



CLUSTER SUMMARY

Cluster title

Natural Heritage Mission's 1st Summer School - Networking Cluster

Setting

Three days of in-person activities during the Summer school in Piran, Slovenia, followed by the creation and use of a WhatsApp group used by all participants

Duration

18.06.2024 – Date of the next Summer School

Participants

The group chat was created by Ernesta Grigalionyte-Bembič (C4N) and 45 Summer School participants were added.

Goals & Objectives

The objectives of the cluster are networking, and knowledge and information sharing. This is done by the continued and varied use of the WhatsApp group chat which was created at the beginning of the NHM's 1st Summer School. The discussion in the chat has successfully engaged all listed participants and reached the targets described below.

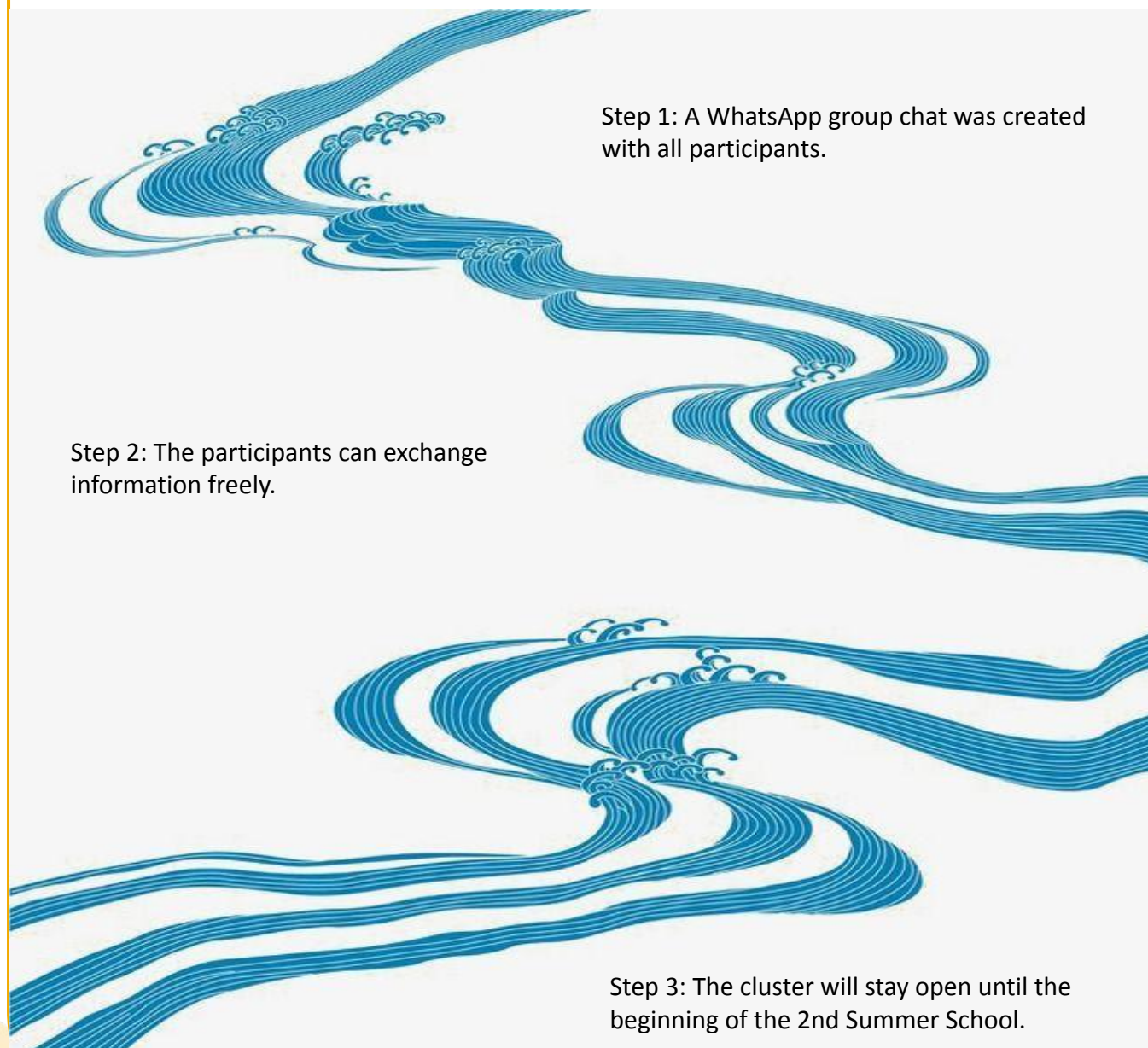


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Cluster Roadmap

The roadmap needs to be filled in if your cluster requires it. Also, you can adjust the roadmap length, shape, and details according to your cluster's activities by adding/removing a text box.





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Main Outcomes

The main outcomes include:

- 45 people engaged in the cluster.
- 5 links were shared.
- Over 140 photos and videos were shared.
- Information about various events related to nature restoration, different project calls, as well as a link to a scientific article were also shared.

Notes and remarks

- No notes or remarks

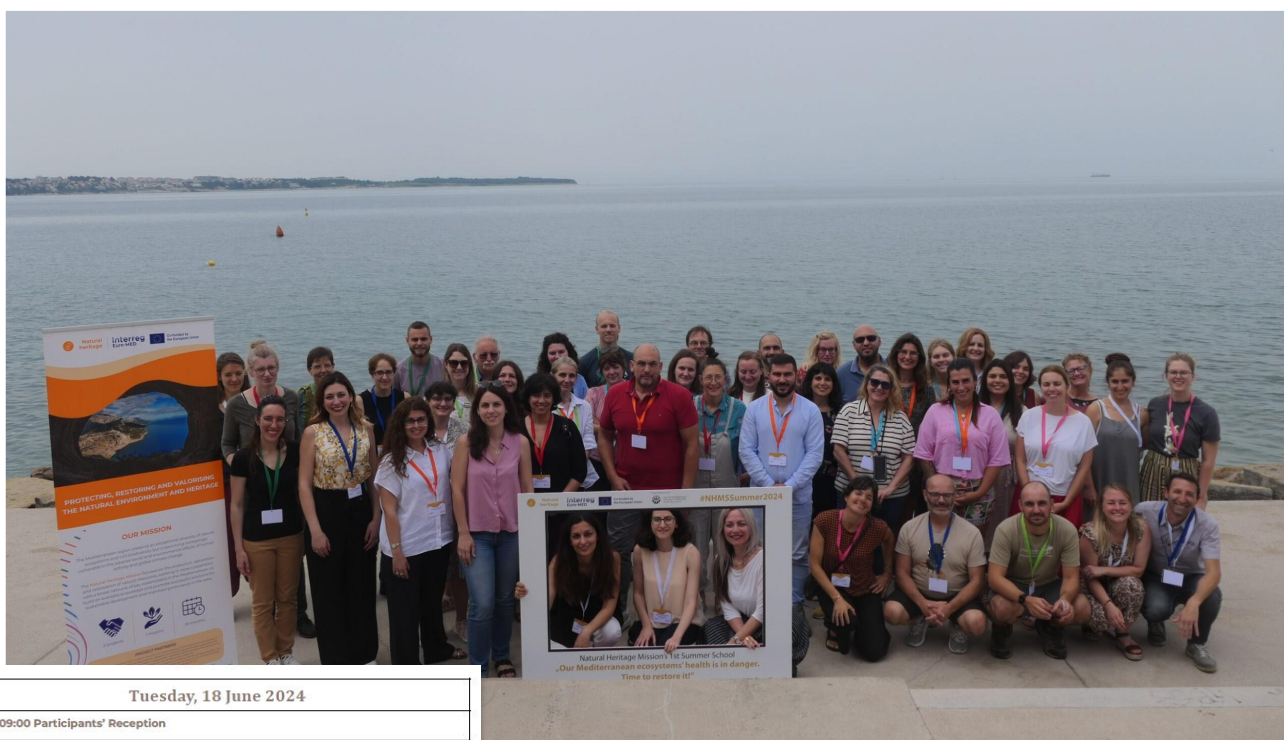
Next steps

- N/A



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Tuesday, 18 June 2024	
8:45-09:00 Participants' Reception	
09:00 - 09:15 Welcome / Introductory speech	
Block A: The new EU Restoration Law Main concepts, requirements, and legal framework for Nature Restoration.	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
09:15-10:30 - Presentation of the new EU Nature Restoration Law - Overview of the objectives of the nature restoration law - Presentation of the main pillars and tools of the new law - Ambitions, potentialities, limitations and expected impacts - Restoration planning requirements, reporting and monitoring - Q&A	Sergiy Moroz, European Environmental Bureau
Coffee Break	
11:00-11:30 - The new EU Nature Restoration Law's potential to contribute to sustainable transformation - Opportunities and threats of the Nature restoration law for the national, regional, and local governments in achieving the transformation in support of long-term biodiversity targets (incl. Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework)	Jerneja Penca, Science and Research Center Koper
11:30-12:45 - Round table discussion / Q&A	Previous speakers and representatives of three of the Natural Heritage Thematic Projects (Petar Petrov, Giancarlo Gusmaroli and Shana Brincat)
Block B: Understanding the importance of wetlands, exploring restoration solutions and cases.	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
12:45-13:30 - Introduction on wetlands importance - Ecosystem services, biodiversity, role on climate	Giancarlo Gusmaroli - WE GO COOP

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adaptation, etc. and cultural interest in wetland areas offs for conservation on of the Natural Heritage Mission's n wetlands	Stanimira Ivanova - Wetlands4Change
Lunch	
Study Nature Reserve Škocjanski zatonk and guided tour by DOPPS (Slovenian - Bojana Lipej/Education coordinator of BirdLife Slovenia)	
Wednesday 19 June 2024	
Methodologies and strategies for ecosystem restoration. - Ecosystems' health diagnosis, vulnerability assessment, actions prioritisation, monitoring and societal aspects.	
Participants' Reception	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
Methods for effective restoration through governance and policy upscaling: project approach	Pilar Marin, IUCN
Opportunities and priorities for restoration (1st part) - wetland ecosystem health and ty: showcasing criteria and logical approaches from EU and near scale. on methodologies for wetland press and activities at local, regional and scales	Anis Guelmami, Tour du Valat Christoph Schröder, University of Malaga
Coffee Break	
Opportunities and priorities for wetlands restoration (2nd part) - Monitoring and maintaining restored sites - Indicators - Measurement at different scales.	Eleni Fitoka, Greek Biotope/Wetland Centre, EKBV Petar Petrov, University of Forestry Christoph Schröder, University of Malaga
12:40-13:30 - The role of stakeholders' engagement in nature restoration - Processes to engage territorial actors/how to make the best use of both Top-Down and Bottom-Up approaches?	Anis Guelmami, Tour du Valat Romina D'Ascanio, Roma Tre University

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laborative governance for wetland restoration: concept, practices and perspectives	
Lunch	
Team exercise on restoration specific cases (based on case studies by the applicants) Introduction on "How to create a restoration Action Plan" (Petar Petrov, University Forestry) Participants split in groups in order to discuss, exchange and work on degraded systems, share ideas on challenges, prioritisation of actions, propose solutions. At the end each group should have elaborated an action plan for the restoration he proposed specific case.	
Thursday 20 June 2024	
Block D: Diving into real-world examples and projects for Nature Restoration	
Participants' Reception	
Title of the lesson	Speaker
- Examples of restoration projects/good lessons learnt, etc.	BirdLife Slovenia 'From wastewater basins to nature reserve' Damijan Denac PPNEA - BirdLife Albania 'Alder Forest Restoration in the Transboundary Prespa' Xhemal Xherri CoNISMa-University of Trieste 'Restoration of macroalgal forests' Annalisa Falace
Coffee Break	
- Examples of restoration projects/good lessons learnt, etc.	University of Haifa 'Coral reef restoration' Buki Rinkevich
Team exercise elaboration	
Lunch	