



WP6 - EVENT NUMBER [5]

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET - FONS MALLORQUÍ / ALARÓ

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

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	“L'aigua, patrimoni viu” / Water, a Living Heritage
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Cultural centre Son Tugores, Alaró, Spain
Date(s):	18/12/2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	32
Male:	22
Non-binary:	0





From country 1 [Spain]:	54	
From country 2 [name]:		
From country 3 [name]:		
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Total number of participants:	54	From total number of countries: 1

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On December 18, a conference was held in the municipality of Alaró, Mallorca (Spain). The objective of the conference was to contribute to policy-oriented reflection on water as a living heritage and a shared public good, by linking local historical water management practices in Alaró with contemporary European and global challenges related to climate change, social cohesion, and sustainable development.

The conference aimed to promote inclusive, collective and sustainable models of water governance, aligned with European Union priorities on climate adaptation, environmental protection, gender equality and community-based resource management, and consistent with the principles of international development cooperation.

An expert in archaeology and water, Gabriel Llodrà, proposed a one-hour conference to:

- Support the preservation and re-valorisation of cultural and environmental water heritage as a strategic asset for climate resilience and territorial sustainability.
- Highlight traditional water infrastructures (*sèquies*) as early forms of nature-based and green infrastructure, relevant to current EU frameworks on climate adaptation and ecosystem-based approaches.
- Promote gender equality by making visible the historically under-recognised role of women in water management, care practices and knowledge transmission, in line with SDG 5 (Gender Equality).
- Foster multi-level learning between local Mediterranean experiences and community-based water governance models from the Global South, strengthening principles of solidarity, cooperation and global citizenship, in line with SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).
- Encourage participatory approaches and community engagement in water governance, contributing to social cohesion, democratic participation and sustainable territorial development.

In parallel, a short documentary (in attachment) was produced featuring elderly women from the municipality, documenting their lived experiences and testimonies on how water management practices have evolved over the past 60 years. The documentary was screened at the conclusion of the conference, and several of the women involved took part in the event, contributing directly to intergenerational dialogue and the recognition of women's knowledge and lived experience in water governance.

A total of 54 participants attended the conference and the screening. Through this combined action, participants increased their awareness of local water management systems and water-related cultural heritage, while also identifying parallels with community-based water governance practices in territories of the Global South. This comparative perspective encouraged critical reflection on shared challenges and convergent solutions for sustainable water management across different contexts, as well as on emerging tensions and conflicts related to water resources, particularly in Mallorca and in Alaró.





In preparation for the event, coordination meetings were held with the local authority and civil society organisations to ensure policy coherence and a shared analytical framework for addressing water resource management. This process led to the development of a communication strategy and a structured content framework defining the key thematic areas of the conference. In parallel, an outreach and dissemination campaign was implemented through email and social media channels to ensure broad community participation.

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:	5
Event name:	[Conference “Water Resources Management and the Valorization of Water Heritage”]
Type:	[Public Conference]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	[Bosnia and Herzegovina]], [City of Mostar]
Date(s):	[12 December 2025]
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.lamostar.org/odrzana-konferencija-upravljanje-vodnim-rezursima-i-vrednovanje-vodnog-naslijedja-u-okviru-projekta-aquatik-eu/





	https://www.mostar.ba/odrzana-konferencija-upravljanje-vodnim-resursima-i-vrednovanje-vodnog-nasljeda-u-okviru-projekta-aquatik-eu/ - https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/	
Participants		
Female:	27	
Male:	27	
Non-binary:	0	
From country 1 [Bosnia and Herzegovina]:	53	
From country 2 [Romania]:	1	
From country 3 [name]:		
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Total number of participants:	54	From total number of countries: 2
Description		
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.		
Single event/activity Description:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Event/activity 1: Public Conference “Water Resources Management and the Valorization of Water Heritage”Partner: LDA Mostar and the City of MostarLocation: Mostar City Hall, City of Mostar, BHDate: 12 December 2025Number of participants (detailed gender and countries)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Total participants 54City of Mostar 13 (3 project team + 10 other relevant representatives of the City of Mostar)LDA Mostar 9 (2 project team + 7 other LDA staff)NGOs (other than LDA) 20Institutions 8Academy 4Mail participants: 27Female participants: 27Nonbinary participants: 0From Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina 53From Country: Romania 1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Description:		





Local public conferences for local water management

As part of the governance strand, within the WP6 LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar organized the local public conferences in City of Mostar (Bosnia and Herzegovina) to bring the attention of local stakeholders, especially LAs, CSOs, and local communities on local water management and water valorization. The partner's organizations applied the capacity built and knowledge acquired on raising awareness, education and valorization of water in WP1 and WP2 on the one hand, through participatory methods acquired in WP3 and WP4 on the other hand. These WPs were beneficial for reaching the SO2 (To improve citizens' sense of responsibility and knowledge on the multifaceted importance of preserving water resources) and SO3 (To improve dialogue opportunities between local authorities, sector-specific stakeholders, civil society and citizens on water preservation and valorization).

T6.1 Design and preparation of the local public Conferences

Building on the Training of Trainers in WP1 and WP3, LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar (BiH), designed a local public conference on water management by integrating the technical knowledge acquired during WP1 and the participatory methods apprehended during WP3. The specific agenda of the public conference was defined by the implementing working pair (City of Mostar + LDA Mostar) and was tailored to the specific local context. The WP coordinator was responsible for ensuring consistency across various local events, lining them with the project methodology, and maintaining continuity with previous project events. During the conference preparation phase, several very important meetings were held in order to ensure the participation of appropriate stakeholders, including both panelists and keynote speakers, as well as conference participants. Meetings were also organized with representatives of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BH and the UNESCO Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina to discuss the position of Bosnia and Herzegovina within the IHP (Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme) and the possibilities for establishing a Water Museum in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Time of implementation: planned M10-11; Implemented M10-12

Responsible Partners: ALDA, LDA Mostar, City of Mostar,

T6.2 Implementation of the Local public conferences for local water management

The public conferences on water management were organized in the City of Mostar (BH). The event hosted 54 participants. The main targets were, local stakeholders, institutions, academia, CSO representatives, activists and local citizens. The conference aims to enhance citizens' knowledge and sense of responsibility regarding the multiple values of water resource preservation, as well as to promote dialogue between local authorities, sectoral actors, civil society, and citizens on water management and valorization. It also highlighted the role of water museums as platforms for dialogue and action. The implementation was carried out collaboratively by City of Mostar and LDA Mostar.

Time of implementation: planned M12; Implemented M12

Responsible Partners: ALDA, LDA Mostar, City of Mostar..

Key Information

- Event name: Conference "Water Resources Management and the Valorization of Water Heritage"





- Date and location: 12 December 2025, Mostar City Hall
- Organizers: LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar

Event Overview

- **Main activities:**

The opening remarks were delivered on behalf of the City of Mostar by Mr. Đani Rahimić, President of the City Council of Mostar and Sabina Memić; on behalf of the AQUATIK Project by Dženana Dedić, Director of LDA Mostar and Project Coordinator; and by Ozana Bulić on behalf of the Adriatic Sea River Basin Agency. Adla Dizdar Hožić, representing the PR and Communications Department of LDA Mostar, served as the moderator of the conference.

The AQUATIK Project Info Sheet was printed and distributed to participants. Participants had the opportunity to ask questions to the panelists via the Slido application, with a QR code made available in printed form as well as on the screens provided. Participants also received a symbolic gift, a test tube containing drinking water from the spring that supplies the city of Mostar, accompanied by a message from the European Water Charter: "Water is a common heritage, the value of which must be recognized by all. Everyone has a duty to use water carefully and economically."

The conference was organized into two panels:

Panel 1: "The Foundation of Sustainable Water Management" provided a platform for discussing how regulations, strategies, and institutions can shape a responsible approach to water resources. The panel emphasized the importance of strong and coordinated legislation as a shared responsibility and as a foundation for dialogue among local authorities, sectoral actors, civil society, and citizens. Representatives of UNESCO Bosnia and Herzegovina, institutions responsible for legislation and its implementation, as well as members of the academic community, presented the legislative framework, opportunities, challenges, and possibilities within the complex context of Bosnia and Herzegovina. One of the panelists was Eriberto Eulisse from the Global Network of Water Museums (WAMUNET), who presented leading initiatives of the UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme. This presentation was particularly important in the context of presenting water museums and considering the position of Bosnia and Herzegovina within the framework of the IHP.

Panel 2: "Water and the Community – Good Practice Examples" presents successful initiatives that connect citizens, experts, and public stakeholders in a shared mission to preserve and promote water heritage. Their experiences demonstrate that the community is key to creating sustainable solutions. Representatives of a permaculture farm, a diving club, civil society organizations, and a travel blogger shared their experiences by combining photographs, videos, online stories, and inspiring personal narratives and experiences, which proved to be highly motivating and inspirational for all conference participants.

- Daily schedule

9:30 – 10:00 | Opening Remarks

- Đani Rahimić, President of the City council of the City of Mostar
- Dženana Dedić, LDA Mostar
- Ozana Bulić, Adriatic Sea River Basin Agency





10:00 – 11:00 | Panel 1: “The Foundation of Sustainable Water Management”

- Boban Jolović, UNESCO
- Anton vidačak, Mostar Water Supply Company
- Lejla Riđanović, “Džemal Bijedić” University of Mostar
- Eriberto Eulisse, Global Network of Water Museums (WAMUNET), leading initiatives of the UNESCO-IHP International Hydrological Programme

11:00 – 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 | Panel 2: “Water and the Community – Good Practice Examples”

- Sead Šašivarević, Permaculture Farm “Promised Land”
- Brano Stojkić, Mostar Diving Club
- Jelena Kuzman-Katica, Association Dinarica
- Farah Hadžiabdić, travel blogger

12:30 – 12:45 | Summary and Closing of the Conference

12:45 | Lunch

Conclusions

The public conference proved to be highly productive and extremely useful. It was organized at a time when there is a strong need to give greater visibility to this topic in Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as globally. The attendance and feedback from both participants and panelists were exceptionally positive. All stakeholders expressed a strong need for the exchange of opinions and ideas, as well as for joint action with the aim of water protection.

Water museums were recognized as an outstanding platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and action, a place where students, scientists, institutions, tourists, and activists can jointly explore the past and shape the future of water resources. The resources of this project represent an exceptional opportunity to further develop this idea and to initiate the establishment of a Water Museum in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In this regard, LDA Mostar and the City of Mostar are already working intensively and preparing the next steps that could eventually contribute to the establishment of a Water Museum and, but also hopefully support the process of establishing a national commission for cooperation with the IHP.

Although the establishment of a Water Museum and the formation of a national IHP commission in Bosnia and Herzegovina are not direct project tasks or objectives, the project itself represents an exceptional opportunity to initiate and potentially realize such initiatives. Their realization would undoubtedly constitute significant added value to the project and serve as a foundation for continued action in the same direction.

Building on previous project activities, including ToTs, local trainings, and workshops, this conference achieved a high level of engagement, visibility, and interest. With a stakeholder list of over 100 contacts, which will continue to expand through future project activities, a significant number of interested actors have been secured. These actors will be potential collaborators and participants in future project activities, and, thanks to the visibility of this conference, they are also likely to become part of a platform advocating for the protection of water and water heritage.





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: Valorisation of aquatic heritages in Europe] — [AQUATIK-EU]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	5
Event name:	UNA METROPOLITANA PER SASSINORO – VERSO UNA MAPPA DI COMUNITÀ
Type:	Public Conference
In situ/online:	<i>In situ</i>
Location:	Italy, Sassinoro (BN)
Date(s):	28/12/2025
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	40
Male:	61
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 Italy:	101
From country 2 [name]:	N/A
From country 3 [name]:	N/A





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Total number of participants:	101	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			

Single event/activity Description:

Event/activity: 5

Partner: Paese dell'Acqua

Location: Sassinoro, Benevento, Italy

Date: 28/12/2025

Number of participants (detailed gender and countries): 101 participants, 61 male and 40 female.

Description:

The event “Una Metropolitana per Sassinoro - Verso una mappa di comunità di Sassinoro” was hosted in Sassinoro by Associazione di Promozione Sociale “Paese dell'Acqua” on the 28th December 2025.

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 was aimed to build a community map in Sassinoro based on the idea of the “Sassinoro Subway”. The idea elaborates on the opportunity to connect different places with memories, events and/or other marking points concerning the community of Sassinoro.

After the event of the 7th October 2025 where participants were asked to imagine places in Sassinoro that could fit into a hypothetical subway line, the event held in December summarizes all the insights that emerged in October. Every place was drawn into a map and given a specific name (as a subway station). A story about Sassinoro and its traditions was linked to every “subway stop”.

After the introductory remarks by Mr. Marco Iamiceli, President of PDA, the presentation of the map took place in the framework of the presentation of the overall Aquatik-Eu Project by “Just-Mo” a group of graphists who helped Paese dell'Acqua conceive the community map.

After that participants were invited to dinner together.

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.

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 previous work done in October. The aim was to disseminate the idea of the community map and the impact that it could have on the local community.

After the very first introductory remarks, the presentation of the Aquatik-EU Project took place. In this context, Sassinoro mayor underlined the positive impact the project is having on the Sassinoro community. PDA President, then, continued presenting the consortium and the activities related to every partner.

Once the introductory part was over, Just-Mo introduced the concept of the community map to the audience. Explaining what is a community map to what it is intended for and also what are the possible ways to come-up with a community map. Following this part, Just-Mo presented the "Sassinoro Subway", highlighting the most important stops related to Sassinoro history.

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:

The event was very useful in order to define the impact of the community map on "Sassinoro's local identity". As a result, this identity is linked to natural resources and their safeguard and shaped by traditions and memories. This was very clear during the trivia game, that allowed participants to better understand some event of the local history.

All those elements represented in the "Sassinoro Subway" map represent a comprehensive endeavor in order to define and reshape the local identity of the community.





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:	5
Event name:	“GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA <i>Vamos atuar ao nível local!</i> / Water, a Living Heritage
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	in-situ
Location:	Centro Cultural de Rio Tinto – Gondomar - Portugal
Date(s):	17/01/2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	35
Male:	12
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Portugal]:	47
From country 2 [name]:	
From country 3 [name]:	





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Total number of participants:	47	From total number of countries:	1

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On 17 January 2026, a public conference was held at the Banco Local de Voluntariado – Centro Cultural de Rio Tinto, in the municipality of Gondomar, Portugal, within the framework of the European project AQUATIK-EU. The event focused on the management, valorisation and preservation of water as local heritage, addressing water as a living cultural asset and a shared public good rooted in local territories.

The main objective of the conference was to raise awareness of water heritage and water management in inland areas, linking local rivers, sources, memories and traditional practices with contemporary European challenges related to climate change, environmental protection, social cohesion and sustainable territorial development. The initiative contributed to a policy-oriented reflection on community-based and participatory approaches to water governance, in line with European Union priorities and international development cooperation principles.

The conference also served to present the AQUATIK-EU project, funded by the CERV – Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme and led by ALDA, involving partner organisations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Spain, Greece, Italy and Portugal. The project aims to promote education, citizen participation and the valorisation of water heritage through community engagement, participatory methodologies and digital tools.

The programme combined informative and participatory moments. It included reflections on the importance of water for local identity in Gondomar, highlighting the role of the Douro River, the Rio Tinto and local water sources as elements that shape landscape, culture and collective memory. Participants were invited to share personal experiences and memories related to water use, reinforcing the idea that preserving traditional knowledge and practices is essential for future generations.

The methodologies presented during the conference emphasised community involvement, including mapping of water heritage, participatory tools, creation of digital routes and the use of ecomuseums as living spaces for safeguarding memory and knowledge. An example from Douiret-Sbâa (Tunisia) was shared to illustrate how local communities, including women and young people, play a central role in protecting water heritage and transmitting knowledge.

A specific session was dedicated to participatory governance, with a focus on participatory budgeting as a practical tool to involve citizens in decision-making related to public resources, including water-related projects. Through a structured dynamic exercise, participants identified local problems, developed simple proposals, discussed feasibility and took part in a symbolic vote. This activity promoted democratic participation, transparency, shared responsibility and trust between citizens, associations and local authorities.

In total, the conference brought together community members, association representatives and local actors. As a result of the event, participants increased their awareness of local water heritage and management systems, recognised the value of collective memory, and reflected on concrete ways to protect and valorise water resources at local level. The initiative reinforced the idea that water is not only a natural resource, but also culture, memory and a key element for sustainable and inclusive territorial development.





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