EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	[5] - Municipality Souliou (Souli)
PIC number:	930897458
Project name and acronym:	Aquatik-EU: Valorisation of aquatic heritages in Europe — Aquatik-EU

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	10
Event name:	The Acheron River as an Extended Museum – Study Visit and Workshop
Type:	Study visit (guided field route) and workshop (presentations, panel discussion, brainstorming)
In situ/online:	In-situ
Location:	Greece, Souli / Paramythia – Acheron river basin (Acheron Springs, Dala Bridge, Gates of Hades) and Karkamisi multi-purpose venue
Date(s):	16-17 June 2026
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.alda-europe.eu/aquatik/
Participants	
Female:	21
Male:	19
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [Italy]:	12
From country 2 [Greece]:	9
From country 3 [Bosnia & Herzegovina]:	6

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From country 4 [Portugal]:	4		
From country 5 [Spain]:	2		
From country 6 [Albania]:	2		
From country 7 [Belgium]:	1		
From country 8 [Germany]:	1		
From country 9 [Lithuania]:	1		
From country 10 [Bulgaria]:	1		
From country 11 [France]:	1		
Total number of participants:	40	From total number of countries:	11

Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

On 16-17 June 2026 the Municipality of Souli (Greece) organised the pilot event of WP10 "Extended Water Museum Study Visit", titled "The Acheron River as an Extended Museum – Study Visit and Workshop". The event was hosted in Paramythia and along the Acheron river basin (Thesprotia, Epirus) and gathered representatives of all AQUATIK-EU consortium partners (ALDA, Paese dell'Acqua, Comune di Sassinoro, WAMU-NET, Fons Mallorquí, Ajuntament d'Alaró, LDA Mostar, Grad Mostar, Geoclube, Município de Gondomar) together with the host, Municipality of Souli, as well as invited academic, cultural and institutional experts, for a total of 40 participants from 11 countries.

Day 1 (16 June) – Study visit "The Acheron River as an Extended Museum": starting from Kourtis Apartments in Paramythia, partners followed a guided route along the Acheron river illustrating the concept of the Extended Museum, i.e. reading the river not as a single natural or touristic site but as a multi-layered cultural landscape combining natural heritage, built/infrastructural heritage and intangible/mythological heritage. The route included three representative stops: the Acheron Springs (natural heritage - hydrology, biodiversity, the river's genesis, fed by the mountains of Tomaros, Souli and Paramythia), the Dala Bridge (built heritage - a historic crossing point linked to the Souliot Wars and the Skala Tzavelaina passage used by the Souliots against Ottoman rule), and the Gates of Hades (intangible heritage - the mythological threshold of the underworld in ancient Greek belief, where the river Acheron was crossed by the souls of the dead ferried by Charon). A lunch break was held along the route, and the group returned to Paramythia in the evening.

Day 2 (17 June) – Workshop "Next steps for the Extended Museum", held at the Bulgari renovated museum: the day opened with a welcome address by the Mayor of Souli, Athanasios (Thanasis) Ntanis. This was followed by a first thematic session on "The Acheron River as an Extended Museum", with presentations by Angelos Chasiotis (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens) on the phases of development, key actions, stakeholders and future perspectives of the Acheron as an Extended Museum, and by Alberto Cotrona (MYTH Euromed) on cooperation and place promotion through the reception of myth and its connections with the Acheron River. A second session, "Insights from other extended museums around the world", offered a comparative perspective

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through presentations by Eriberto Eulisse (WAMU-NET) on the transition from the Extended Museum of the Waterways of Venice to the Acheron River Extended Museum, Gabriela Costea (IGB Berlin) on community engagement and ecosystem understanding along the Danube River, and Irene Leonardelli (WAMU-NET) on the first Oasis Ecomuseum of Morocco (Douiret-Sbâa) and co-creation with local communities. The morning continued with a Q&A session and a coffee break, followed by a brainstorming session with all AQUATIK-EU partners on the next steps for the Acheron Extended Museum, before the workshop was closed at 1:00 PM.

The study visit allowed partners to experience directly the extended-museum model developed by Souli Municipality - built on a value-based mapping of natural, built and mythological/intangible heritage layers along a narrative route from the Springs (birth/genesis) to the Gates of Hades (myth) - consolidating the learning from WP9 and feeding directly into the guidelines and best-practice toolkit (D10.1) and the report on the implementation of the pilot event (D10.2), while providing direct inspiration for the local cultural and artistic activities to be carried out under WP11.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	31.07.2026	Initial version (new MFF).

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