



WP7 - EVENT NUMBER [6]

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET - FONS MALLORQUÍ / ALARÓ

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PROJECT	
Participant:	6 - [FONS MALLORQUÍ DE SOLIDARITAT I COOPERACIÓ] ([Fons Mallorquí]) [7] Municipality of Alaró
PIC number:	Fons Mallorquí 894163170 Municipality of Alaró: 877703628
Project name and acronym:	Aquatik-EU : valorisation of Aquatic heritages in Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Event name:	“Let’s bring the issue of water to the table” (Posam l’aigua damunt la taula.)
Type:	Workshop based on the fishbowl discussion
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Spain, Municipality of Alaró
Date(s):	18 March at 18:00 h
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	17
Male:	10
Non-binary:	





From country 1 [Spain]:	27		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	27	From total number of countries:	1

Description
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Methodological Approach for the Identification of Priorities in WP7

The methodology adopted for the identification of priorities in WP7 was designed to ensure a participatory, inclusive, and analytically sound process. To support the design and implementation of this process, Xavier Moyà Melero was contracted as external facilitator. He is an educator and researcher specialized in Theory and History of Education, with proven experience in group facilitation and team support. His contribution ensured that the participatory process was both methodologically robust and effective in generating meaningful stakeholder input. His approach is rooted in educational practice and in the creation of inclusive environments where diverse stakeholders can actively participate, exchange perspectives, and collectively generate knowledge. The methodology applied drew on participatory tools such as structured dialogue, fishbowl discussions, and collaborative learning techniques. These approaches were particularly relevant in a multi-actor context, as they promoted critical reflection, active listening, and balanced participation among participants with different backgrounds and interests.

In addition to facilitating stakeholder engagement, Xavier Moyà Melero also contributed to strengthening internal team dynamics. His role focused on supporting communication, facilitating the constructive transformation of conflicts, and encouraging collective decision-making processes, rather than imposing external solutions. This helped reinforce the cohesion, resilience, and autonomy of the working groups involved in the project. Overall, his contribution to WP7 enhanced the project's ability to engage stakeholders effectively, improve collaboration, and ensure that knowledge-exchange processes translated into tangible and sustainable outcomes.

Before the workshop

This participatory process was further complemented by a series of interviews with key informants. These included technical staff from the Water Alliance (Alianza para el Agua), an expert engineer from Kairouan, the president of the irrigation community, the mayor of Alaró, and a professor from the University of the Balearic Islands specializing in water management. The interviews provided additional technical, institutional, and territorial perspectives that informed the identification of priorities.

The workshop

At the beginning, participants are invited to choose one of the objects distributed around the room, all of them related to human uses of water:

- Umbrella
- Well or cistern bucket
- Sa Font de ses Artigues
- Irrigation hose
- Public sanitation cover
- Bellows





- Tap
- Glass of water

After a brief discussion among participants who selected the same object, the main ideas are shared in plenary. From this point onwards, a graphic record of the discussion was developed. A key idea that emerged was that water is essential for life but is often perceived as invisible, captured in the question of what lies behind the tap. Participants also highlighted the growing demand for water in contrast with increasingly limited availability.

The discussion addressed how perceptions of water and rain are shaped by local context, as well as the cultural and historical meanings associated with water. References were made to local heritage, traditional practices, and the role of water availability in shaping societies. Participants also reflected on the contradiction between environmental awareness and seasonal practices linked to leisure and consumption.

The fishbowl discussion focused on the need to promote responsible water use, while also recognizing the limits of approaches centered only on individual responsibility. Participants emphasized the importance of involving large consumers, improving governance, and making invisible systems and patterns of consumption more visible.

Other issues discussed included the lack of awareness of personal water consumption, losses in distribution systems, non-essential uses, and the hidden water footprint of consumer goods. The debate also covered water pricing, equity, planning capacity, and the erosion of traditional water culture. Finally, participants highlighted the need for a more systemic understanding of water as a common good embedded in ecological cycles, as well as the potential of desalination and water reuse.

Main Findings from the Participatory Session

A key issue identified during the session is the gap between individual awareness and the broader structural dynamics of water consumption and governance. Through participatory activities and open dialogue, participants highlighted several interconnected challenges, including the invisibility of water systems, increasing demand in a context of declining availability, and the gradual loss of water culture.

The discussion questioned the effectiveness of approaches focused primarily on domestic consumption and emphasized the need to engage large-scale users, strengthen governance mechanisms, and make indirect water consumption more visible. Policy instruments such as water pricing were also examined, particularly in relation to balancing efficiency, economic sustainability, and social equity. Overall, participants stressed the importance of adopting a more systemic perspective on water, recognizing it as a common good embedded within ecological cycles.

The main challenges identified include:

- Limited visibility and understanding of water systems and underlying processes
- Growing imbalance between water demand and available resources
- Disproportionate focus on individual users, with insufficient attention to major consumers
- Low levels of awareness regarding personal and indirect water consumption
- Structural inefficiencies, including network losses and non-essential uses
- The hidden water footprint linked to everyday consumer goods
- Ongoing debates around pricing policies and their social implications
- The erosion of traditional water management practices, particularly in urban contexts
- The need for more inclusive and equitable governance models
- Increasing reliance on technological solutions such as desalination, alongside opportunities for reuse
- The importance of a systemic approach that situates water within broader ecological systems





EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET - LDA MOSTAR / CITY OF MOSTAR

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[8 - LDA Mostar]
PIC number:	[936343329]
Project name and acronym:	[Aquatik-EU: Valorisation of aquatic heritages in Europe] — [AQUATIK-EU]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Event name:	Participatory workshop for identifying needs “Life with the River”
Type:	Participatory Workshop
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Bosnia and Herzegovina City of Mostar
Date(s):	27 February 2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.ald-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	27
Male:	4
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Bosnia and Herzegovina]:	31
From country 2 [name]:	
From country 3 [name]:	
...	
Total number of participants:	31
From total number of countries:	1





Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Single event/activity Description:

Event/activity 6: Participatory workshop for identifying needs “Life with the River”

Partner: LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar

Location: Mostar BH, Blagaj, Malo Polje, OCD “Promised land”

Date: 27 February 2026

Number of participants (detailed gender and countries)

Total participants 31

Local Authorities 9 (+ 2 project staff City of Mostar)

OCDs 13 (+2 project staff LDA Mostar)

Institutions 6

Universities 2

Public company 1

Minor 1 (not calculated in the total number of participants)

Male participants: 4

Female participants: 27

Nonbinary participants: 0

From County: Bosnia and Herzegovina 31

Description:

Local participatory workshops

LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar organized the local participatory workshop in BiH in order to engage representatives of LAs and CSOs along with citizens to translate the topics addressed by the project in WP1, WP2, WP5, and WP6 into practical and context-specific terms. The competencies and knowledge acquired during the previous WPs on participatory methods and water valorization (from WP1 to WP4) were applied so as to effectively engage the target groups.

Overall, WP7 contributed to improve dialogue opportunities between local authorities, sector-specific stakeholders, civil society and citizens on water preservation and valorization (SO3) and to improve citizens’ sense of responsibility and knowledge on the multifaceted importance of preserving water resources (SO2).

Preparation of the workshop

LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar designed a local participatory workshop in order to engage the local community. This involved supporting citizens, LAs, and CSOs in gaining a practical understanding of the importance of water enhancement and management within their specific local





contexts. Simultaneously, it aided them in articulating their needs and perspectives regarding the implications of water valorization and management for their daily lives. LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar defined the agenda and the specific methodologies and tools to be used. The WP coordinator was responsible for ensuring consistency across various local events, aligning them with the project methodology, and maintaining continuity with previous project events.

Implementation of the workshop

The participatory workshop for identifying needs was organized in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Participants were selected among representatives of CSOs and citizens, as well as LAs whose participation may be relevant. The implementation was performed by LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar in a complementary manner.

Key Information

- Event name: Participatory workshop for identifying needs “Life with the River”
- Date and location: 27 February 2026, Mostar CSO “Promised land”, Blagaj, Malo Polje br: 248.
- Organizers: LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar

Event Overview

Main activities:

At the premises of the Association “Promised land “(Obećana zemlja)” in Blagaj, on 27 February 2026, a local participation workshop titled “Living with the River” was held, organized within the framework of the AQUATIK-EU project, implemented in partnership by the Local Democracy Agency Mostar (LDA Mostar) and the City of Mostar.

The workshop gathered more than 30 participants, including representatives of non-governmental organizations, public institutions, academia, and the City of Mostar, confirming the importance of a joint and participatory approach to the management and preservation of water resources in a local context.

The workshop was implemented in line with the objectives of the AQUATIK-EU project, with the aim of translating topics addressed through previous project activities into practical, locally applicable guidelines. The focus was on strengthening dialogue between local authorities, civil society, experts, and citizens, as well as raising awareness of the multiple importance of water conservation.

In the opening session, the participants were addressed by Dženana Dedić, Director of LDA Mostar and coordinator of the AQUATIK-EU project, and Sead Šašivarević from the Association “Obećana zemlja.” On this occasion, the strong interconnection between water, soil, food, and community was emphasized, as well as the need for a long-term and systemic approach to water resource management.

Sead Šašivarević stated:

“The issue we face when it comes to water does not concern only the environment, but also the level of societal awareness about the importance of preserving this resource. This initiative represents a good starting point for dialogue that can lead to finding solutions to which the entire society will respond, including institutions, authorities, civil society organizations, and individuals. Only through a systemic approach can we reach sustainable answers to existing challenges.”

Speaking about the role of the organizers, Dženana Dedić highlighted the importance of creating space for dialogue:





“The Local Democracy Agency Mostar, as a resource center for democracy, in cooperation with the City of Mostar, has initiated the strengthening of public discourse on the preservation, protection, and management of water resources. Our goal is to encourage constructive dialogue and joint reflection on solutions that will contribute to the long-term sustainable management of water resources.”

An expert contribution to the workshop was provided by Professor Lejla Riđanović through a lecture on the quality of water in Herzegovinian rivers, emphasizing the importance of continuous monitoring of water resources:

“As the degradation of a river is a long-term process, its restoration is even more demanding and time-consuming, which is why it is important to act in a timely and responsible manner.”

Jasmina Zvonić from the French Institute presented the “climate collage” methodology as an innovative educational tool for understanding climate change and its impact on water systems.

A particularly significant segment of the workshop was the “Idea Exchange Marketplace” titled “River – a resource we consume or a life we share,” implemented in cooperation between LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar. Participants articulated local needs and challenges related to water management, including issues of riverside construction, waste in rivers, risks of floods and droughts, and changes in citizens’ awareness.

The workshop concluded with a thematic walk along the river, spring, and riverbank, during which participants discussed natural flows, access to water, and the state of the environment through direct observation of the area. On that occasion, practical water quality testing was also conducted, further strengthening the theoretical part of the program with concrete examples from the local environment.

Through this workshop, the AQUATIK-EU project contributed to improving dialogue between local authorities, sectoral stakeholders, and citizens on the preservation and valorization of water resources, as well as strengthening the sense of responsibility and knowledge about the importance of water resources for everyday life and the sustainable development of the community.

Guests and participants

More than 30 representatives of the CSOs, activists, local and cantonal governments institutions, public companies, academia and professionals participated at the event as the speaker and lecturers as well as the active participants.

AQUATIK-EU Workshop:

“Living with the River”

“Obećana zemlja”, Blagaj, Malo Polje, 27 February 2026

A local participation workshop focused on the practical understanding of the importance of improving and managing water resources in our specific local context, while articulating local needs and perspectives regarding the impact of water valorisation and management on everyday life.

P R O G R A M

- 09:45 – 10:00
- Arrival and registration of participants
- 10:00 – 10:30
- Welcome remarks:





- Dženana Dedić, Local Democracy Agency Mostar
- Sead Šašivarević, “Obećana zemlja” – life that connects water, soil, food, and community
- 10:30 – 11:30 Prof. Lejla Riđanović – Quality of water in Herzegovinian rivers
- 11:30 – 11:40 Jasmina Zvonić, French Institute – Presentation of the Climate Collage workshop
- 11:40 – 12:00 Refreshments
- 12:00 – 13:00 Idea Exchange Marketplace: “River – a resource we consume or a life we share” (LDA & City of Mostar)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Thematic walk – river, spring, and riverbank
- “Obećana zemlja”: Discussion based on field observation (natural river and spring flows, riverside construction and access to water, floods and droughts, waste in rivers, and changes in public awareness)
- Prof. Lejla Riđanović: water testing
- 14:00 Lunch: Restaurant “Gold River Bunica”, Malo Polje

Conclusions

The AQUATIK-EU workshop “Living with the River,” held in Blagaj /Malo Polje, gained even greater relevance and urgency as it took place in the immediate aftermath of recent flooding in the area. The choice of location was both intentional and meaningful, creating a space directly affected by the floods where participants could openly reflect on real-life consequences, share experiences, and address the most pressing challenges facing the community.

This context gave the discussions a strong sense of purpose. Participants engaged in honest and constructive dialogue about the impacts of flooding, including environmental damage, risks to livelihoods, and gaps in current water management practices. By bringing together local authorities, civil society, experts, and citizens, the workshop, supported by LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar, created a unique platform to transform concern into action.

Importantly, the event moved beyond reflection to actively encourage the generation of ideas and proposals for solutions. Through participatory exchanges, field observations, and expert input, participants began shaping concrete recommendations aimed at improving resilience, strengthening prevention measures, and promoting more sustainable and inclusive water governance.

During the workshop, citizens were provided with information on where and to whom they can turn in case of needs related to water management issues. Representatives of the Agency for the Adriatic Sea water basin also invited attendees to participate in the public discussion on the draft document “Significant water management issues,” which is currently open for suggestions that can be submitted during the preparation phase of the water management plan for the Adriatic Sea water basin in the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina for 2028–2033.

Overall, the workshop stood as a timely and impactful response to a real and recent challenge, turning the experience of flooding into an opportunity for learning, collaboration, and forward-looking action. It reinforced a shared commitment to building a more resilient community, better prepared to face future risks while safeguarding its vital water resources.





EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET - PAESE DELL'ACQUA/SASSINORO MUNICIPALITY

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Paese dell'Acqua
PIC number:	910865988
Project name and acronym:	[Aquatik - EU]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Event name:	UNA METROPOLITANA PER SASSINORO – VERSO UNA MAPPA DI COMUNITÀ LABORATORIO PARTECIPATO
Type:	Workshop
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	Italy, Sassinoro (BN)
Date(s):	21/03/2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	22
Male:	22
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 Italy:	44
From country 2 [name]:	N/A
From country 3 [name]:	N/A
...	
Total number of participants:	44
From total number of countries:	1





Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Single event/activity Description:

Event/activity: 6

Partner: Paese dell'Acqua

Location: Sassinoro, Benevento, Italy

Date: 28/12/2025

Number of participants (detailed gender and countries): 44 participants, 22 male and 22 female.

Description:

The event **"Una Metropolitana per Sassinoro – La Mappa di Comunità - Laboratorio Partecipato"** was hosted in Sassinoro by Associazione di Promozione Sociale "Paese dell'Acqua" on the 21st March 2026.

The event involved all the associations working in Sassinoro and in the "Valle del Tammaro" (Pro-LoCo Sassinoro, Centro Anziani Sassinoro, Sannio-Trek, Just-Mo).

The event represented the conclusive laboratory in the framework of Aquatik EU WP 7, aimed at finalising the community map of Sassinoro built around the concept of the "Sassinoro Subway" — a creative framework connecting different places, memories, traditions and meaningful experiences belonging to the local community.

Building on the outcomes of the previous phases — particularly the exploratory session of October and December 2025, where participants identified significant places to be included in the hypothetical subway line, and the December 2025 workshop, where those places were drawn into a map and assigned station names linked to local stories and traditions — this laboratory brought together civil society participants to each take ownership of their own "subway stop". Every participant contributed to structuring and personalising their station, integrating individual and collective memories into the final version of the community map. The work was coordinated by JustMo, a group of graphic designers in charge of the creation of the community map. During the event they collected all the information coming from participants who were able to revive the history of Sassinoro and to transfer this knowledge to younger generations.

Following the presentations, participants were invited to dinner together.

The evening concluded with a second round of the trivia game already experimented in December about Sassinoro and its history, designed to deepen participants' connection with the community narrative embedded in the map. Participants were grouped into teams and competed to achieve the





highest number of correct answers, bringing the stories behind each "subway stop" to life in a playful and engaging way.

PROGRAM:

UNA METROPOLITANA PER SASSINORO - Verso una mappa di comunità di Sassinoro

6:00 pm: Aquatik-EU presentation by Comune di Sassinoro and Paese dell'Acqua

6:30pm: Presentation of the "Mappa di Comunità" by Just-Mo

8:00pm: Dinner

9pm: "Trivia Quiz" about Sassinoro History

Description of the Activities

The event was held as a presentation of the summary of previous sessions done in October and December 2025. The aim was to recall the idea of the community map and the impact that it could have on the local community and to remind participants of the progress they made during the last sessions.

Following the introduction, JustMo led a workshop aimed at refining the work and to generate a stop of the subway for every group of participants. Indeed, participants were grouped and left for half-an-hour brainstorming about the subway stop. They had the opportunity to give meaning to the stop by linking it to Sassinoro history, particular events of to some specific "character" of the village.

Participants then were invited to a buffet dinner.

Finally, a trivia game was organized. Lastly, a trivia game about Sassinoro and its history was organized in order to make the participants familiar with the history of Sassinoro and make sense of the map. Participants were grouped in different teams and played against each other in order to get the most correct answers possible.

Conclusions and connections:

The workshop proved highly valuable in clarifying the overall shape of the community map and in assigning each subway stop a distinct meaning rooted in local history, traditions and colors. Through the collective work of the participants, it became evident that every stop shared a particular connection with water and the





safeguarding of the water resources present in the territory of Sassinoro — a finding that gave the map a deeper and more cohesive identity.

This shared discovery fostered meaningful intergenerational ties among the participants, who had the opportunity to exchange a wealth of knowledge about Sassinoro and its water sources. Younger and older generations alike contributed their own perspectives and memories, enriching the map with layered and diverse stories.

All the elements brought together in the "Sassinoro Subway" map thus represent a comprehensive endeavor to define and strengthen the local identity of the community — one deeply intertwined with its natural heritage and the collective memory of those who inhabit it.

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET - GEOCLUBE/GONDOMAR MUNICIPALITY

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[6] [Geoclube – Associação Juvenil] [7] Municipality of Gondomar
PIC number:	949446477
Project name and acronym:	Aquatik-EU: valorisation of Aquatic heritages in Europe

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	6
Event name:	Participatory workshop for identifying needs "GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA Vamos atuar ao nível local!"
Type:	Participatory workshop
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	[Portugal] [São Pedro da Cova - Gondomar]
Date(s):	[18 March 2026]





Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/		
Participants			
Female:	28		
Male:	7		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Portugal]:	35		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
...			
Total number of participants:	35	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>Single event/activity Description:</p> <p>Event/activity 6: Participatory workshop for identifying needs “GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA - Vamos atuar ao nível local! “</p> <p>Partner: Geoclube – Associação Juvenil and Gondomar Municipality</p> <p>Location: Universidade Sénior – São Pedro da Cova - Gondomar</p> <p>Date: 18 March 2026</p> <p>Number of participants (detailed gender and countries)</p> <p>Total participants 35</p> <p>Local Authorities 1 (+ 1 project staff City of Gondomar)</p> <p>Senior University 34 (+1 project staff Geoclube)</p> <p>Male participants: 7</p> <p>Female participants: 28</p> <p>Nonbinary participants: 0</p> <p>From County: Portugal 35</p> <p>Description:</p> <p>Local participatory workshops</p>			





Geoclube – Associação Juvenil, in partnership with the Municipality of Gondomar, organised a local participatory workshop in Portugal at the Senior University of São Pedro da Cova, with the aim of engaging citizens, local authorities (LAs), and civil society organisations (CSOs). The workshop translated the themes addressed in WP1, WP2, WP5, and WP6 into practical and locally relevant actions, focusing on water management and the valorisation of water heritage.

The knowledge and competences developed throughout the previous work packages (WP1–WP4), particularly in participatory methodologies and water heritage valorization, were applied to effectively engage participants and foster meaningful discussion.

Overall, WP7 contributed to strengthening dialogue between local authorities, community stakeholders, and citizens regarding water preservation and valorization (SO3), while also enhancing citizens' awareness, responsibility, and understanding of the importance of water resources (SO2), particularly within the local context of Gondomar.

preparation of the workshop

Geoclube – Associação Juvenil and the Municipality of Gondomar jointly designed the participatory workshop to actively involve the local community, with a specific focus on senior learners as key holders of local memory and knowledge.

The workshop aimed to:

- support participants in understanding the relevance of water management and heritage at local level;
- encourage the sharing of personal experiences and collective memory related to water;
- enable participants to identify local needs and challenges;
- promote reflection on how water valorization impacts daily life and community well-being.

The agenda, methodologies, and tools were carefully defined, including interactive discussions, small-group work, and participatory exercises such as problem identification and proposal development. The structure ensured alignment with the Aquatik-EU project methodology and continuity with previous project activities.

Implementation of the workshop

The participatory workshop was implemented at the Senior University of São Pedro da Cova, gathering a focused group of participants to ensure effective interaction and meaningful outcomes.

Participants included:

- senior citizens (as primary participants);
- representatives of local associations;
- municipal stakeholders;
- community members with an interest in environmental and water-related issues.

The workshop maintained a limited number of participants to maximize engagement, avoid dispersion, and ensure the quality of discussion and outputs.

The session was facilitated jointly by Geoclube – Associação Juvenil and the Municipality of Gondomar, combining educational expertise with institutional support. Through participatory activities, participants identified local water-related challenges and contributed ideas for potential solutions, including proposals that could be integrated into participatory processes such as local initiatives or participatory budgeting.

Key Information





Event name: Participatory workshop for identifying needs “GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA - Vamos atuar ao nível local!”

Date and location: 18th March 2026 - Universidade Sénior – São Pedro da Cova - Gondomar

Organizers: Geoclube - Associação Juvenil and the City of Gondomar

Event Overview

Main activities:

At the Senior University of São Pedro da Cova (Gondomar), a local participatory workshop titled “GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA - Vamos atuar ao nível local!” was held within the framework of the AQUATIK-EU project, organised by Geoclube – Associação Juvenil in partnership with the Municipality of Gondomar.

The workshop gathered more than 30 participants, primarily senior learners, alongside representatives of local associations, municipal stakeholders, and community members, confirming the relevance of a participatory and intergenerational approach to the management and valorisation of water resources at local level.

The workshop was implemented in line with the objectives of the AQUATIK-EU project, aiming to translate the themes developed in previous work packages into practical and locally applicable actions. The focus was placed on strengthening dialogue between citizens, local authorities, and civil society, while raising awareness of the cultural, environmental, and social importance of water in the territory of Gondomar.

The opening session included contributions from representatives of Geoclube – Associação Juvenil and the Municipality of Gondomar, highlighting the importance of connecting water, territory, memory, and community, as well as the need for long-term, participatory approaches to water management.

An educational contribution was provided by the Geoclube team through a short session on local water heritage, focusing on the River Douro, River Tinto, and traditional water uses, emphasizing the importance of preserving both physical resources and intangible cultural memory.

An interactive component of the workshop included a participatory activity inspired by participatory budgeting, where participants identified local challenges such as:

- degradation of watercourses;
- lack of maintenance of fountains and streams;
- pollution and waste;
- reduced public awareness of water heritage.

Participants then developed simple proposals addressing these issues, reinforcing the link between citizen participation and local decision-making.

A key moment of the workshop was the collective reflection and idea-sharing session, where participants discussed whether water should be seen merely as a resource to be used or as a shared heritage to be preserved.

Through this workshop, the AQUATIK-EU project contributed to improving dialogue between local authorities, community stakeholders, and citizens in Gondomar, while strengthening awareness, responsibility, and knowledge regarding water resources and their role in sustainable local development.

Guests and participants





More than 30 participants took part in the workshop, including:

senior university students (main group);

representatives of local associations;

municipal technicians and stakeholders;

citizens with an interest in environmental and community issues.

Participants were actively involved not only as attendees but also as contributors to discussions and proposal development.

AQUATIK-EU Workshop

“GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA - Vamos atuar ao nível local!” ”

Senior University of São Pedro da Cova, Gondomar

Programme

13:45 – 14:00

Arrival and registration

14:00 – 14:20

Welcome remarks

Geoclube – Associação Juvenil

Municipality of Gondomar

14:20 – 15:00

Water and local heritage in Gondomar

Rivers (Douro and Tinto), fountains, memory and identity

15:00 – 15:15

Participatory tools introduction

Participatory budgeting and community engagement

15:15 – 15:30

Break

15:30 – 15:30

Participatory activity

Identification of local challenges

Development of simple proposals





Group discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Reflection session

“Water: resource or shared heritage?”

16:00

Closing

Conclusions

The workshop “GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA - Vamos atuar ao nível local!” held in São Pedro da Cova, demonstrated the value of engaging senior citizens as key actors in the preservation and transmission of local water heritage. Their lived experiences enriched the discussion, connecting past practices with present challenges and future needs.

The session created a practical and inclusive space for dialogue between citizens and local stakeholders, enabling participants to reflect on real issues affecting water resources in Gondomar and to contribute with concrete ideas for improvement.

By combining participatory methodologies, local knowledge, and institutional support from the Municipality of Gondomar, the workshop successfully moved from awareness to action, encouraging participants to see themselves as active contributors to water management and community development.

Importantly, the workshop highlighted the potential of tools such as participatory budgeting to transform local concerns into structured proposals, reinforcing democratic participation and shared responsibility.

Overall, the initiative strengthened community engagement, promoted intergenerational learning, and contributed to building a more informed and resilient local community, aligned with the objectives of the AQUATIK-EU project and the long-term valorization of water heritage in Gondomar.

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