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Introduction

According to the project plan as well as Quality Control and Monitoring Plan that was adopted at the 1. Steering Committee meeting an assessment of the project's progress will be performed at the end of each project year. The quality committee will meet once a year, read all project activities reports, and write quality evaluation reports. The results will be three annual reports from Quality committee.

This report refers to the activities conducted within the project during the year 2019.

Kick-Off meeting, Split, Croatia 28 February – 1 March 2019

The first or Kick-Off meeting of ALMARS project was held at the premises of the University of Split, with the participation of all the partners of the consortium. Following the meeting, an evaluation questionnaire was sent to all the partners and the results are presented as follows:

QUALITY EVALUATION REPORT OF KICK-OFF MEETING SPLIT

(1-very low; 5-very high)

1. Quality of the organisation

	AVERAGE
Please evaluate the overall quality regarding the organisation of the meeting	4.93
Please evaluate the quality of information provided	4.86
Please evaluate timelines of the organization	4.79
Please evaluate the meeting venue location	5.00
Please evaluate catering	5.00
Please evaluate the quality of organization staff(s)	5.00



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2. Quality of the presentations

	AVERAGE
Please evaluate the overall quality of the presentations	4.50

Please indicate which presentations were particularly good and/or helpful

- All excellent, particularly WP5 and WP7
- Management issues
- All excellent, especially WP7
- Especially presentations of the leader
- Especially WP7

Please indicate which presentations were not good and/or helpful

Were some topics missing?

- Missing: explanation of work expenditures

What topics do you think we should consider or include?

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3. Objectives

	AVERAGE
To what extent did the organisers meet the objectives of the meeting?	4.86
To what extent did the presenters meet the objectives of the meeting?	4.71



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4. Tasks and activities

	AVERAGE
Are the upcoming tasks and activities clear to you after the meeting?	4.64

Additional comments/suggestions:

- *Very much work to do*

5. Overall satisfaction

	AVERAGE
How satisfied are you with the meeting in general?	4.93

Additional comments/suggestions:

- *Accommodation excellent, very close to the Meeting place*

Any further comments/suggestions:

- *Web page needed soon*
- *Event evaluation form should be in electronic way in the future*
- *Thank you very much for your hospitality.*

Following received feedback, both written and orally, it was decided that future evaluations will be performed online, using appropriate and available web applications.



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The Kick-Off meeting of ALMARS project at the premises of the University of Split.



The participants of the Kick-Off meeting of ALMARS project in Split.



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ALMARS project study visit in Split, Croatia

The Study Visit took place in Split on October 11-13, 2019 and it counted with the participation of ALMARS partners.

During the visit all participants had the opportunity to get familiar with the curriculum and teaching methods of graduate study Marine fisheries at the Department of Marine Studies, University of Split.

Furthermore, partners had the chance to visit facilities and laboratories used for graduate study of Marine fisheries. The participants had also an opportunity to visit the fishing industry facilities of Croatia that are stationed in the Split-Dalmatia county (fisherman, vessels, and harbor facilities).



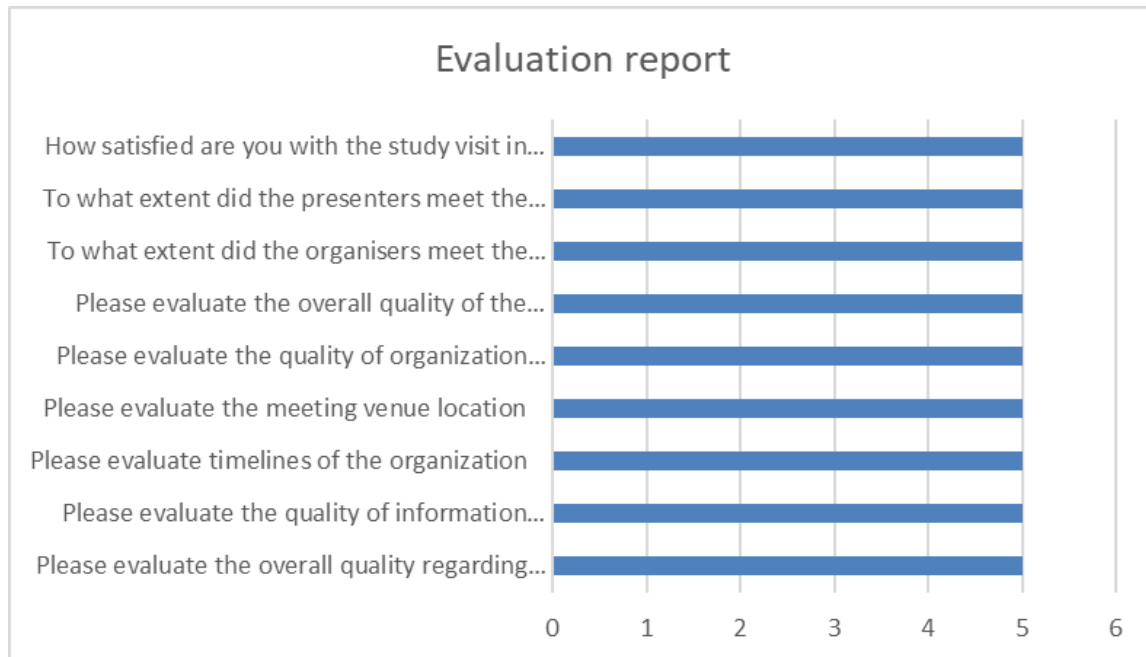
The visit of the fishing harbor in Kaštel Sućurac.



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Evaluation report of the study visit at the University of Split.

Project meeting in Tirana Albania, December 11-12, 2019

The project meeting was held 11-12 December 2019 at the Agricultural University of Tirana, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment.

Earthquakes in Albania

It has to be noted that this meeting occurred after a series of earthquakes that struck Albania in period September-December 2019. Northwestern Albania, where the institutions of the most Albanian partners on the project are, was struck by a magnitude 6.4 earthquake on 26 November 2019. The earthquake lasted at least 50 seconds. The maximum felt intensity was VIII (Severe) on the Modified Mercalli intensity scale. A total of 51 people were killed in the earthquake, with about 3,000 injured. It was the second earthquake to strike the region in the space of three months and it was the strongest earthquake to hit Albania in more than 40 years, its deadliest earthquake in 99 years and the world's deadliest earthquake in 2019.



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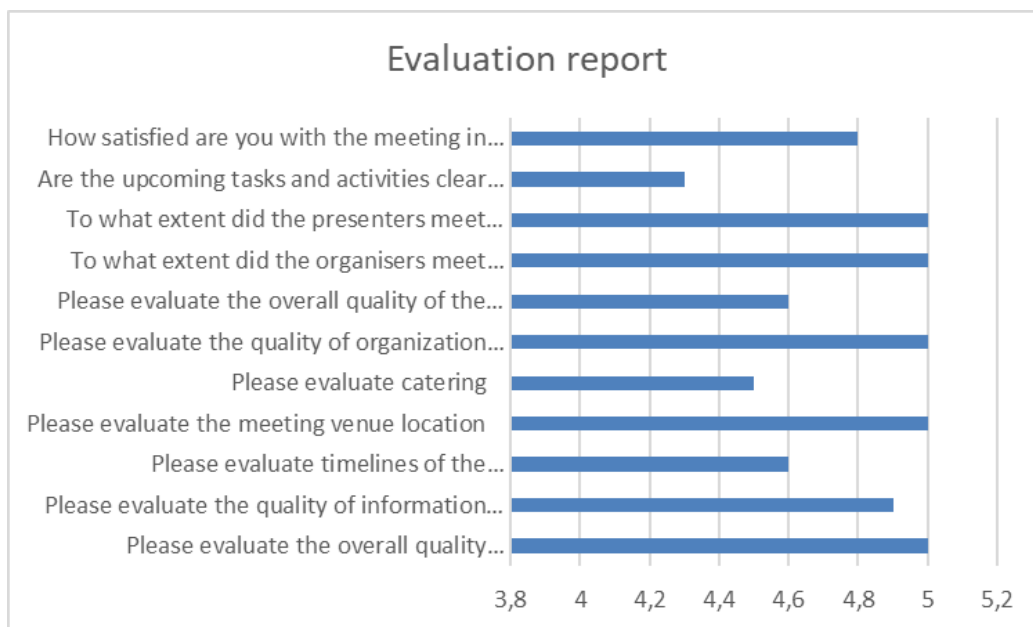
Previously, the largest foreshock was the Mw 5.6 earthquake that occurred on 21 September 2019, with an epicenter approximately 20 km south of the mainshock, ENE of Durrës, which was at the time the most powerful in 30 years and damaged 500 houses.

Following the largest earthquake on 26th November 2019 a state of emergency lasting 30 days was declared by the Albanian government for Durrës, Thumanë and Tirana and later extended to Lezhë and Laç.

Obviously, this situation affected all the Albanian partners as their facilities were mostly closed during that period waiting for an official inspection of their usability. In the following months, this situation continued to affect the project activities.

However, a new plan with deadlines for planned activities was discussed during the project meeting that was also attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Environment Prof. Fatbardh Sallaku.

Following the meeting, an online evaluation questionnaire was sent to all the partners and the results are presented as follows:



Tirana, December 2019 meeting evaluation.



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Project meeting in Tirana Albania, December 11-12, 2019.



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Representing ALMARS at Erasmus+ Info Day

Although seriously affected by the consequences of the earthquakes during December representatives from Tirana Agricultural University and Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës, attended the National Erasmus+ Information Day that took place in Tirana, Albania, on behalf of ALMARS project consortium.

The Information Day was organized by National Erasmus+ Office in Albania with the support of the European Delegation and the Europe House.

This event introduced opportunities to benefit from the different EU programs, along with genuine experiences from successful projects.

The activity offered networking opportunities with different universities in North Macedonia and know-how on benefiting from EU grants.



ALMARS representatives at Albania Erasmus+ Info Day



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Unfortunately, besides the earthquakes that struck Albania, another unfortunate situation occurred as one of the project leading persons, who coordinated activities of Università Politecnica delle Marche and participated in project preparation, prof. Mario Giordano suddenly passed away in December 2019.