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List of acronyms

Acronym	Full title
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
R&I	Research and Innovation
RFOs	Research Funding Organizations
RPOs	Research Performing Organisations
SME	Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
WCCH	Water-Climate-Cultural Heritage
WP	Work Package

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This deliverable presents the **showcasing strategy** developed within WP6 of the SD-WISHEES project to support the dissemination, validation, and consolidation of results related to the uptake of research and innovation (R&I) in the context of cultural heritage resilience and hydroclimatic risks.

The **showcase activities** build on previous analytical and stakeholder engagement work carried out under WP6, including the identification of Innovation Pathways, barriers and enabling conditions affecting the uptake of R&I results (Deliverable 6.1), and the co-development of Recommendations aimed at strengthening the impact, usability, and implementation of resilience-oriented R&I within the Water-Climate-Cultural Heritage (WCCH) nexus (Deliverable 6.3).

The deliverable outlines the **one-year showcasing strategy** implemented between December 2025 and December 2026 through participation in international conferences, thematic events, interactive workshops, stakeholder feedback sessions, and the preparation of the final SD-WISHEES Showcase Event to be organised within the SD-WISHEES Final Conference in Georgia (November 2026). The strategy aims to engage research, policy, funding, and practice communities across Europe and widening regions such as the Balkans and Africa, while fostering dialogue, peer exchange, and cross-regional collaboration.

The document presents the **methodological approach** adopted for the selection and implementation of showcase activities, including thematic relevance, stakeholder engagement potential, geographical diversity, and opportunities for feedback and validation. Seven showcase events were identified as part of the strategy, combining scientific presentations, interactive workshops, panel discussions, networking activities, and participatory formats across in-person, hybrid, and online settings.

A dedicated section presents the "Re-interpreting Heritage in the Light of Faro" conference (Portugal, April 2026) as an **illustrative example** of how showcase activities were implemented within an established international event, combining structured workshops and participatory discussion formats to collect feedback and strengthen stakeholder engagement on innovation uptake and co-creation approaches.

Finally, the deliverable introduces the ongoing preparation of the **final SD-WISHEES Showcase Event**, conceived as an open and participatory space aimed at strengthening exchange, visibility, and collaboration among stakeholders working on cultural heritage resilience, hydroclimatic risks, climate adaptation, and innovation uptake.

Overall, the showcase activities contribute to the validation and refinement of WP6 Recommendations while also strengthening dialogue, networks, and future cooperation on innovation pathways and the long-term uptake of resilience-oriented R&I beyond the duration of the SD-WISHEES project.

1. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

The SD-WISHEES project – *Supporting and Developing Widening Strategies to tackle Hydroclimatic Extreme Events: Impacts and Sustainable Solutions for Cultural Heritage* – is a Coordination and Support Action (CSA) funded under the Horizon Europe programme. The project aims to strengthen collaboration, knowledge exchange, and capacity building across Europe, and widening regions such as the Balkans and Africa, to address the impacts of hydroclimatic extreme events – including floods, droughts, and landslides – on cultural heritage. Through cooperation among research, policy, funding, and practice communities, SD-WISHEES promotes more sustainable, resilient, and inclusive approaches to the preservation, adaptation, and management of tangible, intangible, and natural cultural heritage in the context of climate-related and hydroclimatic risks – the Water-Climate-Cultural Heritage (WCCH) nexus.

Within this context, Work Package 6 (WP6) – *Supporting and widening the market, regulatory and societal uptake of Research and Innovation results* – focuses on improving how R&I outputs related to cultural heritage resilience and climate-related risks are translated into policy processes, societal practices, and, where relevant, market applications.¹ The overarching objective is to strengthen the pathways through which knowledge is transformed into actionable solutions supporting cultural heritage protection and climate adaptation.

WP6 is implemented as a progressive and iterative **process** that moves from analytical understanding, stakeholder validation and co-development, followed by further feedback, consolidation and showcasing (Figure 1).

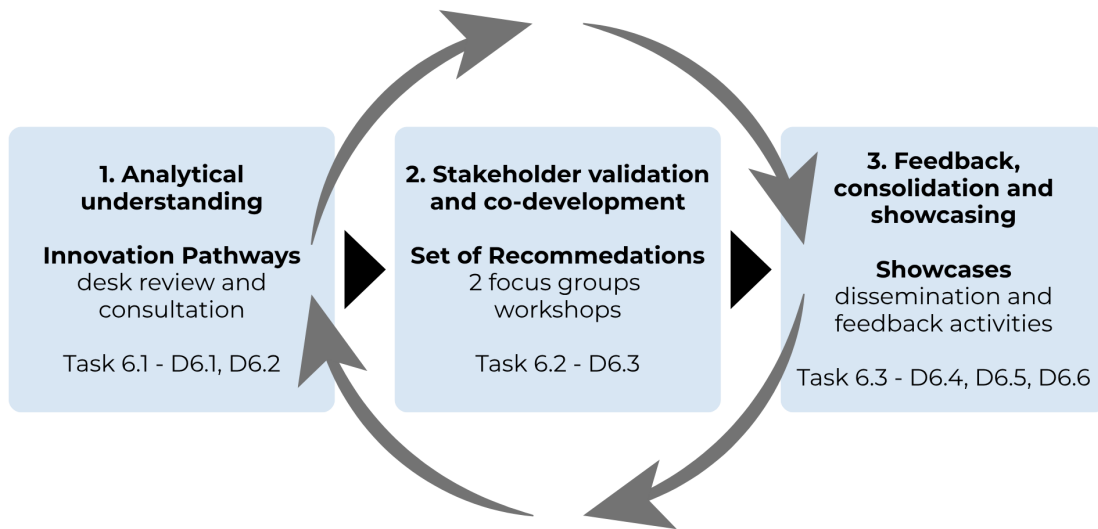


Figure 1. Synthesis of WP6 implementation: a progressive and iterative process.

The initial phase – corresponding to Task 6.1 of the WP6 - *Innovation pathways: utility, barriers and enablers*, and achieved within month 17 of the project (May 2024) – focused on identifying and analysing

¹ The overview of all the Work Packages and partners of the project is provided in [Annex 1](#).

how **Innovation Pathways²** operate in practice, with particular attention to the **conditions that enable or hinder the uptake of R&I results**. This included the examination through desk review and interviews of instruments, actors, and mechanisms supporting knowledge transfer across policy, research, and implementation domains. This analytical work led to Deliverable D6.1 – *Understanding Existing Innovation Pathways*, which identified 64 relevant projects and selected 17 case studies for in-depth analysis. This work was complemented by an expanded **stakeholder mapping** exercise, building on Work Package 2 – *Knowledge and Innovation Roadmap and Priority Setting* work (Deliverable D2.1 – *Stakeholder Mapping*), and resulting in Deliverable D6.2 – *Stakeholder Mapping Update*, which contributed to the identification of more than **650 stakeholders and institutions**. Together, these outputs established both the conceptual and empirical basis of the WP6 stakeholder and innovation ecosystem.

Building on this foundation, WP6 engaged stakeholders through structured **participatory processes**, including workshops and consultations with actors from research, policy, cultural heritage management, disaster risk reduction, and climate adaptation communities. At the date of this deliverable (June 2026), more than 90 stakeholders across Europe, the Balkans, Africa have been engaged by WP6 activities through interviews, consultations, workshops, and international dissemination activities. This phase – corresponding to Task 6.2- *Validating and updating instruments/activities for innovation uptake within the project*, achieved within month 40 of the project (April 2026) – focused on **validating findings, refining the understanding of barriers and enabling conditions, and co-developing actionable insights to improve innovation uptake**. The outcome of this process is synthesised in Deliverable D6.3 – *Preliminary Set of Recommendations for the Uptake of R&I Results*, which consolidates **25 co-developed Recommendations aimed at enhancing the uptake of R&I results withing the WCCH nexus**. These recommendations emerged from two dedicated stakeholder focus group workshops (Rabat, Malta, January 23, 2026; and Lecce, Italy, January 30, 2026) involving more than 26 experts representing and sharing experiences from 28 international projects (Figure 2), and are organised across four Innovation Pathways themes (Figure 3):

1. Education, training, building capacity and knowledge transfer to enhance uptake and exploitation;
2. Developing and deploying technologies, tools, and methods for impact;
3. Co-creation, engagement and local ownership to enhance uptake;
4. Strengthening governance, partnerships and funding mechanisms for impact and uptake.

² **Innovation pathways** describe the processes through which research and innovation (R&I) evolve from initial ideas into concrete, impactful solutions. These pathways encompass the development, implementation, communication, dissemination, and exploitation of knowledge, data, tools, and practices. They are the basis by which scientific results and innovative approaches are translated into effective responses to societal challenges. (To know more about them you can check on our website: <https://sd-wishees.irsa.cnr.it/innovation-pathways/>)



Figure 2. Working table at the Focus group workshop in Lecce, 30 January 2026.



Figure 3. Recommendations Innovation Pathways Themes.

The present deliverable, D6.4 - *Showcasing events* – developed under Task 6.3 - *Showcasing use of innovation pathways, instruments and activities* – represents the transition from co-development to feedback, consolidation and showcasing real-world applications. It focuses on presenting WP6 results, more importantly, on showcasing Innovation Pathways approaches while supporting the refinement of the Recommendations for R&I uptake co-developed under Deliverable D6.3, through structured interaction with external stakeholders and initiatives in relevant thematic contexts. In this sense, **the showcase activities function as an applied extension of the WP6 co-creation process, enabling iterative reflection on the relevance, usability, and transferability of the emerging Recommendations.** A detailed account of the feedback collected during these activities, their format and participation details, will be presented in D6.5 – *Report on Showcases*. This feedback loop is essential for the final refinement of WP6 outputs, particularly Deliverable D6.6 – *Updated Recommendations for the Uptake of R&I Results*. Through this approach, the objective is that WP6 outputs are not only communicated but actively validated and refined through engagement with external stakeholders and real-world practices, reinforcing their relevance, usability, and potential impact.

2. IMPLEMENTATION METHODOLOGY AND SHOWCASING STRATEGY

2.1. Showcasing events: one-year strategy

The showcase activities are implemented through **a one-year strategy** designed to progressively expand stakeholder engagement, validate emerging WP6 results, and strengthen the visibility and applicability of the project outputs in relevant international contexts. The strategy combines participation in **established conferences**, including thematic events and the organisation of dedicated interactive sessions inside those events, and the progressive preparation of the **final SD WISHEES Showcase Event** as part of the SD-WISHEES Final Conference in Georgia (November 2026).

The adopted methodology prioritises engagement within **established international conferences, networks, and thematic platforms** attended by research, policy, funding, and practice communities working on cultural heritage resilience, hydroclimatic risks, disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation, and R&I governance. Particular attention is also given to ensuring cross-regional representation through participation in events across Europe, the Balkans, and Africa. This approach aims to maximise outreach potential, foster **cross-sector dialogue and cross-regional collaboration**, and position SD-WISHEES within broader international discussions related to climate resilience and cultural heritage.

The showcase activities intend to **present and obtain feedback** on the main analytical and participatory work conducted under WP6, including Innovation Pathways, identified enablers and barriers, and related Recommendations (Figure 4). They also provide opportunities for external projects and organisations to **share experiences and practices** related to innovation uptake, implementation challenges, and scaling approaches. Specifically, the showcase activities aim to:

- present WP6 analytical findings on innovation pathways and enabling conditions for uptake of R&I results;
- disseminate and review the Preliminary Recommendations developed in Deliverable D6.3 through stakeholder interaction;
- collect feedback on barriers, enabling conditions, and real-world implementation experiences from external actors;
- facilitate exchange between research, policy, funding, and implementation communities working on cultural heritage and climate-related risks;
- strengthen cross-sector and cross-regional stakeholder networks beyond the consortium.



Figure 4. Infographic concept of the showcase activities intended to present and obtain feedback.

The showcase activities are intended to engage a **broad range of stakeholders**, including *Research Funding Organisations (RFOs), Research Performing Organisations (RPOs), policymakers and public authorities, cultural heritage and disaster risk reduction practitioners, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), heritage networks, private sector including Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SMEs) and innovation actors*. Within these events, SD-WISHEES intends to promote **dedicated sessions, panels, roundtables, interactive discussions** aimed at presenting WP6 activities and recommendations while fostering reflection on innovation uptake and exploitation pathways. Where feasible, visibility is further supported through *poster displays, project stands, and digital dissemination materials, including brochures and feedback forms*.

The showcase strategy follows an **adaptive and learning-oriented approach** in which feedback collected during events contributes to refining subsequent activities and supporting the validation of WP6 Recommendations. The events therefore function not only as dissemination opportunities, but also as spaces for stakeholder exchange and collaborative reflection. Their **expected outcomes** include:

- broader dissemination and validation of WP6 results and, where possible, of other SD-WISHEES results within WP2 (Roadmap) and WP5 (Best practices);
- increased dialogue with policymakers and practitioners;
- enhanced visibility and cross-sector engagement;
- and strengthened synergies among projects and initiatives working on hydroclimatic extremes and cultural heritage.

The activities are also intended to **contribute to ongoing policy and practice discussions** on innovation uptake and R&I integration within the cultural heritage and disaster risk reduction fields.

The implementation of the showcase strategy also promotes **synergies with other SD-WISHEES activities** related to dissemination, stakeholder engagement, and international cooperation, in particular with WP2 – *Strategic planning of activities* and WP5 – *Strengthening the ERA with widening actions: understanding the impacts on global challenges, SDGs and European policies*.

Strategically, a **final showcase event** will be organised as part of the SD-WISHEES Final Conference in Georgia. The event is conceived as an **interactive and participatory showcase space** aimed at presenting SD-WISHEES results while strengthening exchange and collaboration among stakeholders working on cultural heritage and adaptation to hydroclimatic extremes (WCCH nexus). Beyond dissemination of project outputs, the event will promote knowledge sharing and exchange of practical experiences and innovative approaches, encourage engagement with external initiatives and actors beyond the consortium, and support longer-term networking and collaboration across research, policy, and practice communities (more details about the preparation of the final Showcase Event are presented in Section 4).

Operationalization

To operationalise this approach, a **mapping of relevant events** was conducted. A combination of **criteria** was adopted in order to identify and select targeted showcase events:

- thematic relevance to cultural heritage resilience and climate-related risks;
- opportunities to engage stakeholders involved in research uptake, innovation governance, and policy implementation;
- geographical diversity and widening potential across Europe, the Balkans and Africa;
- opportunities for interaction with projects, institutions, and initiatives working on related challenges;
- potential to support iterative feedback and validation of WP6 outputs and Recommendations.

By applying these criteria, **seven showcase events** have been identified as part of the one-year showcasing strategy. The table below presents the selected events and their implementation status (completed or planned). The selection process was carried out through ongoing coordination among WP partners, taking into account each event’s relevance for WP6 dissemination and stakeholder engagement objectives, as well as its potential to support dialogue, networking, and feedback collection across different thematic and regional contexts. The selected events are the following:

no.	Event and session	WP6 Showcasing activity	Regional reach	Status
1	World Water Congress - Session “The importance of North–South cooperation in water research and innovation” 3 December 2025, Marrakech, Marocco	Presentation and contacts for feedback: “SD WISHEES: Europe–Africa Collaboration on Innovation Pathways for the Uptake of Water–Climate–Heritage Nexus Research” CMCC, AAS (WP6)	Africa	completed

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2	<p>Interpret Europe Conference “Re-interpreting heritage in the light of Faro”</p> <p>16-20 April 2026, Faro, Portugal</p>	<p>Presentation and Interactive Workshop Session for feedback: “SD-WISHEES: Innovation Pathways for the uptake of heritage and hydro-climate extremes research”</p> <p>CMCC, CNR, UEVORA, ECOALBANIA (WP6)</p>	Europe & Balkans	completed
3	<p>EGU General Assembly - Session “Bridging Disciplines for Resilient Heritage: Risk, Co-Creation, and Digital Innovation”</p> <p>4 May 2026, Vienna, Austria</p>	<p>Presentation and contacts for feedback: “SD-WISHEES: Innovation Pathways for Uptake of Research and Innovation in Heritage Resilience”</p> <p>CMCC (WP6)</p>	Europe & Africa	completed
4	<p>2nd Joint International Scientific Conference organised by the National Museums of Kenya (NMK), the Association of Kenyan Entomologists (AKE), and the Sino-Africa Joint Research Centre (SAJOREC)</p> <p>8-12 June, Nairobi, Kenya</p>	<p>Session: “Harnessing Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage for Economic Transformation.”</p> <p>Presentations and feedback sessions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Co-creating Innovation Pathways for Water–Climate–Cultural Heritage Resilience: Evidence from Multi-Regional Stakeholder Engagement 2. From Research to Uptake: Stakeholder Perspectives on Implementing Water–Climate–Heritage Solutions in SD-WISHEES <p>AAS (WP2, WP6)</p>	Africa	completed
5	<p>STECCI Summer Academy 2 - European Days of conservation Science and Arts - organised by the STECCI Project</p> <p>2 July 2026, online (Belgrade, Serbia)</p>	<p>Presentation and contacts for feedback, with WP2:</p> <p>“From Barriers in R&I Collaboration to Recommendations for Uptake: R&I Pathways for Climate-Resilient Cultural Heritage.”</p> <p>WEG (WP2), CMCC (WP6)</p>	Balkans	planned
6	<p>Best Practice Seminar - organised by WP5 with the participation of all SD WISHEES WPs.</p> <p>1-2 October 2026, Taormina, Italy</p>	<p>Panel discussions on best practices.</p> <p>ISPRA, WEG, CNR, ANR, AAS, CMCC (WP5, WP2, WP3, WP6)</p>	Europe	planned
7	<p>SD WISHEES Final Conference</p> <p>10-12 November 2026, Tbilisi, Georgia</p>	<p>Final conference with international and institutional speaker and invitees, open showcasing and interactive activities.</p> <p>WEG (WP2), ANR (WP3), ISPRA (WP5), CMCC (WP6), and all other partners</p>	Euro-Asia	planned

The seven showcase events selected under the one-year strategy present complementary characteristics in terms of **geographical coverage, thematic focus, stakeholder communities, and engagement formats**. The selected activities include international scientific conferences, thematic heritage and policy-oriented events, cross-WPs SD-WISHEES activities, and the final project conference. Together, they cover a broad range of thematic areas relevant to the WCCCH nexus, including water governance, climate resilience, disaster risk reduction, biodiversity and heritage, conservation science, and R&I uptake. The selected events also enable interaction with diverse stakeholder communities across Europe, Africa and the Balkans, including researchers, policymakers, cultural heritage professionals, RFOs, and implementation actors. The implementation of the showcase activities also reflects the collaborative and cross-WPs nature of the SD-WISHEES approach, with different partners contributing according to their thematic expertise, stakeholder networks, and geographical outreach capacities. In addition, the showcase strategy combines **different participation and interaction formats**, including *scientific presentations, interactive workshops, panel discussions, stakeholder feedback sessions, and networking activities*. The combination of *in-person, hybrid, and online* participation formats further supports broader and more diversified outreach across regions and stakeholder groups, while maintaining flexibility depending on the characteristics and accessibility conditions of each event. The combination of completed and planned events allows the showcase process to progressively support **dissemination, stakeholder engagement, and the validation and refinement of WP6 outputs** throughout the implementation period. A more detailed, comparative synthesis of the selected events will be presented into D6.5 – *Report on Showcases*, including information on participants demographics, dissemination outputs, specifics on the activities carried out, feedback collected, and the contribution of each event to the validation and refinement of WP6 results and Recommendations.

Formats

Across different thematic and regional contexts, the showcase strategy adopts a **combination of dissemination, interaction, and stakeholder engagement formats**. While the specific structure of each activity depends on the characteristics of the hosting event and the opportunities available, the showcase activities follow a common set of methodological principles aimed at supporting dissemination, dialogue, peer exchange, feedback collection, and validation of WP6 outputs and Recommendations.

The following synthesis presents the main formats currently envisaged for showcase activities at established conferences and for the final SD-WISHEES Showcase Event.

Format for WP6 Showcase events at established Conferences

Depending on the objectives, audience, and organisational opportunities associated with each event, the showcase activities may adopt different interaction and dissemination formats. Showcase activities in established conferences are generally designed to combine:

- Presentations of WP6 methodologies, findings, innovation pathways, and recommendations;
- Contributions from external projects, initiatives, and institutions working on related challenges;
- Thematic panel discussions and roundtables involving research, policy, funding, and implementation actors;

- Stakeholder feedback sessions and open discussions aimed at validating recommendations and identifying implementation challenges;
- Dissemination and networking activities supported through visual, digital, and communication materials.

The specific structure and programme of each showcase activity may vary depending on the thematic focus, available formats, and time allocated within the hosting event.

Format for the SD WISHEES Showcase event at the Final Conference

The final showcase event is expected to include:

1. Project Results Spotlight – short presentations of key outputs from WP2, WP3, WP5, WP6, and other relevant activities;
2. Open Showcase Space – a marketplace-style session where participating projects and organisations can present tools, experiences, and practices through stands, posters, or demonstrations;
3. Interactive Sessions – thematic discussions focused on lessons learned, implementation challenges, and opportunities for strengthening innovation uptake;
4. Panel Discussions – exchanges with invited experts and stakeholders on cross-cutting topics related to cultural heritage resilience, hydroclimatic risks, and science-policy-practice cooperation.

Together, these formats and activities establish the operational framework through which WP6 showcase actions are progressively implemented across the project duration. Figure 5 synthesises the timeline of the selected showcase activities and their relation to the progressive development of WP6 outputs and deliverables throughout the implementation period.

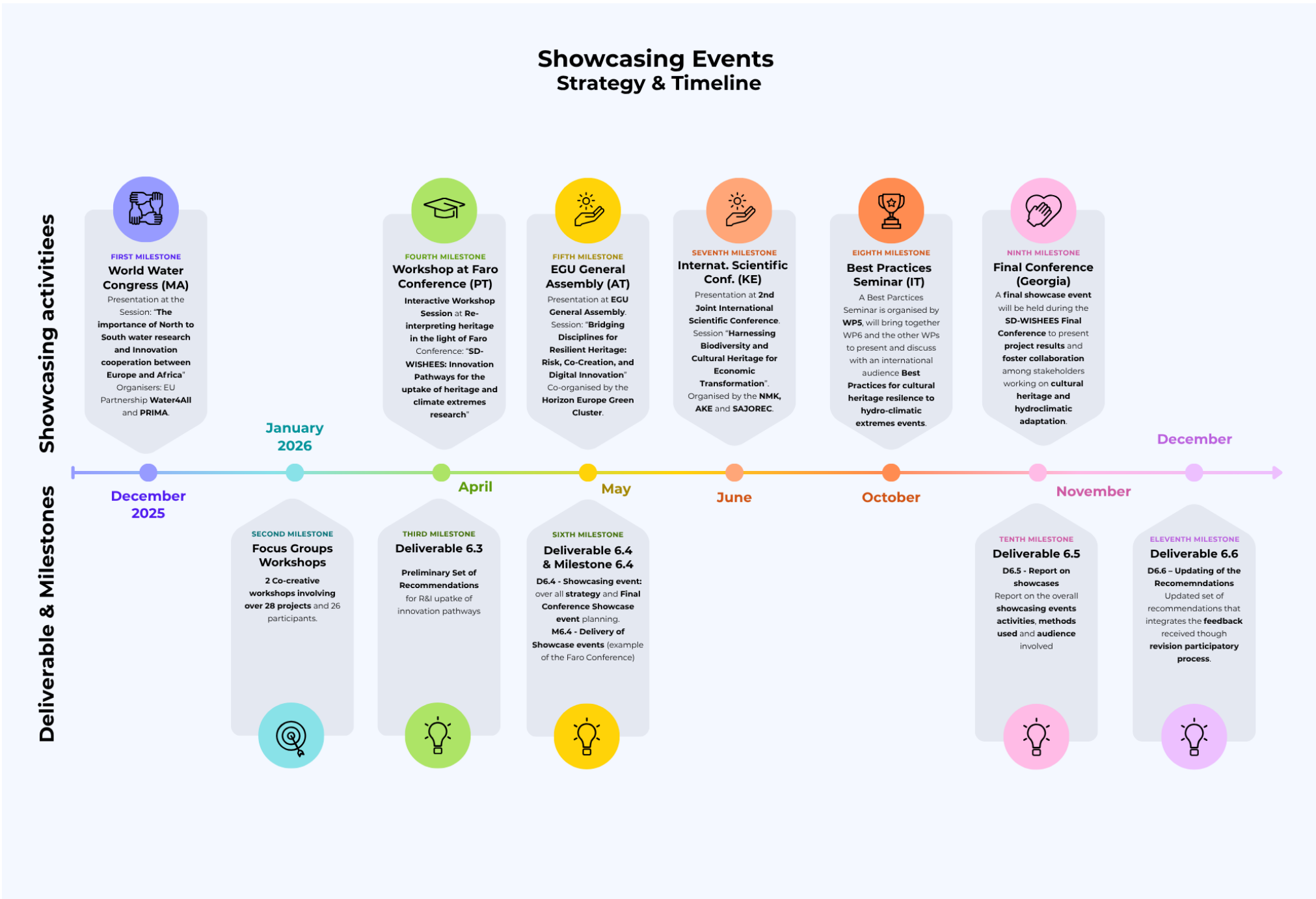


Figure 5. Showcasing events strategy and timeline.

2.2. Showcasing at established conferences: the example of Faro

Participation in **established events** represents a key implementation format of the showcasing strategy, enabling SD-WISHEES to engage with broader interdisciplinary communities, present WP6 outputs in real-world settings, and strengthen connections with stakeholders active in cultural heritage and climate-related domains.

A relevant example is the event *“Re-interpreting heritage in the light of Faro”*, held in Faro (Portugal), from 16–19 April 2026, organised by Interpret Europe Association³ (Figure 6). Grounded in the principles of the 2005 Faro Convention, the event focused on **participatory and people-centred approaches to heritage interpretation**, highlighting the role of communities in shaping the meaning, governance, and future of cultural and natural heritage. The thematic orientation of the event provided a relevant context for discussing innovation uptake, co-creation, and stakeholder engagement considering cultural heritage and adaptation to hydroclimatic events (WCCH Nexus). The conference attracted over 150 participants from all over Europe, in particular a large portion of representatives from Eastern Europe and the Balkans, with natural and cultural heritage expertise including *RFOs, RPOs, policymakers and public authorities, cultural heritage practitioners, Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), heritage networks, private sector including Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and innovation actors*.

SD-WISHEES contributed to the conference programme through the organisation of a **WP6 workshop** entitled *“Innovation pathways for the uptake of heritage and climate risks research”*, as well as a **market**



Figure 6. “Re-interpreting heritage in the light of Faro” Conference opening ceremony.

³ <https://www.interpreteuropeconference.net/>

of ideas around “*heritage and climate change*”. The combination of structured workshop and informal exchange format allowed the engagement of different stakeholder profiles and levels of interaction, from strategic discussion to practice-oriented exchange.

The **market of ideas** was designed as a small-group, participatory discussion space where participants could exchange experiences, identify shared challenges, and collaboratively explore possible solutions related to heritage and climate change in an open and interactive format.

The **workshop**, instead, was designed as a structured **interactive session** presenting the WP6 analytical framework on innovation pathways, enablers and barriers affecting the uptake of R&I results, while fostering dialogue and feedback from participants working across research, policy, and cultural heritage practice communities. The workshop structure and interaction approach were supported through dedicated preparatory materials, including a concept note ([Annex 2](#)), and a brochure with the draft Recommendations for R&I uptake in the context of the WCCH nexus ([Annex 3](#)).

The workshop enabled interaction with stakeholders from European institutions, cultural heritage organisations, academia, and heritage management initiatives, contributing to the consolidation of

networks relevant to WP6 activities. It also provided targeted **feedback on the draft Recommendations for R&I uptake within the WCCH nexus** developed under Deliverable D6.3, particularly those related to **co-creation, stakeholder engagement, and local ownership** (Theme 3 of the Recommendations). Feedback concerned the prioritisation of recommendations, implementation mechanisms, and possible areas for refinement and integration (Figure 7). Participants provided practical implementation suggestions, including the use of citizen science approaches, trusted community intermediaries, and long-term local working groups, which were incorporated into the refinement of the recommendations.

The event also provided insights into participatory and community-based heritage approaches promoted under the Faro Convention framework, reinforcing the relevance of socially embedded approaches to innovation uptake. A detailed account of the feedback collected will be presented in D6.5 – *Report on Showcases* and subsequently integrated

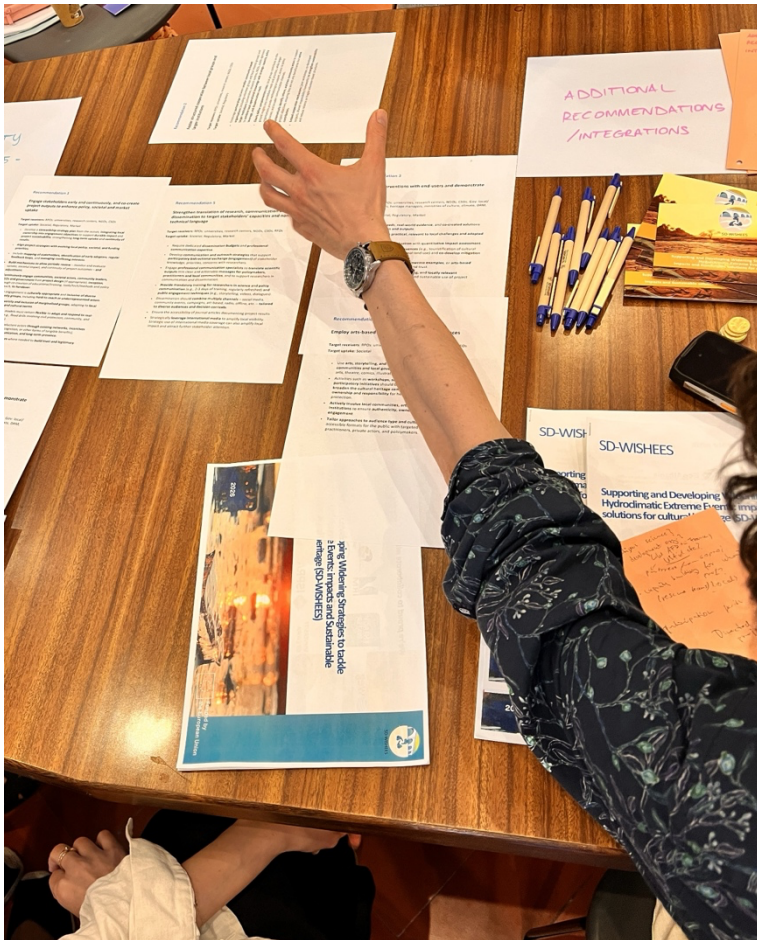


Figure 7. Feedback session during SD WISHEES Interactive Workshop at the Interpret Europe Conference.

into D6.6 – *Updated Recommendations*. Overall, the Faro event contributed to strengthening WP6

stakeholder networks, validating aspects of the innovation pathways framework, and supporting the iterative refinement of WP6 Recommendations. The experience also confirmed the value of embedding SD-WISHEES showcase activities within thematic events that combine policy relevance, interdisciplinary exchange, and active engagement with heritage and climate adaptation communities.

3. TOWARD THE FINAL SHOWCASE EVENT



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Figure 8. Infographic concept of the Showcase event.

The **final showcase event** represents the culmination of the SD-WISHEES showcasing strategy and will be organised within the **SD-WISHEES Final Conference** in Georgia (10–12 November 2026).

Unlike previous showcase activities embedded within established conferences, the final event will adopt an open participation approach through a dedicated **call for showcase contributions**. The call will invite international and local stakeholders, including *Research Funding Organisations (RFOs)*, *Research Performing Organisations (RPOs)*, *policymakers and public authorities*, *practitioners*, *Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)*, *private sector including Small and Medium-sized Enterprise (SMEs)* and *innovation actors* working on cultural heritage resilience, hydroclimatic risk management, disaster risk reduction,

climate adaptation, and innovation uptake. Particular attention will be given to encouraging participation from both international actors and stakeholders from Georgia and neighbouring regions, in order to **strengthen regional engagement, foster cross-geographical exchange and strengthen transnational R&I cooperation.**

The event will combine presentations of SD-WISHEES results with **participatory and interactive formats** designed to support exchange between research, policy, and practice communities. Particular emphasis will be placed on presenting concrete outputs, practical experiences, and transferable approaches. These will include presentations of key outputs within the WCCH Nexus across Work Packages, including the Roadmap on R&I priorities (WP2), Thematic Annual Programming (TAP) and the Dashboard (WP3), Hurdles for transnational R&I programmes and Best Practices (WP5), Innovation Pathways and Recommendations for R&I uptake (WP6).

Alongside the presentation of project outputs and recommendations, the event will include an open showcase component enabling external projects, organisations, and initiatives to present tools, methodologies, experiences, and practices related to cultural heritage resilience, hydroclimatic risk management, climate adaptation, and innovation uptake. This **marketplace-style approach** (Figure 8) is intended to encourage visibility, exchange, and collaboration beyond the SD-WISHEES consortium.

Interactive discussions and thematic panels will provide opportunities for participants to reflect on implementation challenges, enabling conditions, lessons learned, and opportunities for strengthening the uptake and long-term impact of R&I results. The thematic focus of these sessions and exchanges with invited experts and stakeholders will build on issues emerging throughout the project activities and showcase events, including discussions developed through WP6 stakeholder engagement and cross-WP exchanges. The discussions will draw in particular on the four thematic areas underpinning the WP6 co-developed Recommendations: (i) education, training, capacity building and knowledge transfer; (ii) developing and deploying technologies, tools and methods for impact; (iii) co-creation, engagement and local ownership; and (iv) strengthening governance, partnerships and funding mechanisms for innovation uptake and impact.

The final showcase event is therefore intended not only as a dissemination activity, but also as a **consolidation and legacy-building moment** for WP6 and the SD-WISHEES project more broadly. By bringing together stakeholders from different sectors and regions, the event aims to **strengthen networks, encourage future cooperation, and support continued dialogue on innovation pathways** and means of enhancing the reach and exploitation of **resilience-oriented R&I** beyond the project duration.

At the time of this deliverable (June 2026), SD WISHEES partners are jointly advancing the preparatory activities for the final showcase event, including development of the programme development and the preparation of the open call for showcase contributions.

ANNEXES

Annex 1 - SD WISHEES Work Packages and Partners List

Work Package	WP Title	Partners
WP1	Management and Coordination	CNR – all partners
WP2	Strategic planning of activities	AAS – WEG, CMCC, IRM-KMI, EUVORA, EWA, CNR, ISPRA, PAL, ANR
WP3	Implementation and monitoring of joint activities – TAP action	ANR – UEVORA, ISPRA, PAL, MUR, EWA, BELSPO, UEFISCDI, PRIMA, CNR
WP4	Increase Awareness of Decisionmakers, Policymakers and the civil society through communication, dissemination and outreach actions	GSES – CNR, ANR, ISPRA, UEVORA, PAL, WEG, CMCC
WP5	Strengthening the ERA with widening actions: understanding the impacts on global challenges, SDGs and European policies	ISPRA – WEG, CNR, ANR, AAS, CMCC, PRIMA, PAL, EWA, UEVORA
WP6	Supporting and widening the market, regulatory and societal uptake of Research and Innovation results	CMCC – AAS, CNR, UEVORA, ECOA, WEG, EWA, ISPRA, MUR, PRIMA

Acronym	Full name of the partner institutions and location
CNR	CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLE RICERCHE (IT)
AAS	THE AFRICAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (KE)
IRM/ KMI	INSTITUT ROYAL METEOROLOGIQUE DE BELGIQUE (BE)
WEG	WORLD EXPERIENCE FOR GEORGIA (GE)
EWA	ENERGY AND WATER AGENCY (MT)
CMCC	FONDAZIONE CENTRO EUROMEDITERRANEO SUI CAMBIAMENTI CLIMATICI (IT)
ISPRA	ISTITUTO SUPERIORE PER LA PROTEZIONE E LA RICERCA AMBIENTALE (IT)
UEFISCDI	UNITATEA EXECUTIVA PENTRU FINANTAREA INVATAMANTULUI SUPERIOR A CERCETARII DEZVOLTARII SI INOVARII (RO)
GSES	GSES MANAGEMENT B.V. (NL)
ANR	AGENCE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE (FR)
MUR	MINISTERO DELL'UNIVERSITÀ E DELLA RICERCA (IT)
UEVORA	UNIVERSIDADE DE EVORA (PT)
PRIMA	FONDACION PRIMA (ES)
ECOA	QENDRA PER MBROJTJEN E EKOSISTEMEVE NATYRORE NE SHQIPERI (AL)
BELSPO	SERVICE PUBLIC FÉDÉRAL DE PROGRAMMATION POLITIQUE SCIENTIFIQUE (BE)
PAL	PROJECT AID LTD (UK)

ANNEX 2 - Faro Conference - Session concept note



Faro, 18 April 2026

Interactive Workshop on
Innovation Pathways for the uptake of heritage and climate extremes research

Summary of the programme

This interactive workshop explores how **research and innovation (R&I) on heritage and climate risks** can be **meaningfully taken up and used in practice through people-centred approaches** inspired by the Faro Convention. Building on results from the SD-WISHEES project (<https://sd-wishees.irsa.cnr.it/>), the session introduces an **innovation pathway framework** that examines how research outcomes move from knowledge generation to practical use, and how learning and capacity-building, tools and methods, co-creation and engagement, and governance choices shape this transition.

Participants will be invited to **reflect on enablers and barriers to the uptake of heritage and climate risk research** based on their own experience of interpreting, communicating, or engaging with heritage.

Through guided discussion and group exchange, the workshop will explore how **Faro-inspired, people-centred interpretive practices** – such as framing knowledge for diverse audiences, acknowledging contested values, and creating spaces for dialogue – can **strengthen shared understanding, democratic engagement, learning, and long-term impact**. Participant insights will directly contribute to **refining a set of actionable recommendations** aimed at improving the social relevance and sustainability of heritage and climate risks related R&I.

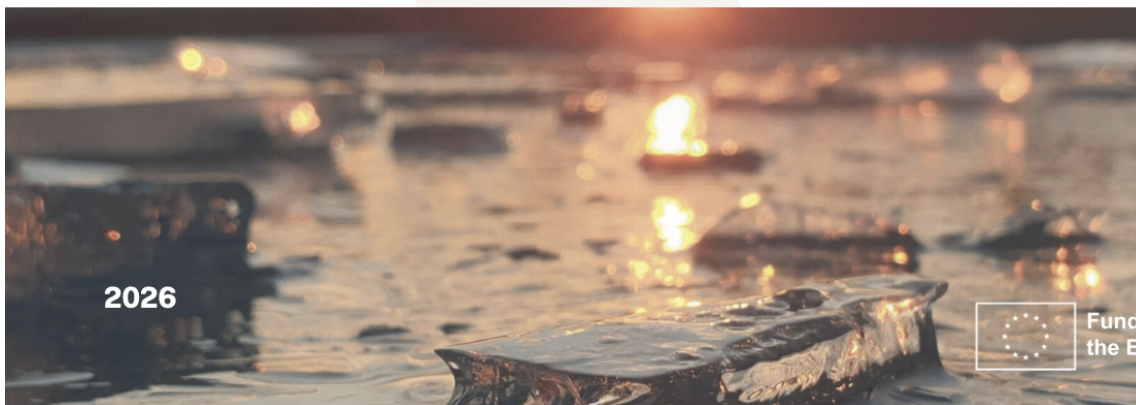
Workshop Agenda

Time	Session / Activity
16:15-16:30	Welcome, Introduction & Agenda Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD WISHEES project and objectives • The concept of Innovation Pathways • Enablers and Barriers for R&I uptake • Co-Creating Recommendations for RFOs and RPOs
16:30-16:50	Priority Cards Session Assigning Priority to Recommendations based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevance • Potential impact on enhancing dissemination and uptake • Urgency • Perceptions of likelihood of success
16:50-17:05	Implementation Actions Session Refining of the Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation mechanisms • Additional recommendations • Case studies and Project examples
17:05-17:10	Wrap-up and following up on the Recommendations

ANNEX 3 - Draft Recommendations Brochure

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