

Regional Stakeholder Group Meeting

Partner/ Region:	Date:	Round:	Participants:	Main outputs:
Partner 6 Paphos, Cyprus	6 th December 2019	4 th stakeholder meeting	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Department of Fisheries 2. FLAG of Limassol 3. FLAG of Larnaca and Famagusta 4. Cyprus Association of Coastal Fisheries Professional Fishermen 5. Association of Professional Fishermen 6. Fishermen (21 people) 	<p>The stakeholder meeting was held on the occasion of the Saint Nicolas day- protector of the fisherman. It was an opportunity to meet with all the fishermen and discuss with them.</p> <p>The meeting started with an update on the status of the project and the outputs of the previous stakeholder groups (1st, 2nd and 3rd) as well as a presentation of the issues that were discussed and presented during the ILEEE the ILEEE in Portugal. Special interest gained from the participants the “Lugar do Real” platform that main objective is to disseminate and enhance the social image of fishing activity and professionals of the fishing sector in the area. This kind of practice is something that the participants agreed that it would be useful to create and with this way to promote everything that we have for the fisheries area, from the daily work of fishermen, fishing tourism to gastronomy. It was discussed that we should look if we can have a funding from the Local Fisheries Strategy and create something similar for our region. Also, the President of the Professional Fishermen Mr. Christodoulos Papachristou suggested that this platform could be for all Cyprus and the 3 Cypriot FLAGS can collaborate to its creation. Also, it can relate to the TEK work and have also the stories of the fishermen in short videos. Already Paphos FLAG (ANETPA) have some material</p>

				<p>from the TEK work and also Limassol FLAG and Larnaca and Famagusta FLAG have material as well for the platform. They all agreed that Paphos FLAG (ANETPA) will discuss the issue with the Department of Fisheries and see if this kind of activity can be added to the Local Fisheries Strategy and be funded. Also, Paphos FLAG (ANETPA) will make a market search of how much it costs for the creation of such a platform and what technical requirements are needed.</p> <p>The other best practice that gained the interest of the stakeholders is the Aquamuseum which presents the ethnographic heritage associated with River Minho fishing. Something similar with the practice of Eco-museum we already saw in Pescara. This gives ideas on how to proceed with the already funded project by the Local Fisheries strategy in the Latsi marina which the old warehouses will be converted to a museum for the sea.</p> <p>After the briefing on the ILEEE in Portugal the main issue was the new call for fishing tourism and the education of the fishermen on fishing tourism (to be funded by the Local Fisheries Strategy). Paphos FLAG (ANETPA) has already prepared the new call and all the necessary bureaucratic issues for the addition of this call to the strategy and the educational program since it was not foreseen. The Managing Authority (Department of Fisheries) informed all that they are reviewing the new call. Some minor changes are needed but the call will be approved and will be lunch in 2020. Further discussion was raised on the actions, eligible cost and the application procedures. Also, the President of the fishermen has requested to do organize as soon as possible the education program for the fishermen concerning fishing tourism on how to improve the</p>
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4th stakeholder group meeting photo



