



EUPHORIA Newsletter No. 3: Summer

Project summary:

The EUPHORIA project (“**EUPHORIA - European plant phenology research in aquatic systems**”), awarded as 5th Fresh Project, aims to improve the understanding of aquatic plant phenology across Europe and its environmental correlations, while fostering a diverse and collaborative network of early career researchers (ECRs) in limnology.

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EUPHORIA ended its fieldwork

During the months of August, September and October, the main focus of the EUPHORIA project was to continue the fieldwork of sampling the phenological traits of our five target species at least once a month (Figure 1). With the end of the vegetation period in October, sampling came to an end for all teams. The next steps are to digitise and clean all the data, analyse traits from images, and download accompanying meteorological data before starting the data analysis.



Figure 1: Photos from the fieldwork of our team in Siena (Italy) in October.

Presentations and meetings at conferences

In September, we presented the project at two conferences.

Simon Wentritt represented EUPHORIA by presenting a poster at the **annual meeting of the German Limnological Society (DGL)** in Frankfurt, Germany, where he **won the best poster prize!** Congratulations!



Figure 2: Simon Wentritt and Rebecca Oester at the DGL conference in Frankfurt.

The **17th International Aquatic Plants Group (IAPG) conference** in Lisbon, Portugal, resembled a small EUPHORIA meeting, with **13 project members in attendance**. Anne Lewerentz gave a scientific presentation at the conference on the project. It was amazing to meet so many project members for the first time in person and discuss the project with the macrophyte community!



Figure 3: Anne Lewerentz presenting the project (left) and a big meeting of EUPHORIA members (right) at the IAPG conference in Lisbon.

Furthermore, we continued our monthly 'social get-togethers' on Zoom.

While autumn is starting, we have also already started data processing and paper writing. So, stay tuned for more to come!