

PGI01975 LAND-SEA – Sustainability of the land-sea system for eco-tourism strategies

Local Stakeholders Group meeting

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Partner name	Generalitat de Catalunya, DGT + Bcnecologia
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Date and Place meeting	27 March 2018 – Barcelona / DGT's premises
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Preparation of technical aspects of April's meeting in Barcelona.

In the first place, Carme Rubió (DGT) presents the attendees, and then she explains the project: the focus of work, the partners, the objectives, the time horizon, the collaborating experts, etc.

Next, she talks about the meeting that took place in Bulgaria, in December 2017. This was the first time that the panel of experts met. Barcelona, upon request, brought the coordination of this expert panel. Some of the conclusions of this meeting are reviewed, specifically how Catalan partners will emphasize in ecotourism.

The next point to be addressed is to make decisions about the meeting that will be held in Barcelona in 11, 12 and 13 of April. On the first day, there will be an internal meeting work of the project, the second day a guided tour to the Delta de l'Ebre and a roundtable on the last day.

It is said that the action plan for the years 2020 - 2021 could be in the Delta de l'Ebre in the case of Catalonia, and that is why the visit there. There is a brief explanation of how the visit there is being planned and how the 'eco' products are being worked on in the area. From here, there is a debate about if it is possible to make the third day open, for inviting people that might be interested in the project, but that are not strictly stakeholders.

Next point is about the justification of why choosing the Ebro Delta and how to plan the visit in order that everything has a continuity, not only for the territory, but also to know what to explain and present in subsequent meetings. Ferran Sanchis takes the floor to speak about the different problematic issues that the rest of partners of the project have in their environments and the solutions that they give.

After knowing about the problems, it is possible to center the meeting in the design of the visit to the Delta. With the contribution of all the attendants, there is a lot of information about the current configuration of the different existing problems at the Delta.

It is concluded, about the visit's timing, that the arrival will be around 11 h, from Barcelona by bus, to the Fundació Espai i Territori. There will be a brief explanation to know better about the territory - of around 20-30' – and afterwards we will visit the Trabucador's beach. Sergi Cantó intervenes to explain everything that is being made at the Delta from the Department of Environmental Policies of Catalonia and comments that it exists already a working group and proposes the participation of some of its members, given their implication and knowledge of the territory.

Xavier Berga questions what can be obtained of all this if the budget is already adjudged. The final product is being discussed and Carme explains is not only a document, but the monitorization of the zone of the Delta. Mr. Berga then makes a current and very detailed diagnosis and explains about the problematic of regression, which it is measured at 3 m. per year. He mentions the points that generate the retention of sediments.

Next, he describes the northern part of the delta, emphasizing two serious problems: the regressions, again, and the loss of depth of the Bay of the Fangar, with heated water and accumulation of sediments, which has produced the death of many mussels, with the derived ecological and economic impact. He also makes a relation of the various theoretical solutions proposed.

Finally, he introduces the subsidence that the Delta is facing, as it is increasingly lower than the sea level. In view of the impact of the waves of the coast, the possible solutions proposed are mentioned, such as inflatable dams.

Sergi Cantó raises doubts as to whether everything will end in a reflection on the Ebro Delta or if there is finally more money to do things, if there will be more money for the 2020-2021 phase for more knowledge but not for concrete actions. Carme Rubió says that with an action plan done, it would always be easier to find a partner / leader who may want to carry out a project.

Some decisions are taken regarding the trip of day 12:

- _ It would be nice that someone from the workgroup will participate.
- _ The visit will be done to the southern part (after evaluating the options of both).
- _ There will be two activities in the morning, if there is enough time, and another one after lunch.

Finally, a final review is made and also it is decided to which restaurant ask for an estimated budget and who will be in charge of calling the guests to collaborate or participate.

PICTURES

