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### **SWARE** strives to capitalize the lessons learnt

It has been almost two and a half years since the SWARE project started. The first steps in identifying problems, bad practices and good examples regarding the waterways were soon undertaken. During several moments of knowledge transfer, partners together with their respective stakeholders discussed and experienced possible solutions for specific problems. The input of all involved was of the utmost importance and has brought us to a point where it is time to act.

Regional Action Plans have now been developed in the five participating partner regions in collaboration with their stakeholders. It is the direct outcome of the (inter)regional knowledge exchange in the project. Between the partners, but also within partner regions it has been a process of sharing and learning. Sharing knowledge and learning specific actions.

With these action plans, partners, with continued input and support of their stakeholders, aim to capitalize on these lessons learnt. In several regions good practices will serve as the basis for improved policy and/or new projects.

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The main output of Phase 1: 5 regional ACTION PLANS

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### How to fill gap between the current and the required: SWARE focuses on collaborative action planning

**2018** for SWARE has mostly been about drafting the regional action plans aiming for improvements in existing situations and policy instruments of SWARE partner-regions. A very important step in the elaboration process has been to define the existing and identify the required. Each action plan itself focuses on how to fill this gap on a regional scale.

#### Stakeholder consultation

The role of stakeholders is fundamental as they will be one of those incorporating into practice the recommended actions.

Hence, each region organized several meetings with the relevant stakeholders both with the aim to hear their opinion about the policy changes needed and the drafted versions of the action plan and to help them understand the role attributed to them.

#### **Cross-reading between partners**

To enhance the interregional knowledge exchange also at this stage partners met to share the challenges faced in the drafting process and consult each other on the best solutions.

The action plan elaboration was also supported by **cross-reading exercise** – each action plan was read by the respective policy donor partner and by another partner facing policy challenges similar to the drafting region.

The effort has resulted into **5 regional action plans**, and during the next 2 years until 2020 the recommended actions will be enforced and partners will monitor the progress.

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The Province of Zuid-Holland (The Netherlands)



**ACTION PLAN to improve the Green&Blue living environment** in the Province of Zuid-Holland by collecting, combining and sharing ambitions, knowledge and knowhow and working together with regions and municipalities in reaching their shared goals.

- Elaboration of a knowledge agenda in relation to the Green&Blue living environment (closing the knowledge gap)
- Elaboration of online tools (ambition mapping) and toolkits (efficiency)
- Further implementation of the actions within the Vision GreenBlue living environment







**Tipperary County Council (Ireland)** 



ACTION PLAN to enhance green and blue infrastructure within the county and maximise the environmental, social and economic benefits that can be gained from the increased protection and management of these environmental resources.

- Implementation of the actions (framework; project; and policy) contained in the Green and Blue Infrastructure Masterplan Roadmap for Tipperary Waterways
- Development and further implementation of Partnering and Community Engagement Programmes/Activities; local authority capacity building; integration of green and blue infrastructure principles into Development Plan policy and land use planning/zoning
- Dissemination of the baseline data of the River Suir and Lough Derg Heritage Audits









**Metropolitan City of Milan (Italy)** 



ACTION PLAN on how to exploit the potential of natural and cultural heritage in order to strengthen the attractiveness of the Navigli Waterways System in the Metropolitan City of Milan through a virtuous public and private cooperation and how to get sufficient economic resources through systematic and adequate actions by the public authorities together with the local municipalities and stakeholders.

#### Action Plan activities are referred to:

- Memorization of what already exists and is worth being regenerated
- Revaluation of what has been neglected for long time (Atlas of the Heritage)
- Re-imagination and re-generation of the fruition of inland waterways (Navigli) and their heritage
- Re-setting up business plans of the territorial development together with the authorities in charge of the Navigli
- Facilitation of collaboration with local stakeholders

Città metropolitana di Milano







Pons-Danubii EGTC (Slovakia/Hungary)



ACTION PLAN for the facilitation of sustainable development of the Danube River cross-border region as a tourism destination aiming to bring back the old memory of a joint region united by the Danube River.

The cross-border region around Danube River is  $\sim$  200 km long / 500 km² area

- Elaboration of a sustainability manual for cross-border natural and cultural heritage development initiatives to stimulate projects focusing on sustainable development
- Recommendations for the improved operation of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme 2014-2020
- Promotion of inclusive management providing professional/methodological support for the improved participatory approach
- Elaboration of a guide to improve dissemination of the successful projects in order to ensure wider visibility about sustainable natural and cultural heritage developments' results and effects







**Vidzeme Planning Region (Latvia)** 



**ACTION PLAN on** how to facilitate **integrated management and sustainable development of natural and cultural heritage** in Vidzeme Planning Region aiming to improve regional tourism development policy.

- Improvements in the situation of management fragmentation in the field of cultural and natural heritage
- Development of social environment in the municipalities by facilitating public and local communities' involvement
- Facilitation of cooperation between tourism entrepreneurs and other stakeholders for development of tourism destinations









### The project **SWARE** keywords



policy improvements sought related to heritage management



interregional policy learning

lessons learnt incorporated into action plans

valorisation of heritage potential

