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Project partners initiated activities by organizing workshops that brought together relevant local stakeholders, experts, and community representatives. Through interactive discussions and the exchange of experiences, the workshops identified key challenges and needs of coastal areas. The findings and recommendations serve as a foundation for developing local coastal management strategies tailored to the specific characteristics of each area.

A large number of project partners successfully completed the cycle of workshops for local stakeholders, during which priorities and key measures for sustainable coastal management were defined. Based on the workshop outcomes, local coastal management strategies were developed. As an important step toward their implementation, the first stewardship agreements were also signed, confirming strong cooperation and shared responsibility among all involved stakeholders.



SUSDEF organized the event “Towards Joint Coastal Management” on January 21 in Domus de Maria within the COASTRUST project to launch dialogue with local stakeholders on shared coastal management. The meeting presented project activities, collected inputs and proposals, and set the basis for future management agreements and follow-up actions linked to the Marina Capo Spartivento pilot area. [Read more](#)



On February 12, UNIROMA3’s Department of Architecture, together with the Province of Latina, organized a COASTRUST workshop on “Environmental Governance for Agro Pontino.” The event focused on capacity building for local stakeholders, presenting coastal stewardship tools, reviewing existing agreements, and defining concrete actions aligned with project objectives. Through joint project presentations and an interactive workshop, participants strengthened cooperation and identified shared stewardship initiatives for the Pontine Coast pilot area. [Read more](#)



The Regional Agency DUNEA organized three COASTRUST workshops for local stakeholders in the Neretva Valley, held in Metković and Opuzen. The workshops engaged representatives from government, NGOs, academia, and the private sector to develop the Guidelines for the Conservation of Biodiversity. Through presentations, discussions, SWOT analyses, and group work, participants identified threats, opportunities, and concrete actions for sustainable management, emphasized the importance of public education, and strengthened collaboration for long-term conservation and the implementation of the Coastal Management (Stewardship) Agreement. [Read more](#) [Read more](#) [Read more](#)



A virtual session was held on 25 February as part of FAMP's participation in the COASTRUST project to advance the development of a sustainable coastal management strategy for Níjar (Almería), the project's pilot area in Andalusia. The meeting, organized with the Níjar City Council, brought together the Local Action Group composed of public authorities, businesses, NGOs, and civil society representatives. Building on the diagnosis developed in November, the session presented and validated the initial conclusions of the participatory process and collected new inputs to further refine the stewardship-based coastal management strategy. [Read more](#)



On 27 February, the first stakeholder workshop was held in Domus de Maria to co-develop stewardship agreements for territorial protection. Organized by SUSDEF and MEDSEA, the event gathered a wide range of

local actors and focused on coastal conservation priorities such as beach litter management, dune systems, and wetlands. Building on the January introductory meeting, the workshop marked an important step in the ongoing participatory process to shape a shared stewardship strategy with the local community. [Read more](#)



As part of the COASTRUST project, a series of workshops and Local Action Group meetings were held in Herzegovina-Neretva Canton to develop strategies for biodiversity conservation and sustainable management of the Neretva Delta and Adriatic Coast. Stakeholders from local authorities, NGOs, and sectoral agencies participated in discussions, SWOT analyses, and action plan development, defining objectives, priorities, activities, and timelines. The process strengthened collaboration and laid the groundwork for a comprehensive coastal management plan for the pilot area. [Read more](#) [Read more](#) [Read more](#)



Project partners initiated and continued the organization of educational workshops for children and young people with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of environmental protection and sustainable management of local resources. The workshops were designed in an interactive and age-appropriate manner, encouraging active participation and learning through practical activities. In this way, children and

young people are engaged as important stakeholders in fostering a responsible relationship with their community and environment.



The Office of the Prime Minister of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton organized three COASTRUST environmental workshops for primary school children in Mostar, Neum, and Višići. The events gathered a large number of children and engaged them in interactive activities on water, waste, flora, fauna, recycling, and local ecosystems. Through games, storytelling, creative tasks, and educational exercises, the workshops effectively educated and inspired young participants, fostering environmental awareness and motivating them to take an active role in protecting nature. [Read more](#) [Read more](#) [Read more](#)



The Office of the Prime Minister of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton organized a COASTRUST event for youth at Hutovo Blato Nature Park and the Trebižat River, combining educational sessions, a boat ride, and a kayak tour. Participants learned about the rich biodiversity of the wetland, including birds, fish, and plant species, and engaged in lectures and discussions on environmental protection. The event promoted awareness of nature conservation and biological diversity, inspiring young people to value and protect their local ecosystems. [Read more](#)



In April, Roma Tre University's Department of Architecture organized two COASTRUST community activities. On April 11, an educational art lab for over 60 secondary school students in Latina, held in collaboration with the Municipality and LINARIA, raised awareness on marine litter and plastic pollution. On April 16, a local action group meeting with 11 stakeholders focused on advancing a shared environmental stewardship

strategy for the coastal area, discussing thematic groups on “Sea, dunes and beaches” and “Hinterland stewardship.” The next meeting on June 13 will finalize the strategy and launch stewardship pilot actions.

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As part of the COASTRUST project, the Region of Western Greece organized educational activities on June 5–6, 2025, engaging students from Patras and Lousika Primary Schools in coastal and marine environment protection. Activities included creative workshops, painting, video screenings, and discussions under the theme “The Sea Belongs to Us,” aiming to raise awareness and foster ecological responsibility among children. These initiatives reflect COASTRUST’s goal of promoting participatory and ethical management of Mediterranean coastal resources and empowering young students as active agents of environmental change. [Read more](#) [Read more](#)



DUNEA organized two COASTRUST educational workshops in Opuzen to raise awareness about the Neretva Valley’s biodiversity. The June workshop engaged children through interactive games and activities, while the December session targeted students and community members, focusing on ecosystem interactions, bird diversity, and human impacts. Both events promoted environmental education, community involvement, and sustainable management of the valley’s natural resources. [Read more](#) [Read more](#)



On 22 May 2025, the International Day for Biological Diversity, the Office of the Prime Minister of Herzegovina-Neretva Canton organized a COASTRUST project event at Hutovo Blato Nature Park. The event aimed to raise public awareness of biodiversity and highlight the importance of protecting this unique wetland ecosystem. Participants visited the Park's Education Center, learned about its rich flora and fauna, and took a guided boat tour through the wetland, emphasizing Hutovo Blato's ecological value for both conservation and sustainable tourism.

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The Natural Heritage Mission’s Community of Practice Meeting, held on July 2–3, 2025, in Athens, brought together experts and stakeholders from across the Mediterranean to exchange knowledge on sustainable natural heritage management and climate resilience. The COASTRUST project team actively participated in discussions, presenting participatory tools and communication strategies for environmental governance. Over two days, the event featured thematic sessions on climate adaptation, nature-based solutions, governance frameworks, and pilot projects, including a dedicated COASTRUST presentation within the “Solve the Challenge 2025” campaign. The meeting highlighted the value of cross-sectoral cooperation and strengthened regional collaboration toward sustainable development goals.

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A two-day COASTRUST project workshop was held in Dubrovnik on September 30 and October 1, 2025, hosted by the Regional Agency DUNEA. The workshop gathered project partners, associated partners, and experts to share progress, discuss pilot area activities, and align strategies for sustainable coastal stewardship. The first day focused on presentations and interactive discussions on pilot actions and future steps, while the second day was dedicated to project coordination, including coordination and steering committee meetings. The event also strengthened partnership cooperation through networking activities and highlighted the project’s commitment to responsible coastal management and community engagement.

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The COASTRUST team from Greece, Croatia, and Italy actively participated in the Natural Heritage Mission Annual Institutional Dialogue held in Barcelona from 25–27 November 2025. The event brought together Mediterranean experts and institutions to discuss environmental governance, nature restoration, and climate adaptation. COASTRUST was showcased as a transferable and scalable approach to coastal resilience through several thematic sessions, highlighting its stewardship model and governance solutions. The team also took part in bilateral meetings to promote knowledge exchange, strengthen partnerships, and explore opportunities for replication across the Mediterranean.

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