

# 3rd Newsletter



## IN THIS ISSUE:

1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Event & Meeting
2. The study visit to Delta Po
3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> RSG meeting in Spain
4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> RSG meeting in NL
5. The RSG meetings in France
6. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting in Italy
7. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting Ireland
8. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting Romania
9. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting in Spain
10. Good Practices identified so far
11. Participation in the PLP event
12. Upcoming events

## Dear Reader!

During the three semesters of working together, partners of the **Delta Lady** have found high opportunities in the cross-regional learning and cooperation. The policy learning is progressing at the interregional learning events, partner meetings and the regional stakeholder meetings. In this edition you will read the latest news about the events and activities of the **Delta Lady** over the past six months (from 01.06.2019 till 30.11.2019). Enjoy the read!

## DELTA LADY AT A GLANCE

**Delta Lady** is about improving the regional policy instruments on ecosystem services for sustainable nature, culture and economy in river deltas.

1.54 M  
ERDF

Jun 2018  
May 2023

## 1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Interregional Learning Event & Partner Meeting

On **17-18 September 2019**, the **Po Delta Park** in cooperation with **ART-ER** organised and hosted the **3rd Interregional Learning Event** of the **Delta Lady** project. The event was held in **Manifattura dei Marinati in Comacchio**, which is the ancient factory where the manufacturing of the fishing products of the Comacchio Valleys, for centuries, takes place. The meeting was combined with the **study visit to the Po Delta, partner meeting** and the **Steering Group meeting**. 26 participants, from which 18 project partners and 8 stakeholders/external experts attended the event. **Partners discussed** examples of the **Payments of Ecosystem Services (PES) schemes** in the delta environments.



# 3rd Newsletter

**Delta Lady**  
Interreg Europe



European Union  
European Regional  
Development Fund

## 2. The study visit to Delta Po

The first day meeting was followed by the **study visit** to the **Po Delta**: by boat from **Stazione Foce** to the **Lagoons of Comacchio Valley**, **birdwatching** and train ride, and **guided tour** to **Torre Rossa** and **Salina** (saltworks) of Comacchio. The second day continued in **Manifattura dei Marinati** in Comacchio, with **stakeholders' presentations** and **discussion** on **PES schemes**. For more information visit the [news](#) on the project [website](#).



## 3. The 2nd Meeting of the Regional Stakeholders in Spain

The **VALENCIA REGION COUNCIL OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE** organised its **2<sup>nd</sup> RSG Meeting** on **11<sup>th</sup> of July of 2019** in Valencia. The RSG was represented by actors from government, academia, industry and community. The **main topics addressed** were next: (1) Presentation of the **good practices selected**, and published on the project website; (2) Discussion on the **proposed case study: sustainable tourist activities** in the **Albufera Natural Park (PNA)**; **Regulation of boat trips**; (3) Discussion about the **actions for the Regional Action Plan**. The **main conclusions** made were: need to do a **SWOT analysis of the PNA**; how to **balance tourist use and cultural values** with **natural resources**, sustainable tourism; more **networking** from different operators of the PNA; need for **Public Investments**; analyse **existing regulations** to make **recommendations to the decision makers** for improvements. Read more [here](#)



# 3rd Newsletter



## 4. The Regional Stakeholder Meeting in the Netherlands

The **2<sup>nd</sup> RSG meeting** of the **PROVINCE OF FRYSLÂN** took place in the provincial house in Leeuwarden on **17<sup>th</sup> of July 2019**. Seven participants were present at the meeting: two Frisian project partners, stakeholders from the University of Groningen, from the Investment and Development Company for the Northern Netherlands (NOM), a cultural entrepreneur as a strategic adviser and creative producer, who supports fundraising processes on behalf of the province, a Social Design Lab which develops products in co-creation with Frisian crafts and landscape, and a project leader from the University of Twente, as a guest. The **stakeholders** decided to **expand the RSG** inviting the manager of the **fish migration river project** to join the group. At the meeting examples of the **good practices** were **brainstormed**. Read more [here](#)



## 5. The Regional Stakeholder Meeting in France

The **NATUREL RÉGIONAL PARK OF CAMARGE** organised the **first set of RSG meetings** in September 2019. **Two groups of regional stakeholders**, one related to **pesca tourism** and another to **reed beds exploitation**, met on **10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of September 2019** in Camargue to discuss emerging issues for the territory in the frame of the project. The **aim of pesca tourism working group** was to identify the demands of the professionals of the sector in the development of the activity and diversification of their activities; Integration of the conclusions of the Mediterranean **TOURISMED** Interreg program which worked on this activity in France, Spain and Italy (2017-2019).



The **aim of the reed beds exploitation working group** was to identify the needs and the requests of the professionals of the sector in order to draft a specification for the assistance with project management. Read more [here](#)

# 3rd Newsletter

## 6. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting in Italy

ART-ER and PO DELTA PARK organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2019 in Comacchio. 18 participants attended the meeting. There were representatives from local public institutions: 6 Municipalities and 1 Union of Municipalities; 2 representatives from the University of Ferrara as technical external assistance of the partner ART-ER.

The **focus** of the meeting was on the **Territorial Plan**. The **main topic** was to share an operational road-map and identify further steps to start the integration of ecosystem services into the Territorial Plan of the Park. Read more [here](#)



## 7. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting in Ireland

The regional stakeholders of CORK COUNTY COUNCIL met on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the Business Growth Hub, County Hall campus in Cork. Following the second RSG meeting some **additional relevant stakeholders were identified** as having a key role in the project. In this regard **new group members from the**



**EPA and Teagasc** were identified. A **quadruple helix approach** was adopted incorporating representatives from University College Cork, different departments from Cork County Council, The Forestry Service, The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and LAWPRO, the Environmental Protection Agency, Teagasc, Inland Fisheries Ireland and Youghal Socio Economic Group. The **main focus of discussion** was on **agri-environmental schemes**, links between **agricultural intensification** and **water quality**, water quality requirements associated with the Ironman event; read more [here](#)

## 3rd Newsletter

**Delta Lady**  
Interreg Europe



### 8. The RSG meeting in Romania

The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting of the DANUBE DELTA NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT took place on November 20<sup>th</sup> 2019, at the conference room of the delta hotel in Tulcea. The theme of the debate was "action plan for regional development policies in the Danube Delta". Examples of good practices on sustainable recovery of the natural and cultural heritage in the delta regions of Europe have been raised during a learning process. What will become an action plan in support of sustainable development policies in participating regions was a question of discussion. Read more [here](#)



### 9. The 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting in Spain

The VALENCIA REGION COUNCIL OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE organised the 3<sup>rd</sup> RSG meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the Tourist Navigation in the Albufera Natural Park, in depth analysis of the content, methodology to implement according to the objectives of the project and contribution of different experts and stakeholders. The stakeholders group consisted of 11 experts from authorities, institutions, universities, business associations and civil society, such as, General Direction of European Funds, Turisme Comunitat Valenciana, Albufera Natural Park, Technical Office Devesa-Albufera from the Valencia Town Hall, Polytechnical University of Valencia, Valencia Region Council of Chambers of Commerce, Turismo Visit Valencia Foundation, Technologic Institute of Energy, and Assut Foundation. Read more [here](#)



*Towards developing action plans for regional development policies in river deltas!*

# 3rd Newsletter



## 10. Good Practices identified so far

**Good practices** identified by **Italian partners** in the **3<sup>rd</sup> semester** are in the submission process.

**Good practices** identified in the previous semesters by **French** and **Spanish partners** are published on the project website under [good practices](#). They are under validation process.

- **Contrat de Delta Camargue** - The Delta Contract action program for a balanced and sustainable management of water and aquatic environments.
- **Identification of agroecological practices and organization of field exchange days and training** - aims at reducing pollution and preserving ground functions without additional financial cost for the farmers.
- **Asociación de Guías de Birding de la Comunitat Valenciana** - Union of companies linked to nature and ornithological tourism that carries out a large part of its activities in the Albufera Natural Park.
- **Tancat de la PipaPark of l'Albufera** - public-private management of a protected area; includes training activities, visits and acts as an interpretation center of the Albufera Natural Park.

## 11. Participation in the Policy Learning Platform (PLP) event

The lead partner, **University of Twente**, participated in the **thematic workshop** on 'Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems' organised by the **Policy Learning Platform** on **26 November 2019** in Brussels, Belgium. Participation in the events organised by [PLP](#) is an important activity for projects' partners where continues policy learning takes place. Presentations from the thematic experts and representatives from different projects, and conclusions of the event can be accessed [here](#)

## 12. Upcoming events

The next **Partner Meeting** and the **4<sup>th</sup> Interregional Learning Event** will be organized in **Ireland, Cork**, on **April 2-3, 2020**. More information will follow on the project website [events](#).

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DELTA LADY?

Contact:

Frans Coenen: [f.h.j.m.coenen@utwente.nl](mailto:f.h.j.m.coenen@utwente.nl)

Maia Lordkipanidze: [m.lordkipanidze@utwente.nl](mailto:m.lordkipanidze@utwente.nl)

[Subscribe](#) to our newsletter! Visit Delta Lady [website](#) ! Visit us on [Facebook](#)!

