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CLLD seminar: Starfish Working Group



03 June, 2026

Pärnu, Estonia



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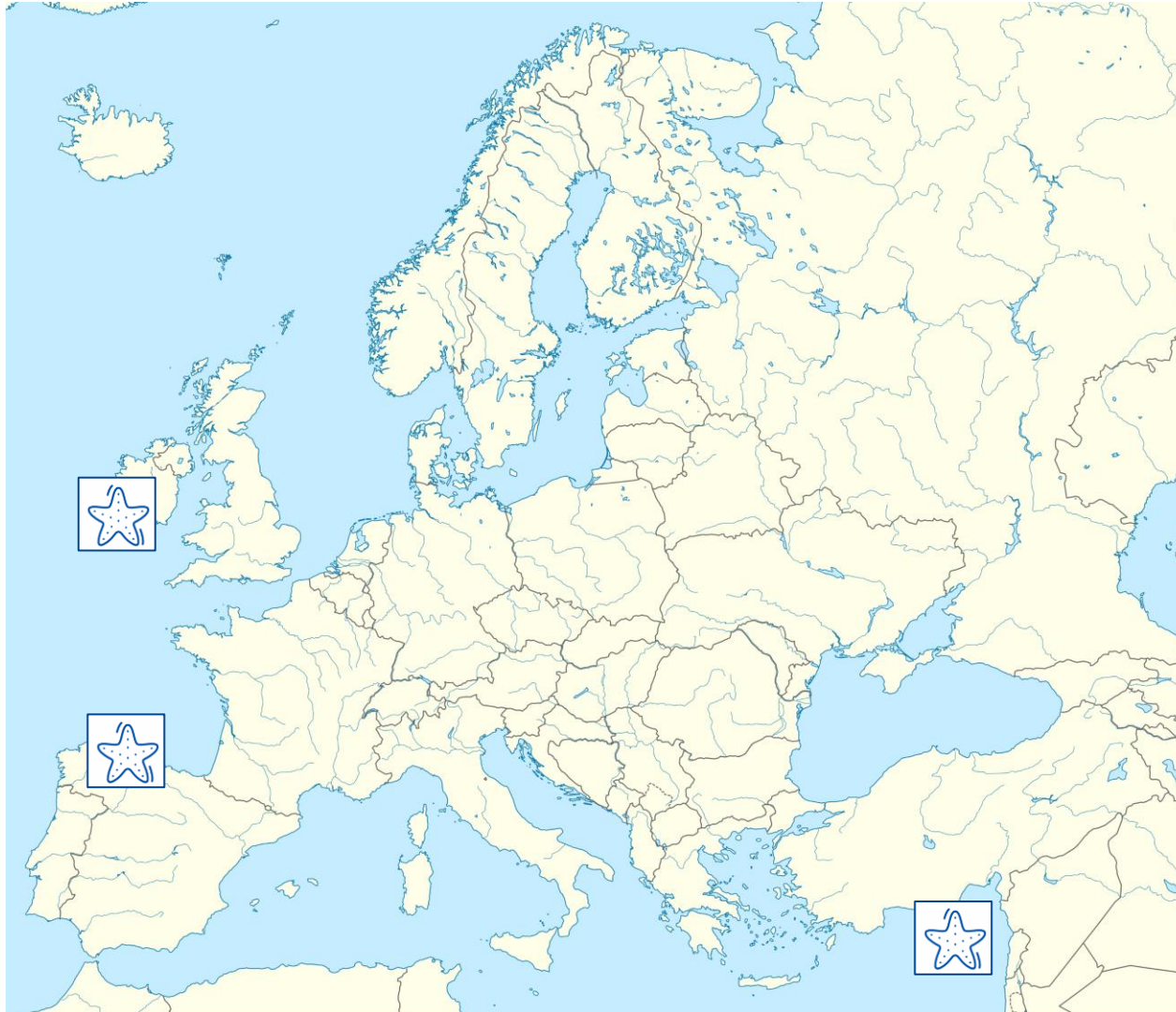
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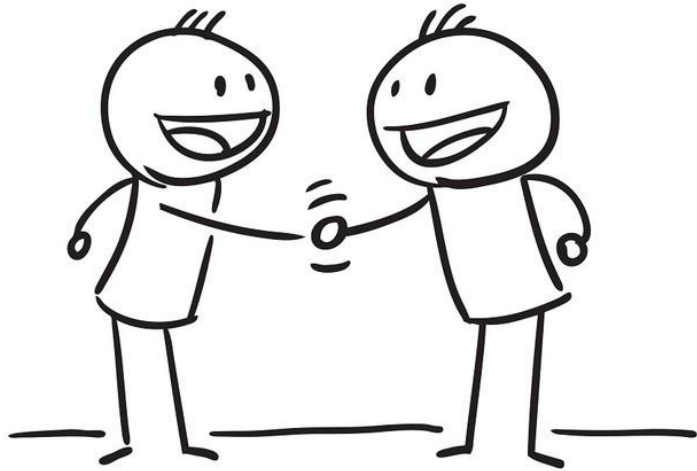
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3 presentations



Get to know each other



- What is **one thing** about your FLAG area that nobody in this room probably knows?

SPEAKER



- Brenda O'Riordan (IE)





Fisheries Local Action Groups

Grúpaí Gníomhaíochta Iascaigh Áitiúla



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Waterford Estuary Villages' Alliance

Comhaontas Sráidbhailte Inbhear
Phort Láirge

Duncannon-Cheekpoint-Ballyhack-
Passage East-Arthurstown



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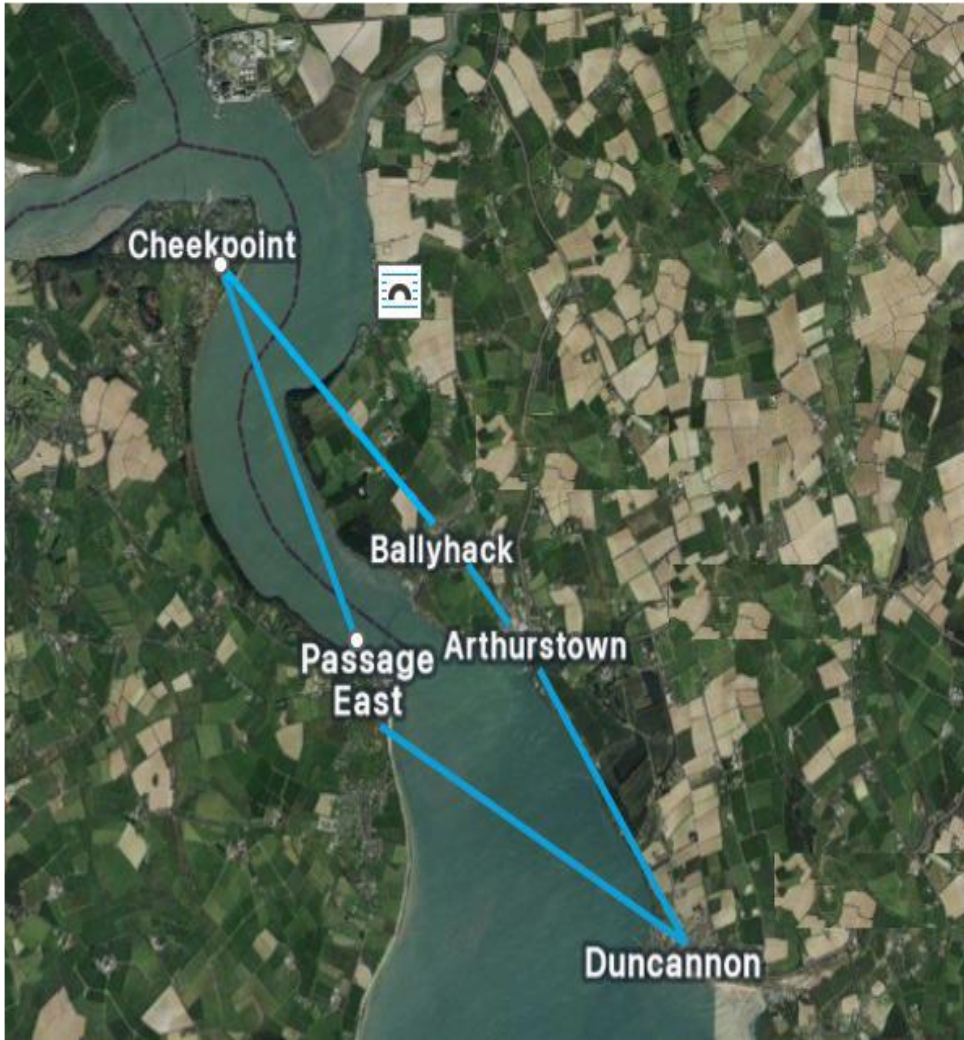
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Ireland's
Seafood
Development
Agency



Five villages suffering arrested development

Economic & social decline: traditional fisheries

Structural deficit needs to be addressed
Slow population decline

Focused on growth:
Branded tourism products
Heritage Fisheries & Trails, Blue Way



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Stakeholders

- Five villages – four development organisations
- Sharing a single vision, speaking with one voice
- Approaching local and national government together
- Combining local resources to action projects
- Developing an integrated estuary heritage strategy
- Strength through synergy



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Our mission is to revive a culturally vibrant and economically sustainable maritime community across the five fishing villages of Waterford Estuary.

THE PLAN

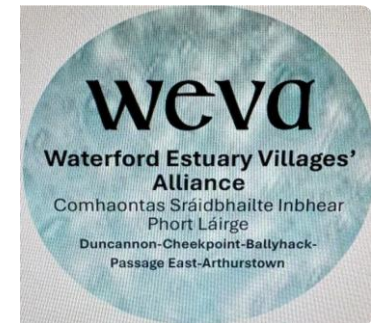
Year 1 (2025–2026) – Foundation, Visibility & Governance

Year 2 (2026–2027) – Planning & Partnerships

Year 3 (2027–2028) – Delivery & Demonstration

Year 4 (2028–2029) – Growth, Skills & Enterprise

Year 5 (2029–2030) – Sustainability & Legacy



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What are the villages looking for...

- to raise awareness,
- get advice
- seek organisational support in the future



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Thank You

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WORKING QUESTIONS



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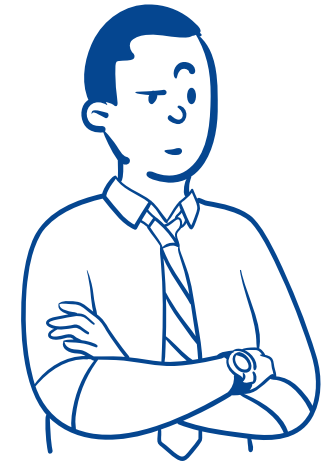
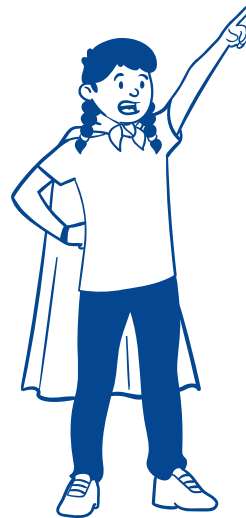
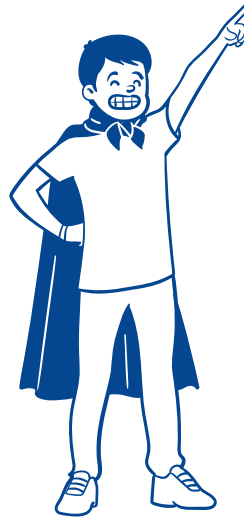
WORKING QUESTIONS



- Where does local cooperation **create value** (vs more **complexity**)?
- What **would fail** and **why**?
- Recommendations

4 WORKING GROUPS

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- Why and where would this local cooperation **create value**?

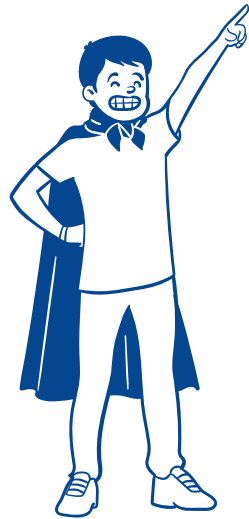
- Why and where would this local cooperation **fail**?
- Where would local cooperation create more **complexity**?



15 minutes

WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION

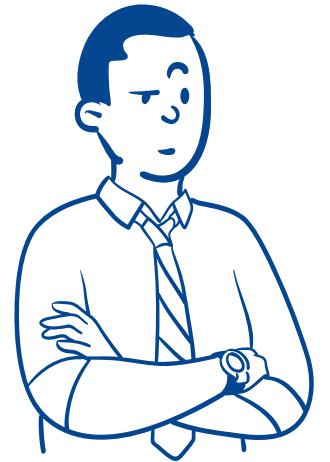
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VS



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YES – lets go ahead (what to do next?)



NO – even the fish would be sceptical because...



25 minutes + 15 minutes



WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION





Time for lunch

(We start again in plenary at 14:30)



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SPEAKER

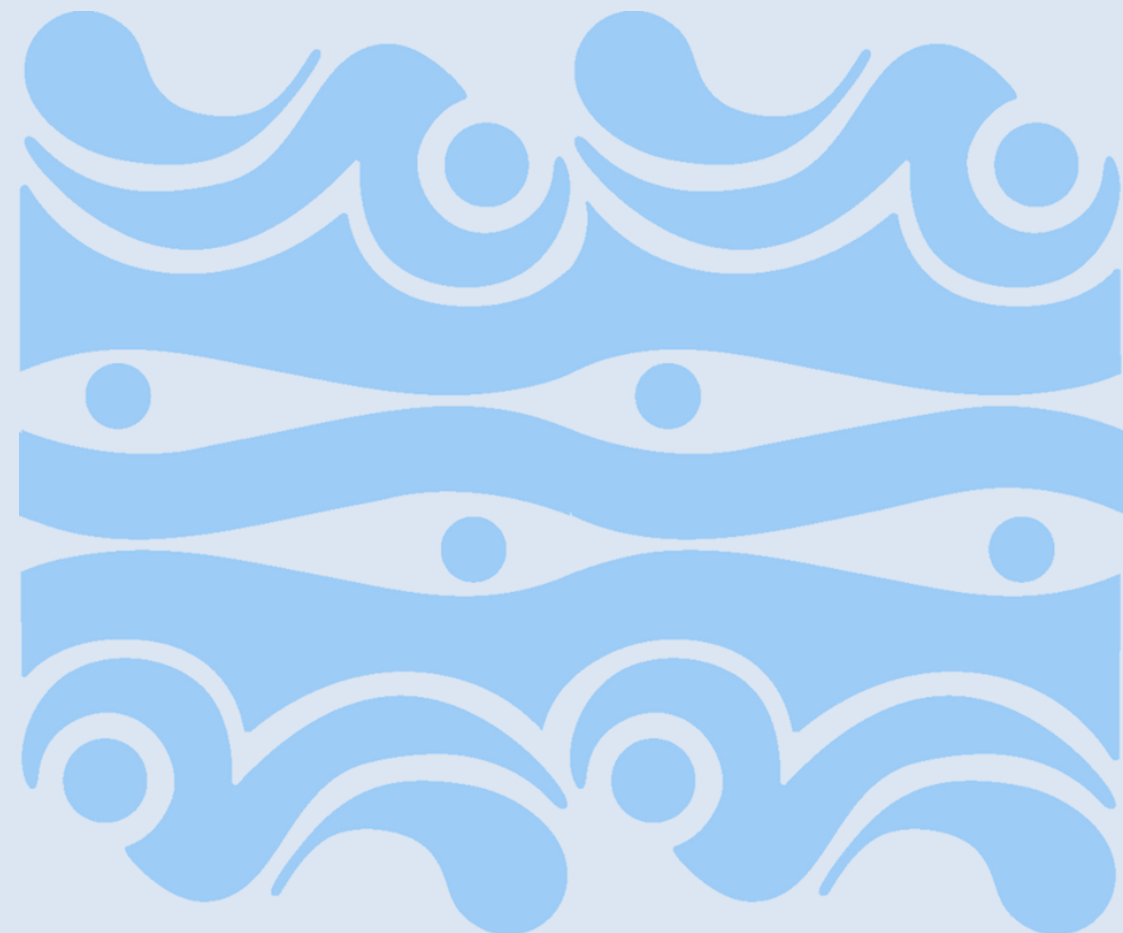
- Laura Nieto (ES)





FISHING TOURISM AND FISHERIES – RELATED TOURISM

A cooperative project to diversify coastal economies



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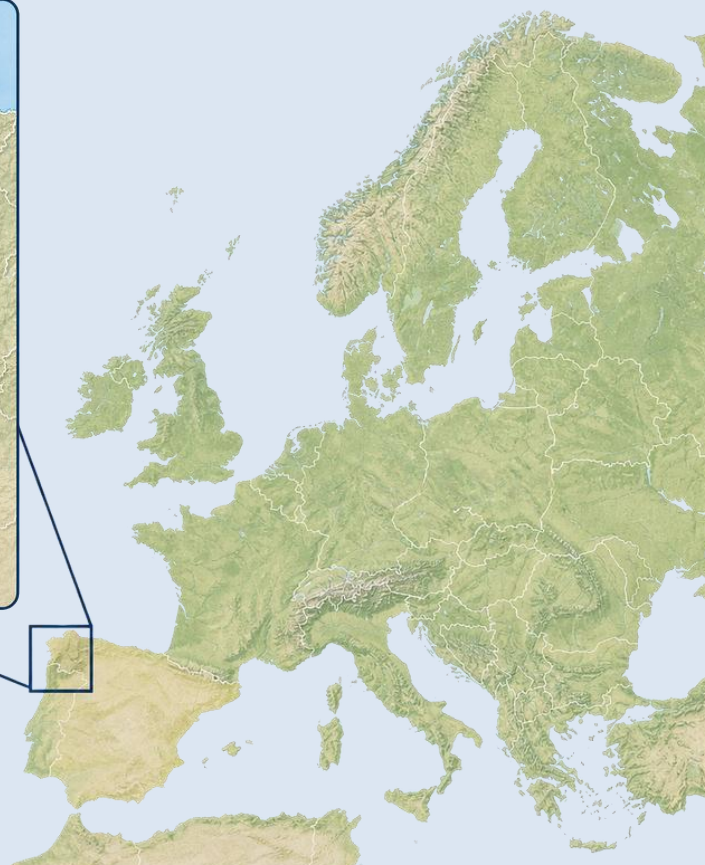
Grupos de Acción Local
do sector Pesqueiro
Ría de Pontevedra



STAKEHOLDERS

All Galician **FLAGs**:

- **GALP** Ría de Pontevedra.
- **GALP** Ría de Vigo–A Guarda.
- **GALP** Ría de Arousa.
- **GALP** Seo Fisterra Ría de Muros Noia.
- **GALP** Costa da Morte.
- **GALP** Golfo Ártabro Sur.
- **GALP** Golfo Ártabro Norte.
- **GALP** A Mariña Ortegal.



KEY ACTION PILLARS: WHY PROMOTING FISHING TOURISM

- **Challenging** conditions facing the fisheries sector.
- **A sizeable fleet** that constitutes the economic backbone of coastal communities
- **Previous experiences successfully** implemented with very positive outcomes.
- **Emerging opportunities** to ensure continuity and generational renewal.

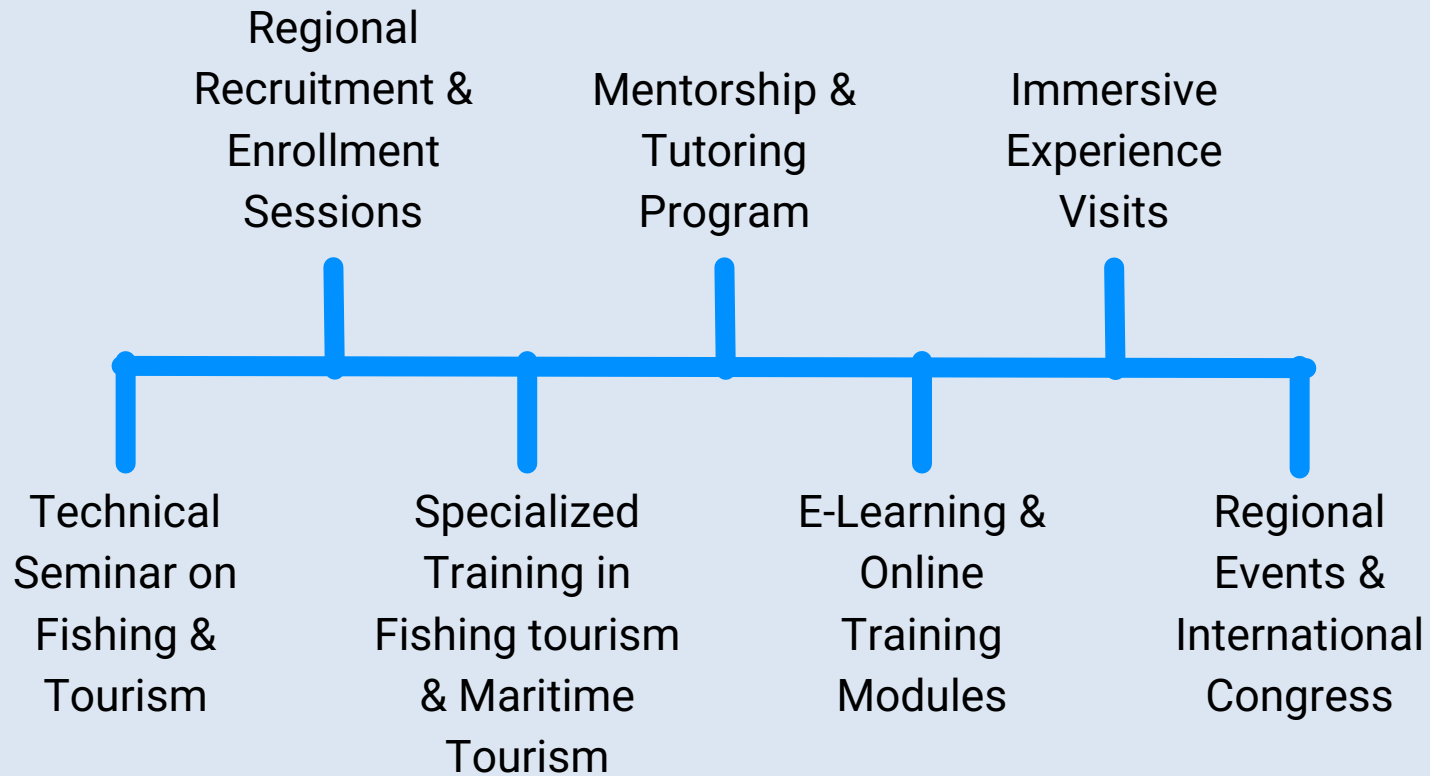


STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- ✓ **Sustainability & Diversification:** Creating new income streams through marine tourism to reduce fishing pressure
- ✓ **Capacity Building:** Professional training to transform fishing activities into safe tourist experiences.
- ✓ **Promotion & Positioning:** Positioning products in market platforms and strengthening institutional ties.
- ✓ **Heritage & Tradition:** Spread local traditions and protect traditional knowledge and maritime trades.



OUR ACTIVITIES



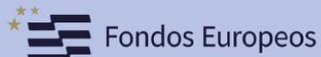
INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Shape the future fisheries – related and fishing tourism with us in Sanxenxo!



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FISHING & TOURISM

15-16
OCTOBER
Sanxenxo



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WE NOW HAVE THREE CARDS...



The Spy



Creativity



The Devil's
Advocate

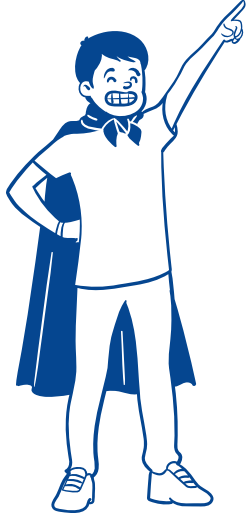
...Do we want to use one?

WORKING QUESTIONS



- What is your **main takeaway** from the presentation (**added value/risks**)?
- What **could be done** after October 2026?

2 WORKING GROUPS



- Regional/national cooperation provides **added value to the FLAGs and their communities**, because...
- Existing or potential success stories



- FLAGs and their communities **benefit less from cooperation** on regional/ national level, because...(complexities, risks, etc.)
- Existing or potential “failures”



20 minutes + 10 minutes



WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION





Time for a break
(We start again at 16:00)



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SPEAKER

- Antonios Chourdakis (CY)



From Local Need to Transnational Cooperation

Life of the Coastal & Inland Fisher

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The behind the project

Local need

- Supporting the daily life of local fishermen
- Creating safer working conditions
- Providing shared facilities and spaces
- Preserving Limassol's maritime heritage
- Welcoming visitors and community activities
- Connecting people with the culture of the sea

**Building a port space that serves both
tradition and future generations**

Cooperation idea

- Connecting fisheries communities across MS facing similar challenges
- Sharing practical knowledge, experience, and good practices
- Strengthening local action through collaboration and transnational learning

**Creating opportunities for future cooperation
and community-led projects**



From local need to wider cooperation opportunity ↩

Core question

Could fishermen from other countries, facing similar fishing conditions, work together under a transnational project?

The intention was not to replace the national action, but to

enrich it through *exchange of good practices*, *joint learning* and *cooperation* among FLAGs from different MS

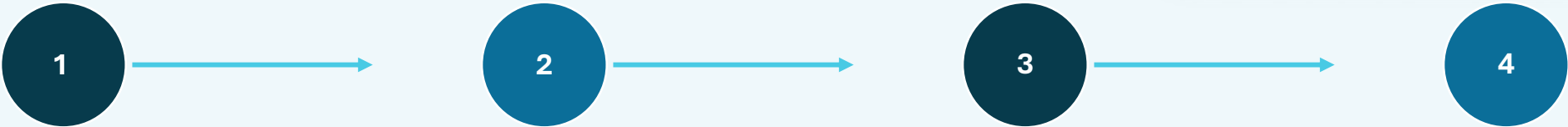
Building Connections Between Fisheries Communities





How the partnership was built...

Formal outreach and networking worked together



FAMENET outreach

Idea shared with Helle, FAMENET's Cy country Lead



Yeh, that's Helle! 😊

Online consultations

7 FLAGs joined discussions, 2 showed clear interest

EU Ocean Days 2026

Networking opened the route to the Spanish FLAG network

Partnership

Five interested partner FLAGs moved forward together

Key message: networking converts ideas into partnerships

Partners

1

Posavje, Slovenia

Freshwater fisheries,
aquaculture



2

Basilicata, Italy

Coastal fisheries
and heritage



3

Mallorca, Spain

Island fisheries
and coastal culture



4

El Hierro, Canary Islands

Small-scale island fisheries



5

Larnaka & Famagusta, Cyprus

Small-scale coastal fishing,
fishing areas & fishing tourism





Suggested actions and expected value

A compact package linking heritage, learning and visibility



Main actions

- Digital storybook and short documentaries
- Fisheries and coastal heritage festival
- Educational study visits
- “Life of the Fisher” exhibition
- Joint communication campaign
- Community learning activities

Expected value

- Greater visibility of coastal and inland fishing heritage
- Stronger links between FLAGs and communities
- Promotion of sustainable seafood and tourism
- Better recognition and opportunities for small-scale fishers
- Heritage preserved for future generations

Thank you!

**Together, we keep coastal and inland fisheries
visible, resilient and connected**

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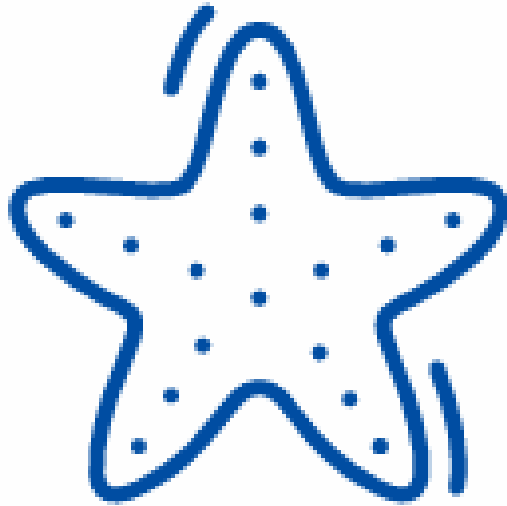


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LETS EXPLORE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



- You have €1 million to fund a cooperation idea – what would it be and what do you do?
1. Common problem (better than staying local/national)
 2. Main activities to turn this idea into a concrete project: **one week, one month, 6 months**
 3. Main actors
 4. Any innovation to be explored?
 5. How would you measure its success? (How will we know it worked?)



30 minutes + 10 minutes

DO WE WANT TO USE ANY OF THE THREE CARDS...



The Spy



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The Devil's
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THE FINAL FEEDBACK

How do we want to report back to plenary tomorrow?

- *Who?*
- *How?*
- *What would we need?*

THE FINAL FEEDBACK



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**Dinner starts at 19:00
at the Pärnu concert hall**



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