies industry job in ship yards: diversification of activities for instance build off-shore wind turbine;
- blue biotechnology, fisheries and aquaculture etc;
- marine and maritime research.

Regarding those topics there are big interests. Do we want to develop some concrete actions on the IMP IMC group in these fields? It's an interesting theme to develop in the future as it was included in the IMP Group action plan

Davide Strangis speaks about the new Med programme 2014-2020 that will be funded by an amount of 224 M Euros aprox from the ERDF. Axis and priorities are under definition. He shows the main tendencies of the programme based on the information given by the MA of the programme. The main interest for the IMP group and the JAP could be within draft axis 3 ("Protecting and promoting Mediterranean natural and cultural resources") and 4 ("a common Mediterranean Sea"), linked to governance and Macroregional issues. Afterwards he briefly illustrates the sate of art of macro regional strategies initiatives in the Mediterranean, in particular underlines the proposals of the IMC and its work in the frame of the ARLEM (Report on a

Cohesion Policy for the Med) as that the Adriatic-Ionian (EUSAIR) is the only one in that is being currently developed (based on the formal request of the EU council in 2012).

The EU Italian presidency is the last of Med region until Malta in 2017. Therefore it's important to get first of all the MED EU member state support for the implementation of the macro-regional strategies roadmap by 2014. Moreover, it will be fundamental to get the support of the rest of the EU 28 in order to push for including a specific paragraph in the conclusions of one of the EU Council meetings at the end of 2014, asking for the preparation of new Macroregional strategies for the Med. We can have a big effort on this topic combining the final COASTGAP meeting in Rome with a political event on macro-regional strategies and a technical session on the Macroproject.

Afterwards he lists the EU project were IMC CRPM is involved and in particular projects regarding the last Programme Med call on maritime integrated approach, MarInA-Med in particular

Roberto Montanari adds comments on Impact-Med. Damien Perissé explains the general concept of a new proposal in the frame of H2020 on blue research.

Finally reminds that in Patrasso (GR) the IMC will organise a seminar on investment on Blue Growth in MED regions (in the frame of the IMC Political Bureau) with two sessions: the first on maritime investments and smart specialization strategies, the second on framework conditions to invest on fishing and coastal and maritime tourism in the Adriatic Ionian and in the Mediterranean. Pierpaolo Campostrini says that, as Corila, they are not satisfied by 2014-2015 H2020 calls. In general are call Atlantic/North oriented, it's needed a balance to MED basin. He suggests that new FESR fund have to be connected with H2020 ones through the same priorities to have integrated answers.

Corinne Lochet reminds that the we have few time to try to modify/implement the MSP directive. She underlines that Bologna Charter and the Macroproject would give a good impact for the MED basin, for this reason is important that the Bologna Charter will be understood at the EU level.

Roberto Montanari closes the meeting at 17.00 P.M, reminding the next COASTGAP meeting in Valencia (6-7 March) and the next meeting of the Bologna Charter Coordination Board, 12-13 June in Montpellier.

II – DECISIONS AND AGENDA/CALENDAR

1. the Preliminary Paper of the JAP will be amended according to the contribution of the participant during the debates and to the written contributions that will be sent in the following month, an "Upgraded JAP Document" will be shared by the end of March.
2. This upgraded document should be the basis for the meetings with DGs in Brussels (possibly in April-May), sharing with the partnership the possible outcomes from those meetings and to be submitted for discussion in the following meeting foreseen for the Bologna Charter Coordination Board in Montpellier on the next 12-13 of June.
3. The CPMR will send to the members useful information for lobbying activity on the forthcoming MSP ICM directive
4. The IMC IMP Group will continue its reflections on specific actions to foster the Blue Growth in the Mediterranean in the frame of the EU cooperation instruments

III – OTHER QUESTIONS / ANNEXES

- Preliminary Paper on the Joint Action Plan (as before the meeting, version 18-02-014)
- Presentations and programme available on the website