

## FINAL CONFERENCE

# SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN WETLANDS

Wetland Contracts as voluntary agreements for stakeholder engagement and empowerment

Venice (Italy), 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

### STEERING ORGANIZATIONS :



### CO-ORGANIZERS :



### WITH THE KIND COOPERATION OF :





Franco Alberti, Veneto Region



Giancarlo Gusmaroli, CIRF

**Dear Participants and Speakers,**

*after a three years long journey on board of the WetNet project, we are happy to have reached the final event with our partners from France, Italy, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia and Spain. We would like this conference not to represent a closure ceremony, but a capacity building and networking event amongst people committed for the sustainable management of Mediterranean wetlands. We warmly welcome all participants in Venice and we wish them a fruitful meeting. See you!*

## WETNET PROJECT PRESENTATION

Wetlands in Europe are vulnerable interconnected environments, playing an important role to biodiversity conservation. Their protection intertwines scientific-environmental aspects and governance concerns. The WetNet project tackles the issue of implementing multilevel governance for Mediterranean wetlands, in order to enhance their ecosystems as well as to foster human wellbeing. The project aims at ensuring an effective coordination amongst different levels of spatial planning as well as a durable cooperation amongst public and private actors engaged in wetlands' management, whilst limiting conflicts between conservation issues and economic activities. By defining common priorities for Mediterranean wetlands conservation, WetNet encourage the achievement of integrated territorial strategies in which the value of nature is accounted. Building on previous EU experiences (River Contracts), WetNet seeks to test and transfer the "Wetlands Contract" governance tool, acting through inclusive participatory processes where private and public stakeholders get to a commitment for mainstreaming wetland conservation into their actions. This project aims to increase the understanding of Wetlands Contracts approach and to strengthen existing transnational networks for sharing and disseminating information and good practices on wetland conservation.

## REGISTRATION

Limited seats available, registration is mandatory.

Online Registration link: <https://forms.gle/esel8yuXgEd8Ajcr8>

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English

(English/Italian translation will be provided during the following work sessions: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October)

## PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

	<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>
venue	Venice	Venice lagoon	Venice
participation	accepted applicants	accepted applicants	accepted applicants
MORNING	09.00 - 10.00 registration & welcome coffee	08.30 - 09.00 registration	08.30 - 09.00 registration & welcome coffee
	10.00 - 13.00 TECHNICAL SEMINAR (part I)	09.00 - 13.00 VENICE LAGOON FIELD TRIP (part I)	9.00 - 13.00 CONFERENCE
LUNCH TIME	13.00 - 14.00 buffet lunch	13.00 - 14.00 traditional lunch	13.00 - 14.00 buffet lunch
AFTERNOON	14.00 - 18.00 TECHNICAL SEMINAR (part II)	14.00 - 18.00 VENICE LAGOON FIELD TRIP (part II)	

### VENUES

VENICE: LAGOON
VENICE: IUAV UNIVERSITY @ EX COTONIFICIO VENEZIANO - AUDITORIUM & AULA J (Dorsoduro, 2196)
VENICE: IUAV UNIVERSITY @ EX CONVENTO DEI TOLENTINI - LECTURE HALL (Santa Croce, 191)

## DETAILED PROGRAMME - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October: technical seminar

09.00 - 10.00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

10.00 - 13.00 WETLAND CONTRACT IN ACTION: KEY FINDINGS OF WETNET CASE STUDIES (PART I)

CHAIR: *Alexandra Mendonça*, RCDI (Portugal)

INTRODUCTION (5')

*Franco Alberti*, Land Planning Service of the Veneto Region (Italy)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH ADOPTED IN WETNET PROJECT (25')

*Giancarlo Gusmaroli*, Italian Centre for River Restoration (Italy)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF CAORLE LAGOON SYSTEM - ITALY (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Claudio Perin*, Veneto Region (Italy) - *Marco Abordi*, external advisor (Italy)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF LJUBLJANSKO BARJE NATURE PARK - SLOVENIA (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Katarina Horvat Polajnar*, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Slovenia)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF VERDIER MARSHES - FRANCE (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Lisa Ernoul*, Tour du Valat Foundation (France)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF CAÑIZAR LAGOON - SPAIN (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Javier Sancho*, SARGA - Aragon Region (Spain)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF ALBUFERA DE VALENCIA - SPAIN (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Pablo Vera*, Spanish Ornithological Society - Birdlife International (Spain)

13.00 - 14.00 BUFFET LUNCH

14.00 - 16.00 WETLAND CONTRACT IN ACTION: KEY FINDINGS OF WETNET CASE STUDIES (PART II)

CHAIR: *Lisa Ernoul*, Tour du Valat Foundation (France)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF MELIDES LAGOON - PORTUGAL (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Ana Catita*, RCDI (Portugal)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF VERCELLI LOWPLAIN - ITALY (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Raffaella Pagano*, Vercelli Province (Italy)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF GOZO ISLAND - MALTA (25' + 5' Q/A)

*George Refalo*, Gozo Regional Council (Malta)

THE WETLAND CONTRACT OF ODIEL MARSHES - SPAIN (25' + 5' Q/A)

*Inma Guerrero*, Andalusian Federation of Town and Provinces (Spain)

16.00 - 18.00 WETLAND GOVERNANCE MARKETPLACE

An informal environment in which B2B and B2C meetings will take place in order to foster networking and dissemination amongst seminar participants.

## DETAILED PROGRAMME - Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October: field trip

08.30 - 09.00 PARTICIPANT MEETING

@ TRONCHETTO ISLAND, VENICE (DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS)

09.00 - 13.00 VENICE LAGOON FIELD TRIP (PART I)

DEPARTURE FROM TRONCHETTO ISLAND, VENICE

BOAT TRIP WITH GUIDE

13.00 - 14.00 TRADITIONAL LUNCH IN A NORTHERN LAGOON ISLAND

14.00 - 18.00 VENICE LAGOON FIELD TRIP (PART II)

BOAT TRIP WITH GUIDE

ARRIVAL AT TRONCHETTO ISLAND, VENICE



## DETAILED PROGRAMME - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: final event

08.30 - 09.00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

09.00 - 09.20 OPENING

IUAV University of Venice  
Interreg Med Programme Joint Secretariat  
Italian Centre for River Restoration  
Veneto Region

09.20 - 10.00 WETNET PROJECT IN A NUTSHELL

WETNET PROJECT: AN OVERVIEW ON THE MAIN STEPS AND OUTPUTS (20')  
*Claudio Perin*, Veneto Region (lead partner)

WETLAND CONTRACTS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: STATE OF ART AND OPEN CHALLENGES (20')  
*Giancarlo Gusmaroli*, Italian Centre for River Restoration (technical-scientific advisory partner)

10.00 - 11.30 OUTCOMES FROM WETNET PILOT AREAS' GOVERNANCE PROCESSES

VIDEO CLIP PRESENTATION: AN OVERVIEW ON WETNET PILOT AREAS

ROUNDTABLE WITH WETNET PARTNERS

*Franco Alberti*, Veneto Region (Italy)

*Giuseppe Dodaro*, Italian Centre for River Restoration (Italy)

*Lisa Ernoul*, Tour du Valat Foundation (France)

*Noel Formosa*, Gozo Regional Council (Malta)

*Alexandra Mendonça*, Rede de Competências para o Desenvolvimento e a Inovação (Portugal)

*Teresa Muela*, Andalusian Federation of Towns and Provinces (Spain)

*Javier Sancho*, SARGA - Sociedad Aragonesa de Gestión Agroambiental (Spain)

*Aleš Smrekar*, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts (Slovenia)

*Piero Gaetano Vantaggiato*, Vercelli Province (Italy)

*Pablo Vera*, Spanish Society of Ornithology - BirdLife International (Spain)

11.30 - 12.30 WETLAND GOVERNANCE: TOWARDS A MEDITERRANEAN COMMUNITY OF PRACTICES

INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA "CREW" PROJECT (15')

*Maria Chiara Tosi*, IUAV University

LIFE "RISORGIVE" PROJECT (15')

*Stefano Salviati*, Aquaprogram

LIFE "GREENCHANGE" PROJECT (15')

*Stefano Magaudda*, U-Space

INTERREG MED "COASTING" PROJECT (15')

*To be confirmed*

12.30 - 13.00 THE CHART OF VENICE

PRESENTATION OF THE TECHNICAL PAPER BASED UPON THE WETNET PROJECT EXPERIENCE, CONTAINING MAIN OPEN CHALLENGES AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE OF MEDITERRANEAN WETLANDS.