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Good afternoon Roos Galjaard,

Welcome to the second CHERISH newsletter!

CHERISH is an Interreg Europe project. Nine European regions work together to improve regional policies to protect and promote cultural heritage in fishing communities in order to boost attractiveness of these regions for businesses, citizens and tourists .

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2nd Interregional Learning and Exchange of Experience Event in Cyprus

The second Interregional Learning and Exchange of Experience Event (ILEEE) took place on March 27-28 in Paphos, Cyprus. At the ILEEE the Fisheries Local Strategy of Paphos region was presented focusing on the measures that need to be taken for preserving fishing culture in Paphos region. The local fishermen were also present at the ILEEE sharing the old good times of the fishing profession. At the same time they discussed with the partnership the problems that they face nowadays. Problems such as the aging of the fishermen, the absence of young people in the profession, the shrinking of their income, the diminishing importance of the fishing occupation in the area and many other problems. They shared the view that by promoting cultural heritage it is a way to preserve the occupation of the fisherman. [For the full report please check this news article.](#)



Good Practices from Middelburg and Cyprus

[Fishing sweater](#) from the historical fishing community of Arnhemuiden creates awareness for cultural heritage and the role of the fishing women.

[The Fishery Wharf of Arnhemuiden](#) preserves historic boats as a mean to preserve and disseminate old craftsmanship in building, maintain, restore historic vessels.

[Fishing tourism](#) in Cyprus as an alternative way to protect and pass fishing culture to the next generations and keep the fishing sector alive.

[The Intangible Maritime Cultural Heritage Project](#) is a small-scale project aiming to record vernacular shipbuilding in Cyprus.

For all good practices, [check the website](#).



Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Latvia

On May 13th Snowchange Co-op represented by Tero and Kaisu Mustonen participated in the 2nd Stakeholder Group meeting hosted by Riga Planning Region, in the Bay of Riga region in Latvia, featuring CHERISH and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. Tero Mustonen presented TEK approach within the context of historical background and cultural heritage of Latvia coastal fishing. [Check the full report here.](#)



CHERISH at European Maritime Days 2019

EUCC-D (Germany), Municipality of Middelburg (Netherlands), Riga Planning Region (Latvia) and Cim Alto Minho (Portugal), all partners in the CHERISH project, promoted the CHERISH project during the European Maritime Days (EMD2019) in Lisbon, Portugal, May 16-17 2019. [For more info click here.](#)



3rd ILEEE & Cala Lenta Festival from 3 - 7 JULY 2019 ABRUZZO REGION

The 3rd CHERISH Interregional Learning and Exchange of Experience Event (ILEEE 3) will take place in Pescara, Abruzzo Region from July 3-5. [For more info and a draft programme click here.](#)

It is organised back to back with the Cala Lenta Festival, which takes place from July 5-7 and celebrates a three days event organized by Slow Food Abruzzo with festivities and activities dedicated to the marine culture along the central Italian region's Adriatic coast and the unique "trabocchi" fishing structures. In addition to the trabocchi, Cala Lenta focuses on small-scale fisheries, and showcases examples of environmentally sustainability fishing, and the variety of fish species which are fished here, with particular attention on pesce azzuro – smaller species from the Mediterranean. Market of Taste with excellent products from the trabocchi coast the hinterland, as well as Taste Workshops, Street Food vendors, Theater of Taste, meetings and conferences are usually

organized within this event.

[To register for this event, please register here.](#) It is a free event and includes lunch and dinner, but travel and accommodation is on the participants account.



Cultural heritage in the Alto Minho community (Portugal)

Typical for the coastal area of the Alto Minho region is the existence of fishing communities in the so-called Sea Villages (“Aldeia de Mar”) along the North Coast of Portugal. It’s characterized by an active fishing community - their traditions and activities are based on the culture of fishing, and the residents actively try to safeguard their values and the unique identity of the region. [Read the article here.](#)



The Interreg Europe Project **CHERISH** is launching a **Photo competition for Summer 2019!**

The aim of the photo competition is to use the power of photography to raise awareness on the importance of heritage and tradition in fishing communities around Europe. Moreover, it is an invitation for each photographer, tourist or inhabitant to go beyond the stunning landscapes, the delicious meals and the golden beaches and discover the traditions of their destination or hometown.

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