

## Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding

Between

The **NETWAP** project partnership consisted of

- City of Zadar
- Agenzia nazionale per le nuove tecnologie, l'energia e lo sviluppo economico sostenibile (ENEA)
- Čistoća d.o.o.
- Molise verso il 2000 s.r.l. - società consortile a r.l.
- Fondazione Fenice Onlus
- Unione regionale Camere I.A.A. del Veneto
- Institut Ruđer Bošković

And

- All stakeholders interested (local authorities, technical experts, etc.) in sharing experiences, lessons learned, methodologies in waste management in the targeted cooperation areas in Italy and Croatia.

### I. PURPOSE & SCOPE

The purpose of this MoU/A is to build a permanent cross border cooperation network at political and technical level, in order to promote and disseminate innovation in waste management methodologies, models and practices, to increase the transnational activity between Italy and Croatia and to support the NETWAP partnership in providing effectiveness and sustainability to its actions.

In particular, signing the Memorandum, the parties will agree to:

- Share and discuss results and outputs of the pilot actions;
- Disseminate the aims and tools of the innovative waste management methodology and related actions, in view of their possibly adoption in other communities and territories;
- Guarantee the stability of the network through periodic meetings where to share experience and lessons learned;
- Involve local actors committed with the project's development and other stakeholders interested in sharing the project's lessons learned;
- Explore new financing opportunities for the management model reinforcement and replication
- Create new partnerships, synergies and collaborations

## II. BACKGROUND

- The NETWAP project has identified waste management as a key environmental challenge in the Italian and Croatian Adriatic region macro region, as it poses considerable risk on the natural and cultural heritage and, consequently, on the touristic and economic development chances of the entire Programme area.
- Both in Italy and Croatia, local governments are constructing new waste management methodology and approaches, as their worries for preserving natural resources is increasing.
- In this context, NETWAP project has tested 2 pilot actions of compost production and plastic collection in Croatia and Italy, and has developed a waste management methodological plan based on the competencies and skills of each partner.
- Creating an Italian–Croatian shared methodology has required an approach that capitalized established methods with best practices of waste management and innovative aspects related to involvement, awareness raising and empowerment of all stakeholders of the project areas.
- Cross border cooperation brought strong benefits to project partners of both sides of the borders. Through this cooperation, it was possible to address the common problem of poor strategies of waste management, with a low level of economic and environmental sustainability, combined with a lack of consistent and comparable data from the areas, that make policy planning and intervention models difficult.
- Cross border cooperation in NETWAP project is pivotal for conceiving relevant strategies, methodologies and action plans and reaching the critical mass in terms of know-how, experience and for exploiting possible economies of scale.
- The definition of cross border innovative tools and methodologies ensure a greatest impact in the target regions and the possibility to leverage public and private funds for future investments.
- Cross border cooperation helps to build a shared and inclusive cross border model strengthening collaborative networks across the regions.

## III. DESCRIPTION OF STAKEHOLDERS

The stakeholders to be involved in the present MoA/U are:

- Governmental Bodies: Policy makers, Local – Regional – National Public Authorities, Development Agencies, Chambers, etc.
- Institutions & Academia: Research centres, Universities etc.
- Private Actors: SMEs, Large Enterprises, manufacturers, tourist infrastructures, etc.
- Civil Society: Environmental NGOs and Associations, Networks, Clusters etc.

#### **IV. RESPONSABILITIES UNDER THIS MOA/U**

NETWAP Project partners shall undertake the following activities:

- Promote the main results and outputs of NETWAP project.
- Promote events organized and related to the sustainable waste management sector
- Continue the organisation of training seminars / webinars related to the implementation of innovative waste management methodologies and technologies;
- Support the networking of members of NETWAP partnership in Italy and Croatia;
- Promote the development of collaborative projects at regional, national and cross-border level;
- Present financial channels and funding opportunities to the members of the cross-border network;
- Support and promote transnational partnerships / synergies between members;
- Ensure the sustainability of the cooperation network.

Other stakeholders signing the MoA/U shall undertake the following activities:

- Participate in events and activities organized by the NETWAP partnership;
- Share activities / take initiatives for the promotion of innovative models of sustainable waste management;
- Increase awareness about NETWAP activities and results;
- Organise events related to waste management sector
- Promote/implement cooperative projects and synergies between public and private sector
- Upgrade existing policies and financial instruments related to waste management sector (concern governmental bodies)

#### **V. EFFECTIVE DATE & SIGNATURE**

This MoA/U shall be effective upon the signature of authorized officials from the involved parties. Parties declare their agreement with this MoA/U by their signatures.

#### **VI. DURATION**

This MoA/U will have a duration of 3 years starting from its signature. It could be renewed by agreement among the involved parties.