

FLAG presentations

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FLAG	Presentation
Hiiukala FLAG Estonia <i>Tuuli Tammla</i>	Whitefish Stock Restoration: The whitefish conservation initiative supports the recovery of the endangered local whitefish population (<i>Coregonus lavaretus</i>) through stock enhancement and protection of spawning areas. Building on previous FLAG-funded actions, the project combines egg incubation and fish rearing with innovative measures to reduce seal predation. The initiative contributes to biodiversity conservation and sustainable fisheries management.
Paphos FLAG Cyprus <i>Evgenios Savva</i>	Polis-Latsi Sea and Cultural Museum: The Polis-Latsi Sea and Cultural Museum is the only electronic museum in the country and a flagship project demonstrating the impact of EU funding on regional development. The museum promotes cultural tourism, preserves maritime heritage, and strengthens the blue economy through innovation and community engagement. It also supports job creation, skills development, and economic diversification beyond seasonal tourism.
Skoji FLAG Croatia <i>Manuela Antičević</i>	Bridging Islands Through a Food Production Hub (AGRO HUB): The Hub provides infrastructure and mobile equipment for food processing and quality analysis, as well as a co-working space for local producers. Developed in response to local needs, it brings together producers, support organisations and public authorities while revitalising a former winery protected as industrial heritage. The project demonstrates the value of the CLLD approach in fostering local partnerships and sustainable economic development.
South FLAG Ireland <i>Brenda O’Riordan</i>	Waterford Estuary Villages Alliance (WEVA): WEVA demonstrates what can be achieved when five villages work together towards a shared vision. The alliance aims to revive a culturally vibrant and economically sustainable maritime community across the Waterford Estuary through marina and harbour development, enterprise growth, and the creation of connected tourism trails linking the five fishing villages.
Larnaca FLAG Cyprus <i>Constantinos Kindynis</i>	Lionfish Management: The project addresses the spread of the invasive lionfish species through market promotion and public awareness activities. Implemented jointly by the Cyprus FLAGs, it aims to reduce environmental impacts while supporting sustainable fisheries through a coordinated national approach and effective stakeholder engagement.

<p>Carp Valley FLAG Poland <i>Anna Świątek</i></p>	<p>Can One Fish Transform a Region? The Carp Valley Story: Carp Valley shows how traditional fisheries heritage can drive regional development. Through international cooperation and local partnerships, the project created a unified regional identity reflected in public spaces, services and tourism infrastructure. It demonstrates how collaboration can strengthen local identity and support long-term development.</p>
<p>Lake Võrtsjärve FLAG Estonia <i>Jaanika Kaljuvee</i></p>	<p>Sisevete Festival (Inland Waters Festival): Sisevete Festival is a multi-location event connecting Estonia's inland water regions through a shared festival route. Since 2021, it has brought together harbour communities, fisheries organisations, local businesses and cultural partners to celebrate water heritage, local food and traditions. The project promotes regional cooperation, community engagement and economic activity in rural inland water areas.</p>
<p>Pontevedra FLAG Spain <i>Laura Nieto</i></p>	<p>Fishing Tourism and Fisheries-related Tourism: The project helps diversify coastal economies by creating new income opportunities linked to fisheries and maritime culture. Through fishing trips, harbour experiences, local seafood promotion and heritage activities, the initiative connects visitors with coastal communities while preserving traditions and supporting sustainable local development.</p>
<p>Ostrobothnia FLAG Finland <i>Jonas Harald</i></p>	<p>COOL BLUE - Regenerative Aquaculture: A Horizon Europe-funded initiative promoting regenerative ocean farming across Northern Europe. The project supports coastal communities in developing seaweed and mussel farming to restore marine ecosystems, enhance biodiversity and create sustainable blue economy opportunities.</p>
<p>Lake Peipsi FLAG Estonia <i>Kersti Oja</i></p>	<p>Blue Revival: Sustainable Solutions for Lake Ecosystems: The project improves biodiversity and water quality in Lakes Peipsi and Burtnieks by restoring lake ecosystems and removing the invasive zebra mussel (<i>Dreissena polymorpha</i>). Bringing together partners from Estonia and Latvia, the project combines pilot actions, environmental monitoring and stakeholder engagement to support healthier and more resilient lakes.</p>
<p>Cornouailles FLAG France <i>Astrid Kirsh</i></p>	<p>Poulpe Action: A cooperation project between Brittany, Galicia and Cornwall that supports the sustainable management of octopus fisheries. The project promotes knowledge exchange, data sharing and the development of common management approaches to address the growing importance of octopus fishing in the partner regions.</p>
<p>Limassol FLAG Cyprus <i>Antonios Chourdakis</i></p>	<p>Life of the Coastal Fisher: A transnational cooperation project that promotes and preserves the cultural, social and economic value of small-scale coastal fisheries. Through cooperation among coastal communities, it supports maritime heritage, sustainable fishing traditions, local seafood gastronomy and stronger links between coastal regions.</p>