

City of Kaštela, Croatia

Living lab sites for nature restoration · Area B agricultural landscapes
Partner profile for HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02

Local public authority
PIC 939046234 · October 2026

~38,000

inhabitants in 7 coastal settlements between Split and Trogir

28

EU-funded projects since 2017, as lead or partner

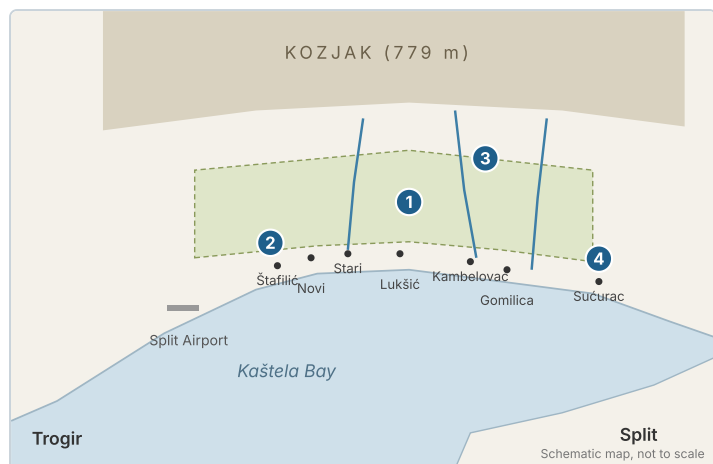
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Area B

agricultural landscapes (NRR Art. 11); torrents to the sea (Art. 9)

PROPOSED LIVING LAB SITES



- 1 Kaštela agricultural plain and Kozjak slopes** – olive groves and dry-stone walls between the coastal settlements and Mount Kozjak; high-diversity landscape features. **Area B** – agricultural landscapes (NRR Art. 11).
- 2 Stara maslina, Kaštel Štafilić** – protected natural monument, an olive tree about 1,500 years old, with visitor and education infrastructure built in 2018–2021.
- 3 Torrents flowing into Kaštela Bay** – short torrential streams from Kozjak through the plain to the sea; candidate site for restoring water connectivity, depending on the topic scope (NRR Art. 9).
- 4 Kaštel Sućurac historic coastal area** – protected cultural-historical zone and NEXTCAPE pilot for nature-based flood adaptation (2026–2029).

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

A coordinator or consortium preparing a proposal for **HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-02** (living labs for ecosystem restoration), as an **Area B** agricultural landscape site, and the networking project under **HORIZON-NATURE-2027-02-03**. The City joins as a partner and living lab site. Deadline: 14 January 2027.

WHAT THE CITY BRINGS TO A CONSORTIUM

- Access to sites on public land and the permits and approvals needed for small-scale restoration measures.
- A local stakeholder network: farmers and olive growers, Kaštela Tourist Board, Kaštela City Museum, schools, Croatian Waters (water management), public institution More i krš (protected areas).
- Co-design workshops with citizens and landowners, run by the City.
- Uptake of results into the City's planning documents: Implementation Programme 2026–2029 and the spatial plan.
- Project management and reporting experience from Interreg, ERDF, ESF and NextGenerationEU projects.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Project	Programme · period	City's role and work
STRENGTH	Interreg Italy-Croatia · 2024–2026	Partner (EUR 271,782.60). Building an early flood warning system for Kaštela; multi-hazard monitoring with Ferrara and Ravenna.
NEXTCAPE	Interreg Italy-Croatia · 2026–2029	Partner and WP4 leader (EUR 209,996.40). Pilot city: green infrastructure, permeable pavements and real-time monitoring in a heritage-protected coastal area.
Hidden Habitats	ERDF · 2018–2021	Partner. Interpretation point, information panels and visitor counter at the protected Stara maslina olive tree.
PMO-GATE	Interreg Italy-Croatia · 2019–2021	Partner (EUR 100,000). Flood and meteotsunami risk assessment for the Kaštela coast.
ProteCHt2save	Interreg Central Europe · 2017–2020	Partner (EUR 181,334). Risk tools for cultural heritage exposed to floods and heavy rain.

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