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## What have we been up to?

Since our Newsletter Issue 3 (March 2020), working and travel restrictions due to COVID-19 have somewhat slowed down our networking activities while all meetings became virtual. Nevertheless, the L4L community have managed to coordinate progress on the White Paper (now split into two parts for submission to *Science of the Total Environment*), continue involvement in a research project (H2020 CERTO) and successfully submit a proposal for a conference Special Session (ASLO, p. 2). We have also brought together a multidisciplinary cohort of 30 colleagues from 20 research institutes in Europe to draft a COST Action proposal towards fulfilling part of the L4L vision.

### COST Action

- 13 European Countries
- 20 Research Institutes
- 3 International Research Networks
- Submission in: **April 2021**

### White Paper

- **Part A:** Lagoons for Life for coastal lagoon management: Towards a holistic approach in a changing world
- **Part B:** Lagoons for Life for coastal lagoon management: The role of Earth Observation
- Submission to: **STOTEN**

### R&D

- H2020 [CERTO project](#)

### Events

- **ECSA 58 & EMECS 13** (see p. 2)
- **ASLO Aquatic Science Meeting** (see p. 2)



## Next L4L Meetings



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

- (A) **Online meetings** open to all; twice a year with a standing agenda to share news, progress and plan future activities. [Contact us](#) for more info.
- (B) **In-person workshops** open to all; planned as collocation meetings during main events. The next one is planned for summer 2022 during EuroLag10 (Location: Gdansk, Poland - TBC).

Check the L4L website [newspage](#) for upcoming meetings and events.

## Submit your abstracts to our special sessions



**ECSA 58-EMECS 13: Estuaries and Coastal Seas in the Anthropocene**, [online](#)  
6-10 September 2021

*"Evidence-based solutions require integration of information from a variety of sources, including in-situ data, modelling and Earth Observation."*

Co-hosted with Future Earth Coasts (FEC) and EuroMedLag, [Special session #0062](#) aims to **showcase success stories** and discuss **innovative practices in multi-source data integration** for coastal zone management.

Keywords: in situ, ex situ conservation, citizen science, machine-learning, remote sensing, Earth Observation, Big Data, modelling, coastal zone management, policy-making



**ASLO Aquatic Science Meeting**, [online](#)  
22-27 June 2021

[ASLO SS64](#) aims to **explore how challenges in EO water quality monitoring in transitional waters can be overcome**. Examples from around the world showcasing good practices, innovative methods, new tools, promising products, and success in upscaling the processes are invited.

Keywords: data harmonisation, data fusion, estuaries, lagoons, transitional waters, water quality, optically complex waters, ecological processes, remote sensing, Earth Observation

## Join Lagoons for Life



Membership is open to anyone with an interest in contributing to the sustainability of the world's coastal lagoons. To join please [contact us](#).

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