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Partners



PB1/LB UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA - Research Committee (UoI) <http://www.rc.uoi.gr/>

PB2 REGION of EPIRUS (ROE) <http://www.php.gov.gr/>

PB2 ISTITUTO SCIENZE DELLE PRODUZIONI ALIMENTARI (ISPA/CNR) <http://www.ispacnr.it/>

PB4 CIHEAM - ISTITUTO AGRONOMO MEDITERRANEO – BARI (IAMB) <http://www.iamb.it/>

PB5 CONSORZIO PER LA BONIFICA DELLA CAPITANATA (CBC) <http://consorzio.fg.it/>

Associated partners

REGION OF PUGLIA (ROP) <http://www.regione.puglia.it/>

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Networking events

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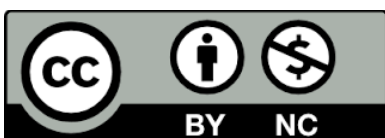
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Summary

International collaboration is necessary to take advantage of the existing international expertise and know-how, to establish new partnerships, and to create an enlargement of the network, involving the different relevant actors from research/academia, technology providers/businesses, public authorities, public and existing clusters. The PB4 partner of IR2MA participated in some international events presenting the progress and outcomes of the project and receive valuable feedback for its successful implementation. This report summarizes the results of the networking activities carried out from PB4 during the whole project.

Keywords: IR2MA, international events, networking, research

1. Introduction

The activities aim at widely informing about the project approach and results to foster and facilitate the adoption and exploitation of the methodology in different contexts. One of the main tasks of the IR2MA Work Package 6 'International networking' was to have active participation and involvement in public international events to inform both the research/scientific community and the Industry sector about the project and disseminate and exploit the scientific and non-scientific results of the project. Deliverable D6.4.1 outlines the international networking activities implemented during the project.

2. The IR2MA project summary

In the framework of the Cooperation Programme Interreg V/A Greece-Italy 2014-2020, a 6-partner research project, IR₂MA: “Large Scale Irrigation Management Tools for Sustainable Water Management in Rural Areas and Protection of Receiving Aquatic Ecosystems” *started on April 1st, 2018*, and is expected to last 24 months (end by March 2020). The IR₂MA network is dedicated to supporting a coordination platform of expertise exchange to increase shared knowledge and disseminate best practices regarding irrigation drainage and their effects on the receiving aquatic ecosystems across the Mediterranean area. Pooling the operational experience of project research activities and previous relevant knowledge and experience, the outputs of this project will lead to valuable feedback and applicable recommendations for the application of innovative approaches on a cross-border basis for improving resource efficiency and integrated environmental protection in both the water and waste sectors about the soil. Finally, the project will include communication activities (help desk, seminars, demonstration sites, etc.) to stimulate public consciousness regarding water issues. It will be carried out by regional authorities, universities, research institutes, and water management organizations. IR2MA Partners are the following:

- LP, Lead Partner: PB1 (LB) UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA
- PB2, Region of Epirus;
- PB3, Institute of Sciences of Food Production - National Research Council (ISPA) / Bari, Italy;
- PB4, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari, Bari, Italy.
- PB5, Consorzio per la Bonifica della Capitanata, Foggia, Italy.

3. Events and meetings

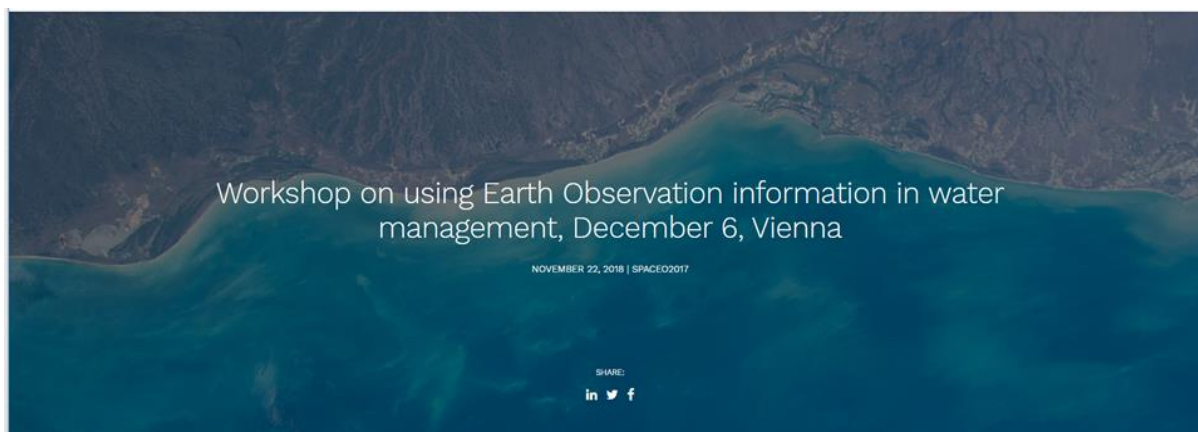
- Irrigation Show & Education Conference
- Space-O Workshop
- Educative Seminar
- 9th ESSC International Congress
- EIP-AGRI seminar: New skills for digital farming

3.1 Irrigation Show & Education Conference



When	3 December – 7 December 2018	Where	Long Beach, California, USA
Theme	Irrigation Management.		
Details	The event includes the industry's most comprehensive list of education offerings, hands-on access to the latest products and technologies, and valuable programs, events, and sessions designed to help you improve your irrigation practices.		
Organizers	Irrigation Association-USA	Venue	Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center
Who	Prof. Dr. Mladen Todorovic		
What	Project presentation within Leaflet/PPT		
Dissemination	Leaflet, Website, Facebook	Public	Irrigation professionals, Academia
Event material	Website (1) , Leaflet (2)		

3.2 SPACE-O workshop



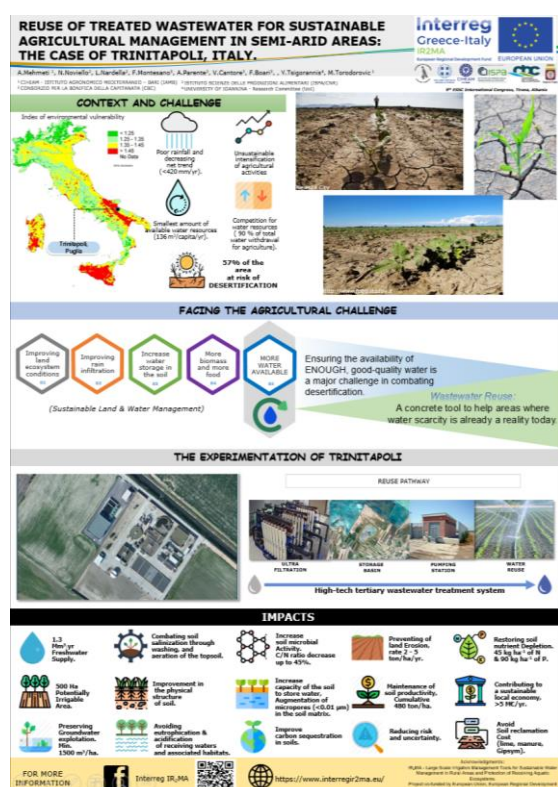
When	6 December 2018	Where	Vienna, Austria
Theme	Earth Observation information in water management		
Details	The objectives of the workshop were to compile information on the potential uses of satellite imagery and forecasting and identify future opportunities for collaboration using advanced technologies (such as SPACE-O) to improve water management.		
Organizers	SPACE-O Project.	Venue	Hotel NH Danube City, Vienna, Austria
Who	Dr. Andi Mehmeti		
What	Project presentation within Leaflet		
Dissemination	Leaflet, Website, Facebook	Public	High-level management and technical staff in utilities and water management organizations.
Event material	Website (1) , Leaflet (2)		

3.3 Educative Seminar



When	20 March 2019	Where	Tottori University, Japan
Theme	Water-saving in Mediterranean Agriculture		
Details	Lectures to young researchers and the research staff of the University and the Arid Land Research Center in Tottori.		
Organizers	Tottori University	Venue	University of Tottori, Japan.
Who	Prof.Dr. Mladen Todorovic		
What	Project presentation through PPT		
Dissemination	Leaflet , Website , Facebook	Public	Academia
Event material	PPT presentation (1), News link (2)		

3.4 9th ESSC International Congress



When	26 – 28 September	Where	Tirana, Albania
Theme	'Soil's Contribution to People: from Food to Life Supporting Services'		
Details	Regulatory instruments and initiatives to support those who oppose food waste, and issues of cooperation in innovation.		
Organizers	ESSC (European Society for Soil Conservation)	Venue	Agricultural University of Tirana, Kodër Kamëz, SH1, Tiranë 1000, Albania
Who	Dr. Andi Mehmeti		
What	Project presentation with POSTER "REUSE OF TREATED WASTEWATER FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT IN SEMI-ARID AREAS: THE CASE OF TRINITAPOLI, ITALY"		
Dissemination	POSTER, LEAFLET	Public	Academia
Event material	POSTER (1), LEAFLET		

3.5 EIP-AGRI seminar: New skills for digital farming



When	5-6 February, 2020	Where	Madrid, Spain
Theme	'New skills for digital farming'		
Details	The seminar aimed to contribute to the design and implementation of approaches and tools that can help farmers and farm advisers develop the skills they need in the face of the digital transition in agriculture.		
Organizers	EIP Agri (European Commission)	Venue	Aranjuez, Spain
Who	Dr. Andi Mehmeti		
What	Project presentation with Leaflet		
Dissemination	POSTER, LEAFLET	Public	Academia
Event material	POSTER (1), LEAFLET (2), Participant list		