

APPENDIX A

The **Focus Group** held on June 7, 2024, involved the following stakeholders:

- **Public Administration:** Ministry of Ecological Transition of the Government of Spain, Red Natura, Fundación Biodiversidad, INTEMARES Project, and the Valencia City Council (Health Service, Albufera Park).
- **Economic Sector:** HOSBEC – Hotel and Tourism Association of the Valencian Community.
- **Foundations/NGOs:** Oceanografic Foundation, Climatic Assembly, Per l'Horta, and Acció Ecologista Agró.
- **Academic Sector:** University of Portsmouth (Blue Green Governance Project), Department of Ecology at the University of Valencia, Cavanilles Institute at the University of Valencia, Vice-Rectorate for Sustainability, Cooperation, and Development, University Paris-Saclay, and the Faculty of Law at the University of Valencia.

The **Focus Group** was structured into two main sessions, each divided into two sub-sessions, following different development dynamics:

Session 1:

- **Sub-session 1.1 - *Obstacles and facilitators for coastal wetland governance in Europe.***
- **Sub-session 1.2 - *Current political framework for land-sea governance in Spain and the Valencian Community.*** The session began with a presentation of theoretical concepts based on specialized literature, followed by a guided debate aimed at analyzing the relevance and impact of these concepts on the real situation of the coastal wetlands of the Autonomous Community.

Session 2:

- **Sub-session 2.1 - *Impacts of Climate Change in the Valencian Community: Main Risks and Climate Scenarios:*** Participants identified the most dangerous elements by using post-it notes. Red post-its were assigned to the most dangerous elements, yellow post-its for moderately dangerous ones, and green post-its for less dangerous ones. This classification was quantified, assigning a value of "3" to red post-its, "2" to yellow post-its, and "1" to green post-its.
- **Sub-session 2.2 - *Knowing the Future to Transform:*** Participants classified different actors as winners or losers in relation to various proposed scenarios. Based on this classification, both winners and losers were ranked. Some participants provided additional arguments to support their classifications.

APPENDIX B

The **in-depth interviews** included the following content script:

- What are the main events that have shaped the historical trajectories of coastal wetland governance in the Valencian Community since the mid-1990s?
- Have there been changes (increases, cuts) in economic, human, or material resources?
- How has the institutional design evolved (regional departments, creation of new parks, etc.) or the number and relationships of political actors and stakeholders?
- To what extent has the perception of problems, solutions, or approaches to be applied changed?
- Have these previous changes translated into a new direction in the design or implementation of public policies governing coastal wetlands?
- Regarding the factors that determine these obstacles and facilitators related to institutional change in coastal wetlandsgovernance, have there been changes in the obstacles (barriers) and facilitators guiding the governance of Valencian coastal wetlands?

More specifically, have there been changes in terms of:

- Integrated land-sea management and planning
- The use of scientific knowledge
- Stakeholder participation and involvement
- The development and use of strategic foresight
- The use of e-governance tools