

NETCET City Network: Adriatic Cities Together for Cetaceans and Sea Turtles



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Goals and requirements:

- The NETCET Adriatic City Network has the goal to promote the role of cities in the conservation of Cetaceans & Sea Turtles (C&ST) in the specific context of the Adriatic.
- The Network requires cities to promote actions **of their choice** regarding the education, information and consciousness of the presence and conservation of cetacean and sea turtles. Any such activity can be promoted on the NETCET website and provide **visibility** to the city.
- The cities have no obligation to contribute financially to any activity.



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Aims and Objectives:

General aim

- To raise awareness on the role of cities in conservation of C & ST.

Specific aims

- Information and dissemination in conservation of C&ST, in particular regarding the EU framework, conservation status, interaction with human activities, etc;
- Large and increased participation of stakeholder groups in the Adriatic cities for conservation of C&ST;
- National and international cooperation between cities of the Adriatic through actions between its members and provide support for exchanges between citizens of the Adriatic seaboard, especially through projects and the sharing of experience about C&ST.



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Organisational structure of the network:

Coordinator: City of Venice

Supported by:

- all NETCET partners (cities and institutions)



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Network identity:

1. Countries along the Adriatic coast: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Montenegro, Albania;
2. Maritime dimension: urban framework where the aim is to guarantee the quality of life of their citizens, independently of the city's size, hence favouring bottom-up approach;
3. Common interest in the conservation of C&ST;
4. Acknowledge cities as engines for regional development;
5. Contribute to elaboration of common strategies and national action plans.



NETCET City Network: Tasks

- Cities **can** adopt **policies on C&ST conservation** within their existing and / or future environmental strategies, management plans, action plans and other relevant documents on environmental and biodiversity conservation and management.
- Cities can endorse a “**Turtle Day**”
- Cities can activate programmes with local schools implying a specific **education** and awareness on the conservation of C&ST
- Cities can use the NETCET **logo** to make visible their C&ST friendly policies.
- Cities will be encouraged to exchange **best/good practices** regarding C&ST conservation, but also environmental and development policies.
- Cities can implement and develop any other possible action or activity, proposed by the cities themselves, that is in compliance with the aims of the Adriatic City Network and contribute to the C&ST conservation.
- *Cities will provide a **common urban answer to objectives linked with the conservation of C&ST***



NETCET City Network: Benefits

- Cities can gain information on C&ST and receive help on informing local citizens and politicians, and building new proposals on similar themes.
- Cooperation with other relevant environmental network cities, institutions and other stakeholders.
- Contribution to define common strategies for the conservation of C&ST.
- Contribution to draft new national action plans for the C&ST conservation, or to review and adopt the existing plans where available.
- Contribution to the preparation and presentation of common strategies at the Final Conference of the NETCET.
- Contribution of the organisation of a workshop for Adriatic Cities in Venice in combination with the NETCET Final Conference.
- Increase visibility: This could help in increasing incomes from tourism activities that are attracted by the presence of C&ST (i.e cetacean watching ...), as well as by marine biodiversity in general.



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When to sign the Memorandum of Agreement?

Now!

A common Charter could be signed during the official “ceremony” at the NETCET final conference in Venice, in July 2015.



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