

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Consell Insular de Mallorca
PIC number:	997223051
Project name and acronym:	Proactive Green Communities and Storytellers for Natural Capital Safeguarding — PRO.GRE.S.S.

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	9
Event name:	2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – SPAIN «THE MEMORY OF PLACES»
Type:	Conference
In situ/online:	online
Location:	Spain
Date(s):	28 November 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.arciviterbo.it/progress-project/2023/11/22/conferenza-online-la-memoria-dei-luoghi/ https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid0TNzHfpUvCVejVPsYvHAmT1FgiMD3Z7GHLWm5GohubxLtHY9pFgDWXJfdK7GJtpo8l&id=100090017718113&mibextid=WC7FNe https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=pfbid02Rv2FpA3CLHcnJzyKjY9TSU2fVh17z9PwyX1Mvzj1WYBEKW9BLswGWVmEBRCChmL1l&id=100093959452781&mibextid=WC7FNe
Participants	
Female:	71
Male:	47
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Italy]:	33
From country 2 [France]:	7
From country 3 [Greece]:	13
From country 1 [Spain]:	66
Total number of participants:	119
From total number of countries:	4

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

Consell de Mallorca organised the 2nd international online conference "The memory of places" on the 28th of November 2023 (WP9, task 9.2). The conference was held online and lasted for 60 minutes. 119 participants from the four countries involved in the project attended the conference (Spain, France, Greece and Italy).

Two types of measures were carried out to overcome language and ICT barriers and facilitate the participation of local communities from all territories involved in the project. On the one hand, simultaneous interpretation was provided from Spanish into French, Greek and Italian. On the other hand, a meeting room was set in the municipality of Andratx, where *Sa Dragonera* Natural Park (Spain) is located, thus anyone who needed could follow the conference from the meeting room. 22 people attended the conference in person.

Previous to the celebration of the international conference, activities and discussions were carried out with the local community to know about their concerns, opinions and needs regarding environmental issues related to "Agriculture, Immigration and Biodiversity" (Task 9.1) and decided the future initiatives to be carried out in the framework of the project (animations, storytelling, new proposals...). These activities and discussions have also helped to focus on the contents of the second international conference.

The following tasks have been carried out with the local community:

On the **24th of June**, Consell de Mallorca organised the **workshop "Fig tree planting on St John's Day"**. The main objective of this activity was to raise awareness about sustainable agriculture and its importance in preserving the natural and cultural landscape. Fig trees were selected to illustrate traditional crops and sustainable agricultural practices.



On the **16th September 2023**, a **workshop** was organized **to maintain the Botanical Garden at Sa Dragonera**. The aim was to encourage citizens to actively participate in preserving biodiversity by collaborating in the maintenance of the natural park. Participants whitewashed the walls of the small botanical garden, which was created to display the island's characteristic flora to visitors.



On the **25th November 2023**, Consell de Mallorca organised a **Competitive game on history** in Sant Elm. The aim of this activity was to encourage citizens to discover the history of Sa Dragonera island in an enjoyable way.

This event consisted of games and quizzes designed to test the participants' knowledge of the history of Sa Dragonera. The activity ended with a traditional seafarers' food tasting.



Following feedbacks from organisations and citizens involved in the activities, it was decided to conduct **oral interviews with members of the local community** who have a close relationship with *Sa Dragonera*. The aim was to collect their testimonies and behaviour of the island as a means of preserving the collective memory of the place.

In October 2023, nine individuals (6 men and 3 women) from the municipality of *Andratx* and from different backgrounds were interviewed orally. The interviewees included a retired traditional shipbuilder, grandchildren of lighthouse keepers of *Sa Dragonera*, teachers, members of an association of *Sant Elm* residents, and a master craftswoman on palm braiding technique. The interviews were focused on the general question: "Could you please tell us your first memory of Sa Dragonera?"

The interviews were filmed and summarised in a video titled "Voices of the Community". The aim of this video is to give a voice to local people as storytellers of their community life and place.

The **2nd international conference (28 November 2023)** was designed on the feedback received from organizations and citizens. The conference focused on the history and culture of *Sa Dragonera* island (Mallorca, Spain) with the participation of historians and the local community of Sant Elm as storytellers.

The memory of places

2nd International Conference
PRO.GRE.S.S. project - CERV programme

Tuesday, November 28, 2023
Online meeting: 18:00 (Brussels time)

Organised by:
Consell de Mallorca

Registration:

The conference began with a welcome and a short introduction to the event and the project by the staff of Sa Dragonera Natural Park. This was followed by presentations given by two heritage experts from the Consell de Mallorca and the municipality of Andratx, and the coordinator of Xarxa Dragonera Blava. The video “Voices of the Community” was also shown.

The presentations were as follows:

- *The thread of life.*
- *Heritage and citizen participation process: The practical experience of Xarxa Dragonera Blava.*

The first speech showcased the initial results of the local project titled “Rediscovering Sa Dragonera”. This project involves a team of archaeologists, assisted by volunteers and local community, tracing the presence of the different civilisations that have had a relationship with this area. The main objectives are to identify and enhance the value of existing heritage elements, compile and discover documentation to recover the historical narrative, integrate all the information in the visits that are organised and promote the appreciation of visitors and the local population towards this territory.

The second presentation focused on the participatory forums organised by Dragonera Blava network. These forums provide an opportunity for the local population to share their knowledge and memories of the natural and cultural heritage of the island.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).