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## What have we been up to?

Lagoons for Life **attended EuroLag9**, a conference on coastal lagoons and transitional waters organised this year by the Institute of Marine Sciences (ISMAR) of the Italian National Research Council (CNR), the Consortium for coordination of research activities concerning the Venice Lagoon system (CORILA) and the University of Venice Ca' Foscari. The conference was held on the historic island of Venice, Italy, on 20-24 January 2020 and was attended by approximately 150 delegates.

On Day 4 of the event, Lagoons for Life Chair, Eirini Politi, **presented** on: "Achieving progress towards enabling a global coastal lagoons community – The Lagoons for Life Roadmap for 2020-2022". The talk (i) presented the three themes around which the first L4L Workshop (Cork, September 2017) was organised, (ii) listed the aims, member institutes and achievements-to-date of the L4L initiative and (iii) set out the roadmap for the next 3 years.

On Day 5 of the event, a **mini L4L workshop** took place with 13 international participants (existing members and new) with expertise on climate change, urban Venice, inland and artificial waters, sediment transport, big ship damages in lagoons, hydrodynamics, water quality, EO, nutrient loads, ecosystem services, flood barriers and citizen science. Key points of discussion were:

- Potential funding sources, including the possibility of a COST Action proposal
- Proposed L4L structure and Coordination Committee (L4L-CC)
- Need for and frequency of online meetings for all L4L members
- Ideas for special session proposals and events to attend
- Appointment of an editorial committee for the journal version of the White Paper
- Theme ideas for the next L4L workshop

Overall outcomes from attending EuroLag9 include increased interest and new membership to L4L leading to active continuation of its activities, and establishment of new connections to other research initiatives, projects and infrastructures (e.g. [DANUBIUS-RI](#) and [LifeWatch-ERIC](#)).



## Ongoing projects: H2020 CERTO

Led by Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK, the H2020 “Copernicus Evolution: Research for harmonised Transitional water Observation” (CERTO) project, kicked-off in January 2020. It aims to produce harmonised EO-based water quality data that are suitable for transitional waters, including coastal lagoons. Lagoons for Life, a project partner, acts as a main link between the coastal lagoons community and the data providers. Using three large European lagoon systems (Venice, Curonian and Razelm-Sinoe) and three estuaries as case studies, CERTO will develop tailored EO-based indicators including a global index to assess social-ecological lagoon system vulnerability.

For more information on the project and how to get in touch see [here](#), tweet [here](#) or [email us](#).

## Next L4L Meetings

Two types of L4L meetings are planned for the following years:

- (A) **Online meetings** open to all; these will take place twice a year and follow a standing agenda to share news, progress and plan future activities of the initiative. [Contact us](#) for more info.
- (B) **In-person workshops** open to all; these are generally planned as collocation meetings to other major events. The next one is planned for early summer 2022 alongside EuroLag10 (Location: Gdansk, Poland - TBC). Check the L4L website [newspage](#) for upcoming meetings and events.

## Submit your abstracts to our special session

L4L in partnership with Future Earth Coasts (FEC) will co-host [Special session #0062](#) at the next ECSA 58-EMECS 13 conference in Hull, UK. If you work on integrating in-situ data with models and/or Earth Observation towards coastal sustainable management, then send us your abstract!



### 2020 events of interest

- ① [ECSA 58-EMECS 13](#), 7-11 Sept 2020
- ② [Our Coastal Futures](#), 19-22 Oct 2020

## Join Lagoons for Life

Membership of the Lagoons for Life network is open to anyone with an interest in contributing to the sustainability of the world’s coastal lagoon systems. To join please [contact us](#).

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