

# LARGE SCALE RESTORATION OF COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS THROUGH RIVERS TO SEA CONNECTIVITY

REST-COAST is glad to extend a warm invitation to all interested parties to join this year's Annual Meeting of the project. With a dedicated stakeholder forum session, the gathering will take place on 19 September, 2023 in Gdansk, Poland.

This meeting holds a significant importance to the future development of REST-COAST as we come to discuss the current hands-on restoration actions within our pilot sites. The opinion, insights and expertise of the external stakeholders will be of a great value for shaping the actions ahead, as the project strives to fulfill its mission.

# PROJECT BACKGROUND

Rapidly developing and changing, coastal regions are experiencing progressive degradation and escalating risks, further exacerbated by climate change. At the same time, coastal management is often based on single-sided use of resources proven unsustainable in the long term and fails to address issues in the long term.

To address these issues, REST-COAST aims to deliver healthy and climate resilient European coastal regions, achieved through innovative large-scale systemic restoration, which can enhance the delivery of ecosystem services and improve coastal biodiversity status.

Moreover, in order to overcome present hurdles to upscale coastal restoration interventions, the project will utilise new technical, financial, management and transfer tools.

# **DETAILS**

- Location: Conference & Exhibition Centre (BHP Hall), 6 Popiełuszki, 80-864 Gdańsk
- When: 19 September, 2023
- Registration: Please register here.
- Additional notes: Field trip to the Vistula Lagoon will be organised on 18 September, 2023

For inquiries about the stakeholder forum, field trip, accommodation and other related topics, please contact:

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# **MEETING AGENDA**

Gdansk, 18th - 19th September 2023

### MONDAY (18TH SEPTEMBER)

#### Field trip

9:00 Departure by bus from Mercure hotel (22 Jan Heweliusz St., 80-890 Gdańsk)

10:30 Arrival at the cross-cut through Vistula Lagoon Spit, (presentation of the cross-cut)

11:00 Trip to artificial island on Vistula Lagoon

Lunch at a restaurant at Kąty Rybackie (a village some 7 km from the cross-cut at a 4 star hotel)

18:00 Return to Gdańsk

## TUESDAY (19TH SEPTEMBER)

#### **Meeting with Stakeholders**

09:00 - 09:15 Reception and Welcome

09:15 - 09:30 REST-COAST Introduction (UPC)

#### **WP1** for stakeholders

09:30 – 10:00 Hands on Restoration at the Vistula Lagoon (BW-PAN)

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:00 Hands on Restoration at the Ebro Delta (Eurecat + UPC)

11:00 – 11:30 Hands on Restoration at the Rhone Delta (TdV)

11:30 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

#### **WP2** for stakeholders

13:00 – 13:30 Hands-on modelling for stakeholders: Wadden Sea (Hereon)

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13:30 – 14:00 Upscaling restoration with EWS: Eems Dollar (Deltares)

14:00 – 14:30 Rest-coast modelling of nature-based solution for Venice Lagoon (CMCC)

14:30 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:30 WP7 Overview

O Joint paper production. (UPC)

Restoration platforms and contracts.

Upcoming workshops after the one in March 2023 in Uruguay. (UPC)

20:00 – 22:00 Conference Dinner (self-bill XX € including Taxes)

\* Link to location: http://www.salabhp.pl/en/





