

# VISIT TO LIBYA PILOT PROJECT FISHERY

July, 13-20, 2024













### INTRODUCTION

This Storyboard focuses on the fourth visit to Libya held within the framework of the fishery pilot project. It took place from 13 to 20 July 2024 mainly in Zliten and Sirte and it has been an opportunity to:

- witness the works progress at the port of Zliten
- make advancements in contacts with local companies for equipment purchase in Zliten
- visit Sirte's fishery reality and potential, therefore completing the sector assessment in all the five partner cities of the pilot project
- discuss the future of the REBUILD project with the Ministry of Local Government and the Delegation of the European Union to Libya

The full involvement of Mayors and local administrations in the acceleration of project implementation together with the financial contribution of Zliten, building the fish collection structure designed according to the quality requirements of the EU, confirms once again partners' commitment and engagement in the process.

### **Participants**

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## **MISSION PROGRAMME**

#### **July 14**

Zliten - Work for the facility at the fishery port; fishery statistics; training sessions for operators

### **July 15**

Meetings with with EU Delegation

### **July 16**

Tripoli - Meeting with Ministry of Local Government and with the Mayor of Tripoli Centre

Side meetings with the local coordinator of Pilot Project 2

### **July 17**

Travel to Sirte

#### **July 18**

Sirte - Meeting with Mayor of Zliten, Tawergha and Sirte

Sirte - Meeting with fishery community

Sirte - Visiting fishery port and markets

#### **July 19**

Trip from Sirte to Zliten and Tripoli

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Meeting with director of Food & Drug Network of Laboratories





**Meeting with the 2 veterinarians** 

### Construction of the fish collection structure in the port

The ongoing effort to build a complete process, coherent with the EU standards, is to upgrade the daily assessment of fishery catch and fleet at the fishery port, according to the European templates, provided by OGS experts.

The Mayor of Zliten established a dedicated committee in charge of following the implementation of the facility.

Meetings were held with the appointed construction company and the engineering department of the Municipality of Zliten.

The visit to the site where the facility is being built has coincided with the first construction day.

Meetings were held with the two young veterinarians from Zliten who will be trained in Friuli Venezia Giulia, from December 2024/January 2025 for six months, at local public sanitary service of the Region and some fishery cooperatives in Marano Lagunare, Grado, Trieste.

**July 15, 2024** 





Visits to suppliers and partners





July 16, 2024



Visit to the construction site





July 17, 2024









July 17-18, 2024



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REBUILD delegation was accompanied to Sirte by the Mayors of Zliten and Tawergha. Their presence has represented an added value confirming the importance of territorial cross-fertilization. The exchange of experiences, practices, difficulties has created an environment for cohesion and partnership among different territories across Libya.

The municipality itself is running development projects to the benefit of the population such as the vegetables market, which integrates health and public services and through adequate local public finance.

Particularly significant has been the visit to the trainees attending the REBUILD training of Cycle 5, which was ongoing in the municipality at the same time of the mission. Participants, nearly equally balanced between male and female, expressed their appreciation for this training opportunity.

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The Municipality of Sirte is building a retail fishery market with a floor also dedicated to fish restaurants, on the strand of the city, beside the artisanal fishery port.

The delegation visited a small port, home of 40-50 fishery boats (previously 72) 6-8 meters long each: the only able to access a bay whose depth reaches maximum 1 meter.

The representatives of the fishery syndicate (gathering about 200 fishermen) declare an average daily catch of 60-70 kg, along the whole year: a quick estimation brings to a total catch in this small landing point, above the 1000 tons/year, whose 70% are sold to wholesalers, who transport them to Tripoli and Misurata markets. According to local representatives of fishermen, in these very much poor conditions, only 10-20% of the exploitable catch is really achieved.





### MAIN OUTPUTS OF THE VISIT

#### **Zliten**

- Completed with SBR the assessment of local suppliers
- Started the construction works at the fishery port of Zliten
- Obtained further progress on details of the new facility with the engineering department of the Municipality and the appointed construction firm
- Organised the training plan for operators of the new facility at the fishery port of Zliten
- Confirmed engagement of the 2 young veterinarians to be "on-the-job-trained" in Friuli Venezia Giulia from December 2024/January 2025 for six months

#### **Sirte**

- Completed the assessment of the fishery sector in Sirte and established contacts with the main representatives of the local community of traditional fishery
- Preparation of the relevant info sheet for the artisanal fishery "port" (landing point) in Sirte and the suggested interventions in terms of basic infrastructure for local fishermen, and on a wider level for the fishery sector in the city
- Deeper involved the Mayor in the REBUILD process and specifically in the fishery pilot project
- Confirmed Mayor participation in the last REBUILD Steering Committee meeting











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