



To all interested parties,

To those registered in the Venetian Cluster Supplier Register

Object: CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST N. 01/2026 - COMPARATIVE PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARDING OF NO. 1 EXTERNAL COLLABORATION ASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE PROJECT IPA-ADRION00367 – Strengthening cooperation to address socio-environmental challenges of EUSAIR flagship PET HAB ECO – 4PETHABECO CUP E77F24000060007

Venetian Cluster Srl, limited liability company, VAT/Tax Code 03904910241, with registered office in Sestiere Castello 5312, Venice (VE) 30122, Italy,

Whereas

The Venetian Cluster Srl website includes, at <https://www.venetiancluster.eu/chi-siamo/#section-albo>, an open section dedicated to calls for expressions of interest addressed to external suppliers and experts who wish to submit their applications (valid for three years) to the Supplier Register; Venetian Cluster also holds a database containing the information of those enrolled in the above-mentioned expression of interest for assignments and collaborations.

The Regulation governing the awarding of external assignments, approved by resolution of the Board of Directors on 06/05/2024, allows the use of the above list to identify candidates to be invited to the comparative procedure;

Following the need to appoint an external party, Venetian Cluster Srl orders the launch of a comparative procedure for the awarding of no. 1 external collaboration assignment, also through the use of the above-mentioned database;

HEREBY ANNOUNCES

That a comparative selection procedure is launched, based on qualifications and possible interviews, for the awarding of no. 1 collaboration assignment within the project “Strengthening cooperation to address socio environmental challenges of EUSAIR flagship PET HAB ECO”, named **4PETHABECO**, funded by the Interreg VI-B IPA Adriatic Ionian Interreg Programme 2021-2027, project code IPA-ADRION00367 and CUP E77F24000060007.

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Context

The collaboration assignment falls within the project “Strengthening cooperation to address socio environmental challenges of EUSAIR flagship PET HAB ECO”, funded by the Interreg VI-B IPA Adriatic Ionian 2021-2027 Programme, project code IPA-ADRION00367, CUP E77F24000060007, hereinafter referred to as 4PETHABECO.

In carrying out the assignment, the selected contractor shall therefore take into account the following broader project objectives:

1. 4PETHABECO project: 4PETHABECO project aims to protect and restore the natural terrestrial habitats of large carnivore populations – wolf, brown bear, golden jackal and Balkan lynx – and to promote and improve coexistence between wildlife and human communities, strengthening ecological resilience and transnational cooperation in the Adriatic-Ionian area. The project involves institutional partners, NGOs and universities from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, and pursues the following objectives: promote shared cross-border management strategies for large carnivores by harmonising monitoring procedures; reduce human–wildlife conflicts by addressing issues such as livestock predation, property damage and feelings of insecurity in local communities; strengthen ecological connectivity through the enhancement of green infrastructure and ecological corridors; improve transparency in data collection and sharing through the creation of a shared digital platform; develop pilot actions and demonstration activities to strengthen local knowledge and promote participatory approaches.

Moreover, Venetian Cluster responsibilities within the projects are:

- Coordinating technological support: leveraging its wide network of companies and organisations, including experts in ICT technologies and platform design, to support the technological development of the project; specifically contributing to the creation of the digital platform and tools for exchanging knowledge and data on large carnivore monitoring.
- Networking and connecting with decision-makers: engaging in networking activities involving universities in the Veneto region and local authorities, with the aim of increasing the project’s impact by connecting with policy makers and research institutions.
- Developing solutions for carnivore management: supporting the partnership in the development of solutions for large carnivore management; contributing to the participatory process methodology and to the preparation of the strategy and action plan for the innovative management of large carnivore habitats.

- Supporting Living Labs and dissemination of results: contributing to the development of the Living Labs network and the production of storytelling videos, and being responsible for preparing guidelines for capitalisation and mainstreaming of results.

1) Scope

The scope of Call for Expressions of Interest No. 01/2026 is the awarding of an external collaboration assignment to an entity capable of ensuring, also through third-party collaboration, the implementation of the following activities, by way of example and not limited to:

- a) **Output 1.2 4PETHABECO DIGITAL PLATFORM** “Digital solutions/tools and platform for exchange of knowledge, data and foster citizen science projects regarding Large Carnivores monitoring” (A1.2 and D.1.2.5)
 - I. Development of the online digital platform, including domain purchase and linking to the project’s official website;
 - II. Architectural and functional design of the digital platform, based on indications provided by Venetian Cluster and in line with what has been agreed by the project partners;
 - III. Technical development, integrations, support and maintenance;
 - IV. Technical support for hosting, security and maintenance of the platform for the entire project duration and for the 5 years following the end date of the 4PETHABECO project (31/08/2027), i.e., functionalities must be maintained until 31/08/2032;
 - V. Use of servers located in Europe for storing data related to the platform;
 - VI. Back-end for autonomous content management by project partners (CMS), with differentiated roles and permissions;
 - VII. Development of the user interface and data infrastructure, ensuring usability, accessibility and multilingual compatibility according to project requirements and needs;
 - VIII. Integration [iFrame] with other external platforms;
 - IX. Ensuring the connection with the 4PETHABECO project Geo Portal (see technical annex);
 - X. Purchase of any stock photos for the platform, to be integrated with images owned by project partners.
 - XI. Support in implementing project activity A1.2 (Pilot action and jointly developed solutions for sharing knowledge of the monitoring techniques, application of new approaches, co-creation of common platform with data for straightening cooperation), i.e., providing the necessary information for the preparation of a document reporting the work carried out for the development and delivery of the platform named D1.2.5 (Digital stakeholders’ platform with tools for exchange of data, knowledge and information inside AIR), with deadline 31/08/2026;
 - XII. Output 1.2, i.e. the fully functional and operational digital platform, must be online by the delivery date of 31/08/2026;

- XIII. The external contractor must also provide a one-month testing and validation phase by the 4PETHABECO project partners, scheduled for June 2026. This internal pilot phase will serve to collect feedback and to finalise any adjustments to be implemented before the final online delivery date, i.e., 31/08/2026.

b) **Output 3.2 4PETHABECO LIVING LAB:** Living labs with digital tools for fostering community-based knowledge and innovation co-creation.

***Living Lab:** an innovation ecosystem spread across a specific territory (city, region) where stakeholders (citizens, businesses, universities, public bodies) collaborate to co-create, test and validate innovative solutions (products, services, processes) in real-life contexts, addressing concrete challenges, thus accelerating the transfer from research to practice and generating shared value for local and cross-border development. A Living Lab is a geographical area that becomes an active laboratory where problems are tackled together in a practical and collaborative way, with the aim of creating tangible solutions for the territory and its communities, in line with the needs of transnational Interreg projects.*

- I. The contractor shall develop and implement a Living Lab dedicated to Policies, i.e., local policies on large carnivores, involving stakeholders representing at least the territory of the Veneto Region;
- II. Engage public and private stakeholders, associations, institutions, schools and universities, and other projects active in the same field and in other Living Lab activities, with particular attention to high-priority stakeholders;
- III. Exploit 4PETHABECO methodology to develop the Living;
- IV. Analyse and report in a document the laws and policies on large carnivores in the territories represented within the project consortium, identifying good practices in Europe and beyond;
- V. Organise a series of events and workshops (at least 10) aimed at co-creating Policy Recommendations, training/knowledge transfer to stakeholders, and exchanging good practices, challenges and solutions in large carnivore management and in ensuring coexistence with the population;
- VI. Organizza una serie di eventi e workshop (almeno 10), atti alla co-creazione di Policy Recommendation, alla formazione/trasferimento di conoscenze agli stakeholder ed allo scambio di buone pratiche, problematiche e soluzioni nella gestione dei grandi carnivori e come assicurarne la convivenza con la popolazione.
- VII. Organise at least 3 in-person events during the 4PETHABECO project duration, and by 28/02/2027, ensuring proper communication and promotion through both social media and traditional media, with correct use of Interreg ADRION IPA programme logos (as per manuals available on the website);
- VIII. Collaborate with external experts and engage speakers and panellists to invite to events;
- IX. Support in implementing project activity A3.2 (AIR living labs network and demonstrative pilot actions to reduce human impacts and co-creation of community base knowledge), i.e., providing the necessary information for the preparation of a document reporting the work

carried out for the creation and management of the Living Lab named D3.2.1 (Report: AIR Living Labs to foster eco connectivity of LC habitats), with deadline 28/02/2027.

- X. Include information about Living Labs within the platform under item 1a of this call. Content to be uploaded to the platform in various formats (files, images, videos, reports, events, news) shall cover this Living Lab as well as those organised by partners and foreseen under the 4PETHABECO project. (Output 1.2: Digital solutions/tools and platform for exchange of knowledge, data and foster citizen science projects regarding LC monitoring; A1.2: Pilot action and jointly developed solutions for sharing knowledge of the monitoring techniques, application of new approaches, co-creation of common platform with data for straightening cooperation; D.1.2.5: Digital stakeholders' platform with tools for exchange of data, knowledge and information inside AIR).

For the proper implementation of the above activities, participation is required, typically on a bimonthly basis and in any case linked to actual project needs, in coordination meetings with Venetian Cluster Srl and the working group responsible for project implementation.

Please note that collaboration with third parties will be assessed based on the information included in the application, i.e., through the description of provided competences and the documents attached.

2) Fee

Venetian Cluster Srl sets the value of the present assignment, as described in Article 1 above, at EUR 60,000.00 (sixty thousand/00) plus VAT 22%. Venetian Cluster srl reserves the rights to accept expression of interests expressing lower amounts if aligned with the procuring principle of "best value for money".

Payments and deadlines

The collaboration assignment ends with the closure of the project on 31/08/2027. The following delivery deadlines are also identified:

Output 1.2 4PETHABECO DIGITAL PLATFORM: Delivery of the final version of the digital platform online by 31/08/2026, including an activity report for expenditure reporting purposes. For the development of Output 1.2, an internal pilot phase is foreseen, for consortium members and associated partners only, lasting one month (scheduled for June 2026), aimed at collecting feedback and allowing the contractor to implement the requested changes before the final delivery date of 31/08/2026. Upon completion of this output, an intermediate instalment of EUR 30,000.00 (thirty thousand/00) + VAT 22% will be paid upon issuance of a regular invoice including the mandatory project reference, i.e., indicating the project name, number, CUP and reference to this call.

- **Output 3.2 4PETHABECO LIVING LAB:** Living Lab activities run from the contract signature date until the end of the project on 28/02/2027. The contractor must produce an explanatory and summary document by 28/02/2027 describing the activities carried out, including the mandatory events, the identification and analysis of laws and policies on large carnivores in the territories represented in the consortium, and the identification of good practices in Europe and beyond, as expressly described in Section 1 “Scope”, paragraph b, items IV, V and VI. Upon completion of this output, an intermediate instalment of EUR 30,000.00 (thirty thousand/00) + VAT 22% will be paid upon issuance of a regular invoice including the mandatory project reference, i.e., the name, number and CUP, as well as reference to this call.

3) Duration

The assignment under this notice shall start from the contract signature date and ends on 27/02/2027 (with technical assistance remaining in place for the 5 years following the end of the project on 31/08/2027, as described in Section 1 “Scope”, paragraph a, item IV). An extension may be granted in case of duly justified interest.

4) General Eligibility Requirements

The appointed legal entity must be a capital company (Srl, Spa, Sapa or Srls) or a consortium and/or cooperative form.

The application may be submitted by a company in collaboration with a professional.

Please note that collaboration with third parties is admissible, both between two companies and between a company and one or more professionals. Venetian Cluster Srl awards the external assignment exclusively to a company that ensures competence and reliability

Eligibility requirements for companies:

- A company, duly registered and active, having its registered and operational offices within the territory of one of the Member States of the European Union.
- Not being bankrupt, under liquidation and/or preventive judiciary assets management, or any other insolvency proceedings.
- Not having criminal convictions, nor having pending criminal proceedings that, under current provisions, prevent the establishment of an employment relationship with the Public Administration.
- Absence of conflict of interest with Venetian Cluster.

Professionals may participate only in collaboration with a company; the company shall ensure that the professional meets the following requirements:

- Citizenship: Italian or other European Member States, family members of EU citizens may also participate provided they hold the right of residence or permanent residence; as well as third-country nationals holding an EU long-term residence permit or having refugee status or subsidiary protection status.
- Full civil and political rights;
- Not having criminal convictions, nor having pending criminal proceedings that, under current provisions, prevent the establishment of an employment relationship with the Public Administration
- Not having been dismissed or exempted from service with a Public Administration, or declared forfeited from a public employment position (if applicable, indicate the reasons for termination of previous public employment relationships).
- Not being in situations of ineligibility/incompatibility pursuant to Art. 21 of Legislative Decree 39/2013 for the purposes of applying the prohibitions under Art. 53, paragraph 16-ter of Legislative Decree 165/2001.
- Absence of Conflict of Interest with Venetian Cluster.

5) Submission of applications

Applications must be Submitted **via certified email (PEC) before the deadline**. The **deadline is set on 23/02/2026 at 18:00 CET** (Rome time). The application, submitted via certified email (PEC), must include the following documents in pdf format:

- Financial Offer, signed and dated, including:
 - o project information (acronym, project code and CUP);
 - o description of any third parties to whom part of the activities covered by this call are entrusted, including a brief explanation of the division of tasks;
 - o text supporting evidence of competences in line with the evaluation criteria set out in point 6.
- Please note that Venetian Cluster Srl awards this collaboration to a single external contractor signing the contract, who shall independently manage any collaboration with third parties.
- Curriculum Vitae of the professional (preferably Europass format) or updated company profile/CV;
- valid ID document of the professional / Legal Representative signing the application
- for companies, a valid Chamber of Commerce registration certificate (Visura Camerale);
- for professionals, proof of regular VAT registration.

The application must be signed by the candidate, and the subject line of the certified email (PEC) must clearly refer to the subject of this selection.



Applications will not be admitted if:

- delivered by hand or sent with methods other than those provided for in this notice;
- submitted after the deadlines set out in this notice, except for any requests for supplementary information by the contracting authority;
- missing signature.

Submission must be made via certified email (PEC) to Venetian Cluster Srl PEC address: venetianhc@legalmail.it

6) Selection procedures and criteria

Only applicants meeting all required eligibility criteria and whose application complies with this notice will be admitted to the selection procedure.

Verification of eligibility and evaluation of applications will be carried out by Venetian Cluster Srl through an internal Evaluation Committee.

In order to be selected as supplier under this call for expressions of interest, the following specific requirements apply:

- Documented experience in developing complex digital platforms ;
- Competences in UX/UI design, information architecture and full-stack web development;
- Knowledge of regulations on digital accessibility and IT security;
- Ability to integrate external systems and manage advanced CMS solutions;
- Reliability in technical maintenance and ongoing support;
- Adequate company structure to deliver the activities covered by this call for expressions of interest;
- Previous experience in managing heterogeneous working groups;
- Proven ability to organise online and in-person events;
- Experience in producing written documents and conducting research in the field of Policy/Policies and Large Carnivores;
- Ability to identify stakeholders (in Veneto and beyond) and engage them in Living Lab activities
- Preference will also be given to applicants demonstrating the ability to operate in synergy with territorial innovation and research systems, through membership in Regional Innovation Networks (RIR) or equivalent technical cooperation bodies, in order to ensure effective technology transfer and appropriate engagement of local actors.



7) Communications and outcome

Any interview invitations will be sent with at least 7 days' notice via PEC. Candidates who do not attend will be considered as having withdrawn.

At the end of the procedure, this notice will be published on the Venetian Cluster website together with the outcome of the selection. Publication shall constitute notification for all legal purposes.

Venetian Cluster reserves the right to award the assignment even in the presence of only one application, provided it is suitable, and also reserves the right, should the applications received within the deadline prove inadequate, to acquire additional applications.

8) Granting Procedures

Venetian Cluster will arrange the preparation and signing of the collaboration contract with the selected candidate, who will receive the financial treatment provided for in this notice and confirmed by the quotation submitted by the successful bidder. The assignment will be managed in compliance with applicable Italian regulations.

The publication of this notice does not bind Venetian Cluster in any way to award the assignment. Until the contract is signed, Venetian Cluster may revoke this procedure at its sole discretion, without any right or claim arising for applicants.

The awarding of the assignment is subject to applicable transparency regulations.

9) Personal Data Processing

In line with Art. 13 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, applicants are informed that the processing of personal data provided or otherwise acquired by Venetian Cluster for the purposes of this selection is aimed exclusively at managing the selection procedure and will take place at the company's offices by authorised personnel, using also IT procedures, within the limits necessary to pursue the above purposes. Data will be stored in compliance with rules on administrative documentation retention. Providing such data is necessary to assess eligibility requirements and qualifications, and failure to provide them may prevent such assessment, resulting in exclusion from the procedure.

The Data Controller is Venetian Cluster, represented by its legal representative pro tempore.

The ranking list will be published in accordance with applicable regulations. No communication to third parties is foreseen except to comply with possible requests by judicial and control bodies.



Applicants have the right to obtain from Venetian Cluster, where applicable, access to personal data and the rectification or erasure of such data or restriction of processing concerning them, or to object to processing (Arts. 15 et seq. of the Regulation).

Applicants who believe that the processing of their personal data violates the Regulation have the right to lodge a complaint, as provided for in Art. 77 of the Regulation, or to bring proceedings before the competent courts (Art. 79 of the Regulation).

10) Responsibility of procedure

The person in charge of the procedure under this public notice is Dr. Maurizio Malè. Requests for clarification on this notice may be sent to segreteria@venetiancluster.eu, no later than 12:00 on 18/02/2026.

Venezia, 07/01/2026



Technical Annex – Call for Expression of Interest 01/2026

Project Info:

Acronym: 4PETHABECO

Full title: “Strengthening cooperation to address socio environmental challenges of EUSAIR flagship PET HAB ECO” Programma Interreg VI-B IPA Adriatic Ionian 2021-2027

Number: IPA-ADRION00367

CUP: E77F24000060007

Explanation of references: Activities, Reports and Results (Deliverable, Output)

Consortium

Consortium has 10 partners, led by:

1. Coordinator: University of Udine (Italy)
2. Università di Belgrado, facoltà di Biologia (Serbia)
3. Applied Ecology Institute - OIKON (Croatia)
4. Civil Society for protection and management of Flora and Fauna - ARCTURUS (Greece)
5. Research Center Koper (Slovenia)
6. Venetian Cluster (Italy)
7. Center for protection of Birds (Montenegro)
8. Igea MAK (Macedonia)
9. Protection and preservation of environnement and nature (Albania)
10. Hunters Association (Slovenia)

Activity

A1.2 [Deadline period 4: August 2026]

Pilot action and jointly developed solutions for sharing knowledge of the monitoring techniques, application of new approaches, co-creation of common platform with data for straightening cooperation

Monitoring large carnivores (LC) has in the past been a very demanding process due to the wide scales at which it must be carried out—often extending beyond national borders—together with the low densities and elusive behaviour of large carnivores. These species are present in the Adriatic-Ionian Region (AIR) and their monitoring is addressed within the 4PETHABECO project (different aspects of the status of an LC population). All parameters are important: a monitoring programme includes different approaches and combinations of



methods. Therefore, creating synergies and harmonising data and monitoring methodologies for large carnivore populations in the Adriatic-Ionian Region is a crucial challenge for 4PETHABECO. This needs to be discussed, because to ensure LC survival and habitat restoration, management practices must be adapted to changing situations (e.g., climate and environmental changes) and allow EU countries to fulfil obligations under the Habitats Directive. For this reason, regular monitoring activities are organised across the AIR area.

The objective of A1.2 is to compare data and processes, promote, expand and support the exchange process, sharing information and good practices related to monitoring activities in the participating countries and territories of the programme area; needs and requirements are analysed and compared by partners. Monitoring methodologies include: passive and active acoustic monitoring, telemetry, camera trapping, snow tracking, predation data. Some new techniques will be tested in the participating IPA countries, using knowledge and technical support from ERDF participating countries. In particular, passive acoustic monitoring techniques will be applied and implemented (10 audio recording systems for: University of Belgrade, Centre for Protection and Research of Birds, Protection and Preservation of the Environment and Nature) for wild canids (wolf and golden jackal) and real-time camera traps (to be used also within the digital platform: 12 cameras for University of Belgrade, Centre for Protection and Research of Birds, Protection and Preservation of the Environment and Nature).

A digital platform will be created with information, data and tools regarding large carnivore presence and location. Venetian Cluster (ICT technologies for tools creation) and Igea MAK (GIS technology for database creation) will support partners with innovative digital technological approaches that can be applied in this thematic field. Researchers, NGO experts, protected areas experts, hunters and other actors involved in large carnivore monitoring processes will support the process with data and knowledge regarding monitoring techniques. Citizen science and other tools for sharing information/data, and capacity-building opportunities will be collected on the platform. These will enable knowledge exchange and comparison between national environments, and the identification and exchange of good practices regarding LC data acquisition, analysis and reporting. This is a relevant first step for better coordination, synchronisation and standardisation across the entire AIR area.

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A3.2 [Deadline Period 5: February 2027]

AIR living labs network and demonstrative pilot actions to reduce human impacts and co-creation of Living Labs (LL)

LL are open-innovation ecosystems in real-life environments that use iterative feedback processes throughout an innovation's life cycle to create sustainable impact. They focus on co-creation, rapid prototyping and experimentation, and scaling up innovations and businesses, providing (different types of) joint value to involved stakeholders. In this context, Living Labs act as intermediaries/orchestrators between citizens, research bodies, companies and government agencies/levels. Based on the executive report of international Living Labs for agroecosystems (MACS 2019), three general components of Living Labs for agroecosystems are defined: 1) transdisciplinary approaches, 2) co-design and co-development with participants, 3) monitoring, evaluation and research in real-life contexts. In Living Lab practice, learning processes occur at individual and community levels. New knowledge is generated or previous knowledge is confirmed or assessed, and information and knowledge are transferred to other regions as well as to scientific communities and policymakers. By using the Living Lab approach or network in participating countries, the restoration of green infrastructure, eco-corridors for biodiversity conservation and coexistence issues will be discussed and promoted within communities using a community-based approach and knowledge. This will contribute to improving the integration of ecological networks into local spatial planning. The Research Centre of Koper, Venetian Cluster, the Centre for Protection and Research of Birds, Protection and Preservation of the Environment and Nature and the University of Udine support the development of Living Labs in participating countries. This includes organising workshops, round tables and training courses for local stakeholders involved in Living Labs. Associated Partners will be involved in this activity. According to the 4PETHABECO intervention logic, innovative methodologies such as Living Labs will be implemented, integrated with <https://www.espcommunity.eu/> tools to improve the efficiency of eco-corridors in the AIR.

Deliverable

D.1.2.5 [To be delivered in Period 4: August 2026]

Digital stakeholders' platform with tools for exchange of data, knowledge and information inside AIR

Venetian Cluster and Igea MAK, with the support of all project partners, will establish the digital platform for the exchange of data, information and knowledge regarding Large Carnivore populations and habitats in the Adriatic-Ionian region. Digital tools for knowledge exchange will be developed, and all partners will contribute with data and information.

D.3.2.1 [To be delivered in Period 5: February 2027]

Report: AIR Living Labs to foster eco connectivity of LC habitats

The Research Centre of Koper, Venetian Cluster, University of Udine, Protection and Preservation of the Environment and Nature, and the Centre for Protection and Research of Birds will be responsible for the development and practical testing of the Living Labs (LL) network. The methodology will be defined by the Research Centre of Koper. With the support of Venetian Cluster and Igea MAK, specific solutions (digital tools) will be prepared and tested. The report will present and assess all activities carried out.

Output

Output 1.2 [To be delivered in period 4: August 2026]

Digital solutions/tools and platform for exchange of knowledge, data and foster citizen science projects regarding LC monitoring

Digital solutions are expected to support monitoring activities and citizen science by improving data acquisition, synchronisation and knowledge exchange. All partners will be involved in developing these solutions according to their expertise. Partners will assess the needs of their local and national stakeholders in order to propose the most suitable solutions. Igea MAK and Venetian Cluster will support partners with IT and GIS specialists to develop digital solutions, design digital maps using geospatial data, etc.

Output 3.2 [To be delivered in Period 5: February 2027]

Living labs with digital tools for fostering community based knowledge and innovation co-creation

Research Centre of Koper, Venetian Cluster, the Centre for Protection and Research of Birds, and Protection and Preservation of the Environment and Nature will be responsible for the Living Lab networks aimed at developing community-based project proposals to reduce human impact on Large Carnivores (LC), improve connectivity (cultural and environmental), and propose enhancements to green infrastructure in order to reduce human–LC conflict. Igea MAK and Venetian Cluster will support these activities with digital solutions and expertise. The report will include guidelines for the use and implementation of the proposed solutions.

Digital Platform Architecture Scheme - 4PETHABECO

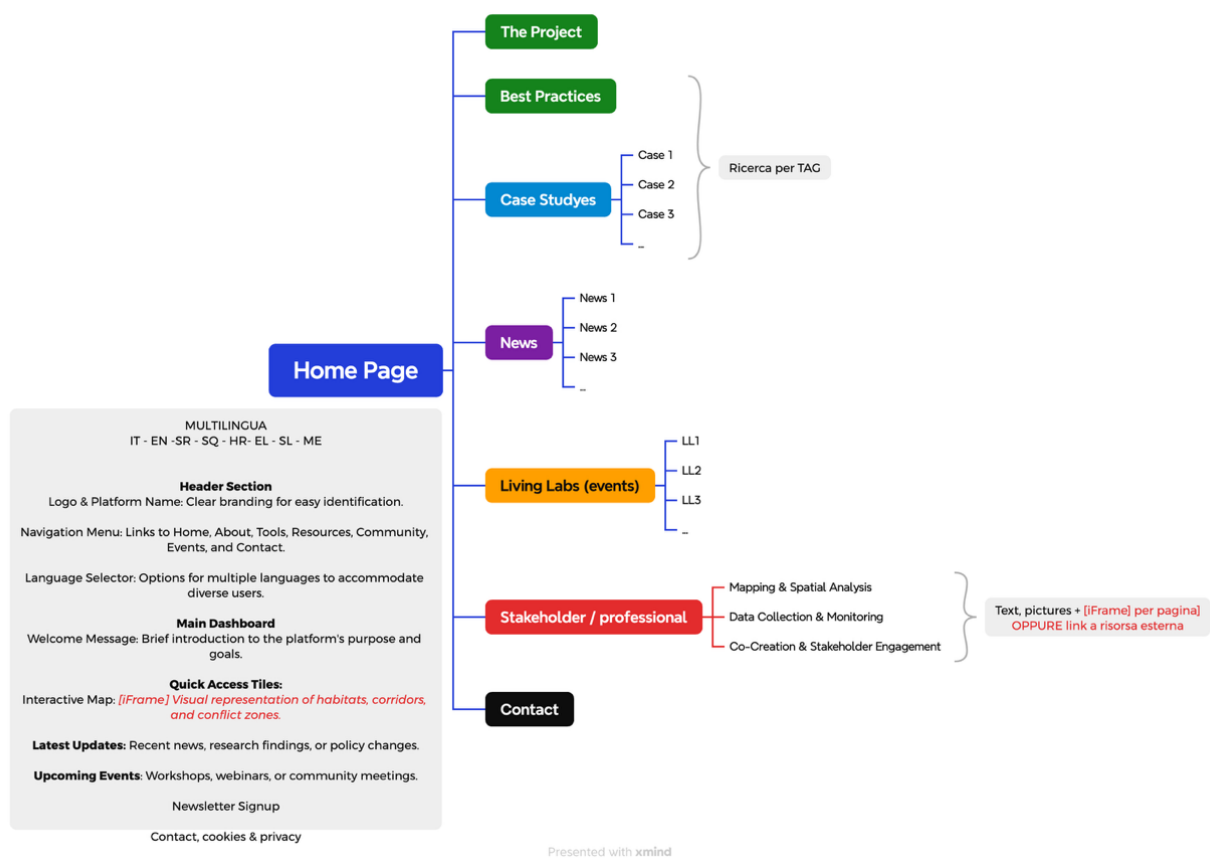
Output 1.2 4PETHABECO DIGITAL PLATFORM “Digital solutions/tools and platform for exchange of knowledge, data and foster citizen science projects regarding Large Carnivores monitoring”

The consortium members jointly defined the structure of the platform as shown in the figure below. The following sections must be included:

- **Home page** with navigation menu to other pages, a general description of the platform, project and platform objectives, a map connected to the Geo Portal referred to in point 3, highlights of the latest news and events, newsletter subscription; the home page must also include 4 entry points directing users to content according to their profile (farmers/agricultural workers; researchers/students; hunters; citizens).
- **4pethabeco Project**: description of project activities, brief introduction of each Partner (including links to their websites), etc. It includes a document library (project results), infographics, links to maps and videos.
- **Best Practices**: collection of best practices (library of downloadable documents, tagged by user profile).
- **Case studies**: collection of specific case studies (library of downloadable documents).
- **News**: project and Living Lab news, events, with the possibility to upload documents and media files.
- **Living Labs**: 5 pages/subpages (1 per LL) with LL contents (downloadable documents, video, news, contact form , member lists)
- **Stakeholders/Professionals**: static page with downloadable documents and links to the Geo Portal, also through maps, infographics or documents retrieved from the portal.
- **Contact**: general project contacts and/or contact form.

The platform must be multilingual; therefore, all pages must be prepared for 9 different languages: English, Italian, Serbian, Croatian, Greek, Slovenian, Montenegrin, Macedonian and Albanian. Each Partner will be responsible for translating the content into their respective language.

The platform must include project logos and mandatory EU funding references, as required by the European Union.



Integration requirements for GEO PORTAL

Requirement for integration of maps and GIS interfaces developed in **Output 1.2 4PETHABECO DIGITAL PLATFORM**. The contractor selected through Call for Expressions of Interest 01/2026 will receive complete, production-ready Leaflet/JS map code and will be required to integrate it while maintaining a coherent design and visual identity.

Responsibility of the selected contractor under Call for Expression of Interest 01/2026:

- Integrate fully developed Leaflet/JS map modules into the portal, implementing the selected integration method (iframe or alternative).
- Ensure responsive behaviour of the embedded maps across all devices.
- Test the integration with all provided map interfaces.
- Integration methods: primary recommendation is iframe integration; alternative options may be discussed.
- Coordinate the design of GIS map interfaces: review the style of received maps (colours, fonts, icons, etc.).
- Ensure visual harmony between the platform UI (Output 1.2) and the provided maps.
- Ensure a unified user experience between the platform and the Geo Portal.

The Contractor selected under Call for Expression of Interest 01/2026 is not responsible for:

- Backend GIS data management
- Modification of map code or GIS functionalities.
- GIS data processing or cartographic work.

Venetian Cluster will provide the selected contractor with complete GIS map code in the form of production-ready Leaflet/JS applications. Technology: Leaflet.js / JavaScript: Status: No modifications required; Number of ready-to-use maps: 5–15