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PAESE DELL'ACQUA REPORT

Introduction

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-Loce 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.

Brief 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 or to some specific "character" of the village.

Participants then were invited to a buffet dinner.

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.

Key Information

- Event name: UNA METROPOLITANA PER SASSINORO - Verso una mappa di comunità di Sassinoro - Laboratorio Partecipato
- Date and location: 21/03/2026 - Sassinoro
- Organizers: Paese dell'Acqua

Workshop Schedule

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

6:00 pm: Presentation of the outcomes of the participatory process

6:30 pm: Workshop - “Una metropolitana per Sassinoro - building a community map” by Just-Mo

8:00 pm: Buffet Dinner

9:00 pm: “Comunità in gioco” – Trivia Quiz about Sassinoro History

Attendance

- Number of attendees: 44
- Type of audience: Local Associations and Commercial Activities
- Number of male participants: 22
- Number of female participants: 22
- Number of “non-binary” participants: 0

Conclusion

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,



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one deeply intertwined with its natural heritage and the collective memory of those who inhabit it.

LDA AND CITY OF MOSTAR REPORT

Introduction

Brief description of the event

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 workshops

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. The event hosted 31 participants, in order to avoid the dispersion of the exercise and ensure more effectiveness. 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

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.

Daily schedule

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.

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

Communications and Promotion

The local participatory workshop “Living with the River” was supported by targeted communication and promotion activities aimed at ensuring visibility of the event, its outcomes, and the broader objectives of the AQUATIK-EU project.

The workshop was actively promoted through the official social media channels of LDA Mostar and websites of LDA Mostar and City of Mostar, reaching a wide and relevant audience. The communication approach focused on highlighting the importance of participatory governance and sustainable water resource management within the local context.

Following the workshop, a press release was prepared and disseminated to local and national media outlets. The media showed significant interest in the event, extensively covering both the workshop activities and the key messages related to participatory approaches, and the objectives of the AQUATIK-EU project. This contributed to raising public awareness and strengthening the visibility of the project at the local and wider level.

Dissemination efforts were further amplified by the participants themselves, who contributed to sharing knowledge, experiences, and key conclusions from the workshop within their respective organizations and communities, thereby extending the outreach and impact of the activity.

Additional value to the project's communication and visibility during this reporting period was provided through the marking of World Water Day (22 March). On this occasion, a promotional video reel was produced and published on LDA Mostar social media channels, emphasizing the value of water heritage in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the importance of its sustainable management. The content contributed to reinforcing the project's key messages and engaging a broader online audience.

All communication and dissemination activities were implemented in full compliance with donor visibility requirements, ensuring proper acknowledgment of project funding and alignment with the prescribed communication standards.

Social Media links:

<https://www.facebook.com/ldamostar/posts/pfbid031WZH6vc44p5EGEGyFmi42CdRVk2cyANrA1pKSoSr5qyQz6BFsEVnGyuwRHqZvZzWl>

<https://www.instagram.com/ldamostar/p/DVdXDV0DSuC/>

<https://www.facebook.com/reel/923228550687301>

<https://www.instagram.com/ldamostar/reel/DWLolUoiTZ3/>

Partner web links:

<https://www.ldamostar.org/odrzana-radionica-zivot-sa-rijekom-u-okviru-projekta-aquatik-eu/>

<https://www.mostar.ba/odrzana-radionica-zivot-sa-rijekom/>

Media Outlets:

<https://www.ldamostar.org/odrzana-radionica-zivot-sa-rijekom-u-okviru-projekta-aquatik-eu/>

<https://www.mostar.ba/odrzana-radionica-zivot-sa-rijekom/>

<https://federalna.ba/ocuvanje-rijeka-u-fokusu-radionice-zivot-sa-rijekom-zxthv>

<https://mostar.live/blagaj-odrzana-radionica-zivot-sa-rijekom/>



<https://www.mreza-mira.net/vijesti/seminari-treninzi/odrzana-radionica-zivot-sa-rijekom/>

<https://bljesak.info/gospodarstvo/ekologija/blagaj-projekt-aquatik-eu-okupio-strucnjake-i-gradane-oko-zastite-voda/552392>

<https://mostarski.ba/zivot-s-rijekom-u-blagaju-lokalna-zajednica-u-dijalogu-za-ocuvanje-vodnih-resursa/>

<https://fena.ba/article/1668161/ocuvanje-rijeka-u-fokusu-radionice-zivot-sa-rijekom>

Stakeholders:

<https://www.facebook.com/Ozemlja/posts/pfbid0e7ixTYqXCA18xox3NidMsdzYFqkSHHXEsf6CCU7j8gFvb4L7SbgiDu6jndNR2b4l>

https://www.instagram.com/p/DVS9AmLjVzw/?img_index=1

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02UagaU1xeVjGewSNJGVz23c6W27CKQxe23CAdbEHt43E3JZGu3RkzDQ1az61yNSL3l&id=61572411036760

https://www.instagram.com/p/DVQ8gHYjKR-/?img_index=1

Attendance

- Number of attendees
 - Total participants 31
 - Male participants: 4
 - Female participants: 27
 - Nonbinary participants: 0
 - From County: Bosnia and Herzegovina 31

- Type of audience
 - Local Authorities 9 (+ 2 project staff City of Mostar not calculated in the total number of participants)
 - OCDs 13 (+2 project staff LDA Mostar not calculated in the total number of participants)
 - Institutions 6
 - Universities 2
 - Public company 1
 - Minor 1 (not calculated in the total number of 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.

Conclusion

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.

Final thoughts

The “Living with the River” workshop showed how vital it is to create platforms for



dialogue, where citizens, experts, and authorities can collaborate, share experiences, and co-create solutions. By bringing people together in this way, challenges are transformed into opportunities for action, learning, and sustainable development. Inclusive dialogue is more than discussion – it is the foundation for real change and resilient communities.

Appendices (if any)

1. Program of the event
2. Participants' list
3. Market place topic and questions
4. Photos of the event
5. Parental consent for a minor

FONS MALLORQUÌ AND ALARÒ REPORT

Introduction

Brief description of the event

The workshop aimed to identify key priorities for WP7 through a participatory and structured approach. It brought together relevant stakeholders to exchange perspectives on water management challenges in the Mediterranean context.

The session was facilitated using a fishbowl discussion format, enabling open dialogue, active listening and balanced participation. This methodology allowed different voices to engage dynamically and contribute to a shared understanding of the issues.

The workshop combined:

- Interactive group activities to stimulate reflection on water uses and perceptions
- Open discussion on key challenges such as water scarcity, governance, and consumption patterns
- Structured dialogue guided by a matrix of questions aligned with project priorities

In addition, interviews with key informants (including technical experts, local authorities, and academics) complemented the workshop, providing further insights into water management needs.

Overall, the event facilitated knowledge exchange, stakeholder engagement, and the identification of key challenges and priorities for sustainable water management.

Key Information

- Event name: Water on the table (Posam l'aigua damunt la taula)
- Date and location: 18th March 2026, Alaró (Spain)
- Organizers: Fons Mallorquí and Municipality of Alaró and

Event Overview

Main activities:

The workshop was designed as a participatory process combining interactive exercises, group reflection, and structured dialogue to explore water management challenges and identify key priorities.

The session began with an interactive exercise, where participants selected objects related to different uses of water (e.g. household, agricultural, cultural). This activity



encouraged reflection on personal perceptions and uses of water. Participants first discussed their ideas in small groups and then shared key insights in plenary. Following this, a collective visual reporting process was developed to capture the main ideas emerging from the discussion. This helped make abstract concepts more visible and supported shared understanding among participants.

The core of the workshop consisted of a fishbowl discussion, a participatory method that enabled open and dynamic dialogue. Participants sat in a circle, with a limited number of chairs in the centre, allowing different voices to enter and leave the discussion. This format ensured balanced participation, active listening, and the inclusion of diverse perspectives. Throughout the session, discussions were guided by a matrix of key questions aligned with the project's priority areas. This provided structure while maintaining flexibility for open exchange.

In parallel, the workshop was complemented by interviews with key informants, including technical experts, local authorities, and academics. These interviews enriched the process by providing additional insights and contextual knowledge. Overall, the activities facilitated stakeholder engagement, collective reflection, and the co-creation of knowledge on water management challenges and priorities.

Attendance

- Number of attendees: 27
- Type of audience: regional governments, water private company, local authorities, technical staff from the municipality, teacher.
- Guests and participants: Xavi Moyà as facilitator and Juan Calvo as expert from Water Alliance

Conclusion

The workshop highlighted the complexity of water management in the Mediterranean context, emphasizing that current challenges cannot be addressed solely through individual behavioural change. Instead, a more integrated and systemic approach is required, one that considers the interconnections between consumption patterns, governance structures, cultural practices, and ecological limits.

A key conclusion is the need to move beyond the predominant focus on domestic water use and to address the role of large-scale consumers, indirect water use, and structural inefficiencies within the system. This shift requires stronger governance mechanisms, improved transparency, and more inclusive decision-making processes that ensure equity and broad stakeholder participation.

The discussions also underscored the importance of making water systems more visible to society. Increasing awareness – both of direct and indirect consumption – is essential for fostering more responsible and informed practices. However, awareness-raising alone is not sufficient without accompanying structural and policy changes.

Participants highlighted the relevance of recovering a more systemic and cultural understanding of water, recognizing it as a common good embedded within ecological cycles rather than merely a consumable resource. This includes reconnecting with traditional knowledge while integrating technological solutions such as desalination and water reuse in a balanced and sustainable manner.

Overall, the workshop reinforced the need for coordinated actions that combine governance, education, innovation, and cultural change. Strengthening collaboration among stakeholders and promoting shared responsibility will be key to advancing more sustainable, equitable, and resilient water management systems.

Appendices: Flyers, surveys, Agenda without personal details (include only the organisation name), Slides, etc.

GEOCLUBE AND GONDOMAR MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Introduction

Local public conferences for local water management

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 Municipality 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.

Schedule

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

Communications and Promotion

The Participatory workshop for identifying needs “GESTÃO, VALORIZAÇÃO E PRESERVAÇÃO DA ÁGUA - Vamos atuar ao nível local! “, held in Gondomar within the framework of the Aquatik-EU project, was supported by a comprehensive set of communication and visibility actions jointly implemented by Geoclube and the Municipality of Gondomar, with the aim of maximising outreach and engagement among local stakeholders.

Prior to the event, Geoclube promoted the conference through its social media channels and direct communication with schools, local associations, and community groups. In parallel, the Municipality of Gondomar disseminated the invitation through its institutional channels and sent targeted email invitations to municipal departments, parish councils, civil society organisations, and professionals working in the fields of environment, education, and water management. Local and regional media outlets published announcements in advance, contributing to increased public awareness and attendance.

The conference, organised by Geoclube in partnership with the Municipality of Gondomar, brought together representatives from local authorities, municipal services, educational institutions, civil society organisations, and water-related experts. Media representatives were invited to attend the event and collect statements during breaks, ensuring coverage by local press, online platforms, and community media. Additional media outlets that were not present at the event subsequently reported on the conference, further extending its reach and visibility.

Following the conference, key messages and highlights were shared through Geoclube’s digital platforms and the municipal communication channels, emphasizing the participatory nature of the event, the relevance of community-based approaches to water governance, and the introduction of innovative concepts related to the valorization of water heritage within the local context. Photographs and concise summaries were used to communicate the atmosphere, outcomes, and contributions of partners and institutional representatives.

The Municipality of Gondomar reinforced the visibility of the event by publishing information on its official website, underlining its institutional support for the Aquatik-EU project and its commitment to sustainable water management and civic participation.

All communication and visibility materials strictly complied with project and donor requirements, including the correct use of logos, acknowledgements, and visual identity elements. This consistent approach strengthened the recognisability and credibility of the Aquatik-EU project and ensured coherence with programme communication standards.



The combined impact of pre-event promotion, on-site media engagement, post-event communication, and institutional dissemination resulted in broad visibility and positive public engagement, demonstrating the importance of coordinated communication strategies and strong collaboration between Geoclube, the Municipality of Gondomar, and local media in achieving lasting community impact.

Attendance

- Number of attendees
 - Total participants 35
- Type of audience
 - Local Authorities 1 (+ 1 project staff City of Gondomar)
 - Senior University 34 (+1 project staff Geoclube)

Conclusion

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.