

Press Release**4th Land-Sea Interregional Meeting. Hamburg, Sept. 2018**

From 17th to 19th September, 2018, the City of Hamburg hosted the 4th LAND-SEA Interregional Meeting, organized by the Senate Chancellery Hamburg, the German partner of the project.

On the morning of 17th September partners, experts and stakeholders from Italy, Bulgaria, Catalonia and Germany visited the City Hall of Hamburg, attended to thematic seminars on coastal protection and ecotourism initiatives taken place in their countries and made presentations on a training program specially designed for a future partners' staff exchange (coming in 2019). In fact, it was a good chance to interchange experiences and good practices from different European areas.

During the second day, 18th September, the meeting's attendees were carried out to Neuwerk-Nationalpark Hamburgisches Wattenmeer, declared UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, in order to

make a study visit focus on „Managing eco-tourism in protected areas“, walking around the polders, the lighthouse and the agricultural areas of the island.

This Nationalpark, a part of about 10.000 square kilometers Waddensea, is located 105 km outside from the main territory of Hamburg on the outer delta of the Elbe estuary and comprises the island Neuwerk. On the north of this island a shipping channel connects the harbour of Hamburg City with the North Sea.

The final meeting day, 19th September, was held in the HafCity University, where partners worked on the finalization of activities related to the present semester and prepared the activities for the following one and also a panel of expert members discussed the content and structure of the thematic papers. Finally there were announced the future decisions for the next project's meeting in Barcelona (on May 2019).

Who are the LAND-SEA partners?

- Southern Apennines River Basin District. Italy
- Regional Administration Varna. Bulgaria
- Molise Region. Italy
- Senate Chancellery Hamburg. Germany
- General Government of Catalonia
- Urban Ecology Agency of Barcelona

