



SOLAR SALT WORKS' CASE STUDIES: MODELS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(Publication project)

Coordinator: EuSalt

OVERVIEW

1. Project Description

Initiated in Seville in 2012, EuSalt and CEISSA held a series of two Solar Salt Conferences, whose objective is to shine a light on issues related to and specificities of solar salt works around the world. While the first edition focused on the interdependence between solar salt works and biodiversity, the latest event (Sicily, 2014) looked at economic models and attempts to valorise this relationship.

Those conferences reinforced the common idea that 'all solar salt works are unique'. Each site adopts different development models answering specific challenges, whether from an economic, technological and/or environmental perspectives. Such diversity makes for vast opportunities to develop new sites and valorisation projects.

The current project stems from the afore-mentioned assessment. The case study aims to provide an overview of various attempts to develop solar salt works, whether successful or not. The publication intends to raise awareness about how solar salt works bring solutions to local problems, as well as significantly contribute to biodiversity preservation in wetlands and coastal areas while maintaining economic profitability and sound local development. Beyond sharing of best practices, it aims to bring the various actors together so as to learn from each other and grow together.

The collected case studies will include solar salt works projects of different sizes and shapes from across Europe.

2. Project Scope

The publication will be based on case studies presenting different solar salt works across Europe. The selection of cases will be based on expressions of interest from salt producers and other relevant stakeholders.

The case studies will encompass:

- A description of the sites and their individual particularities, including the policy/funding framework if relevant;
- A presentation of the chosen economic development model, including how the solar salt works integrate in their local environment (social-economical);
- An assessment of the sustainability of the sites;
- A presentation of technological developments and innovation, if applicable; and
- An overview of funds and support systems available to salt producers (multi-level approach).

3. Requirements

The project requires:

- Definition of a format for reporting on the case studies (questionnaire);
- Contribution from salt producers, academics and researchers, NGOs, national salt associations, local stakeholders, and so on;
- Coordination activities.

4. Deliverables

The Case Study publication will be useful for all actors involved and at many levels:

- At local level: salt producers and researchers can not only share their experience, but also cooperate and share experiences and resources from others' experiences and innovation;
- At regional level: it will show the importance of solar salt works in regional policies, especially concerning sustainability, land use and local development;
- At European level: it will show the interconnection between salt production and sustainability commitments, as promoted by the EU, while raising awareness about the diversity of situations and solutions.

5. Timeline/Schedule

- Call for interests: from 16th October until 15th December 2014
- 1st meeting with interested parties: January/February 2015
- Final publication: End of 2015/early 2016 (it could coincide with the next World Salt Symposium that will be place in Mexico in March 2016).

You want to participate in the project?

Please fill in this form and return it to sandrine.lauret@eusalt.com.

Upon closing the call on 15th December 2014, we will circulate further information as to the next steps of the project (questionnaires and consultation documents) and the first meeting of partners.

NAME (first and last names):

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LOCATION:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ACTIVITIES:

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