

3rd Project Meeting

INTERREGIONAL EVENT & STUDY VISITS

REPORT

The Third Interregional Meeting of the IMPACT INTERREG EUROPE project took place in Kaipleda (Lithuania) from 25th – 28th October 2017.

In the morning 25th October, **EUCC Baltic office**, organized an **open interregional event** focused on the ‘**up-coming Protected Areas Reform**’ in Lithuania. This event included a series of presentations from local stakeholders – Lithuanian authorities involved in Protected Areas management – and from European partners. A Round Table followed the meeting. Proceedings are available.



In the afternoon, project partners hold their **steering committee**.

A special focus was put in the exchange of **good practices** that were presented either by the partners themselves or their stakeholders, who also attended the meeting.



The Good Practices presented were the following:

<p>P1 – Junta de Andalucía</p>	<p><u>Carry out a territory development policy based on its contribution and demand for ecosystem services.</u></p>
<p>Paco Cobos</p>	<p><u>Improvement of the perception of the local population towards the Natural Parks through the Sustainable Development Plans</u></p>

<p>P3 _ EUCC</p> <p>Ramunas Povilanskas</p>	<p><u>Integrating nature tourism with coastal dune conservation in Lithuanian Coastal Region</u></p>
<p>P4 – Molise</p> <p>Lino Cirucci</p>	<p><u>Actions for the Promotion of Natural Resources of the WWF Guardiaregia-Campochiaro Oasis through the WWF Oasis Network</u></p>
<p>P5 – Romania</p> <p>Sebastian Catanoiu</p>	<p><u>Education and Awareness campaigns in Vanatori Neamt Nature Park: “Ana has apples ...for the bison!” & “The Bison’s Night”.</u></p>
<p>P6 – ENRx</p> <p>Manu Lequeuche</p>	<p><u>Raising public awareness on fruit diversity through the POMEXPO trade fair</u></p> <p><u>Sharing of “nature sports” experiences (natural training) with tourism and healthcare professionals.</u></p> <p><u>Awareness-raising among high school students, 15 to 18 years old, with respect to regional biodiversity.</u></p> <p><u>Organisation of a sheep transhumance in order to maintain remarkable natural environments.</u></p> <p><u>Creation of “Showcase gardens” demonstrating the region’s vegetable heritage at “Gîtes de France” tourist accommodations.</u></p> <p><u>Plantons Le Décor - Support for the production and sale of local plants</u></p>

On the 26th October, partners visited a site of the IMPACT project Action Plan for the Lithuanian Coast: the mobile dunes of the **Curonian Spit National Park**.



One of the aims of the action plan will be to introduce measures to combine nature tourism with preservation of the dunes.

In the afternoon, partners had a culture tour in the **Seaside Regional Park**, another site of the IMPACT project Action Plan for the Lithuanian Coast. They could meet a local **fisherman** and an **amber catcher**. Fishing and amber catching are two of the socio-economic activities taking place in the Seaside Regional Park.



On the 27th October, partners had the opportunity to do a **guided boat tour to Nemunas Delta Regional Park and across the Curonian Lagoon.**



In the afternoon, partners were attended by director and director deputy of the **Curonian Spit National Park** in the park office in Neringa, where they could learn about the main features of the park and main issues regarding its management.



Afterwards, partners went on a guided nature tour by foot to the highest mobile dunes of the Grand Curonian Dune Ridge.

