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Women in fisheries: from local experiences to regional collaborations

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Agenda:

- Croatian case study
- Mediterranean meeting in Split
- Insights and recommendations



Croatian case study

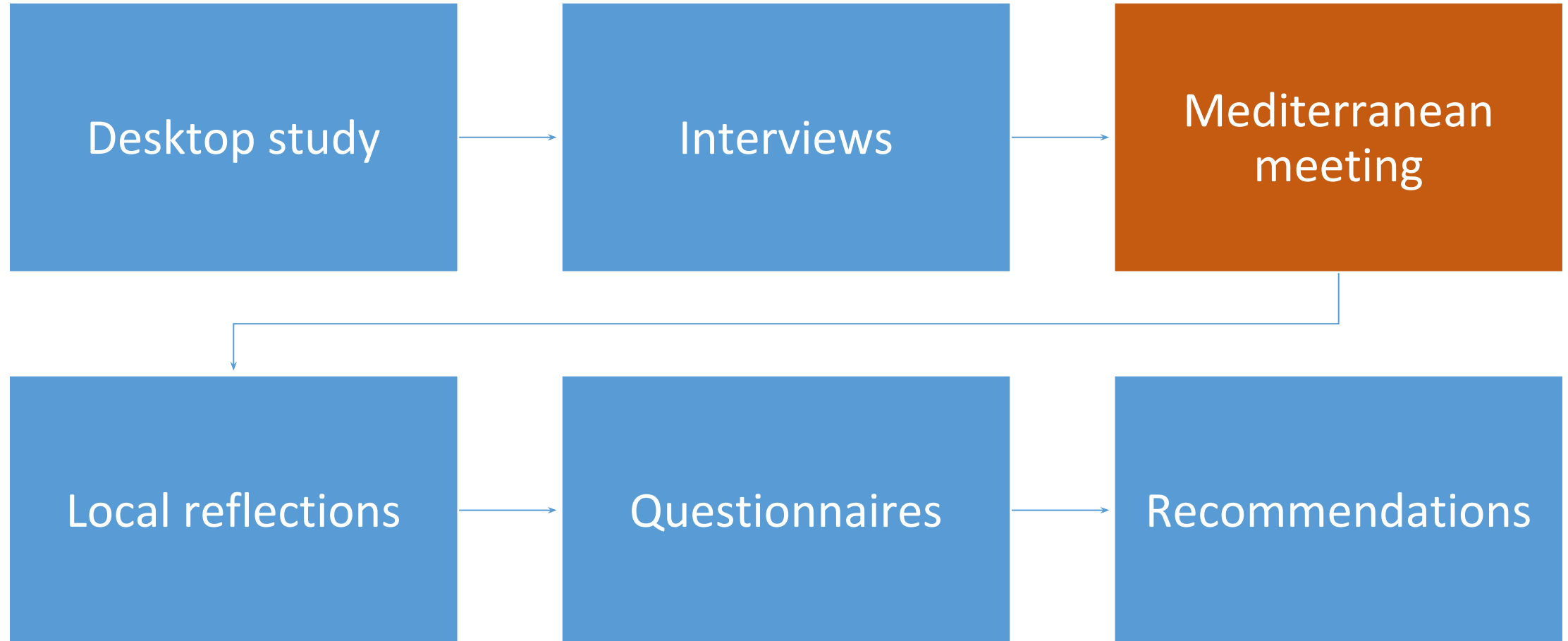
Our aims

- Insights on women's involvement in fisheries in Croatia
- Needs and interests assessment
- National and international networking opportunities

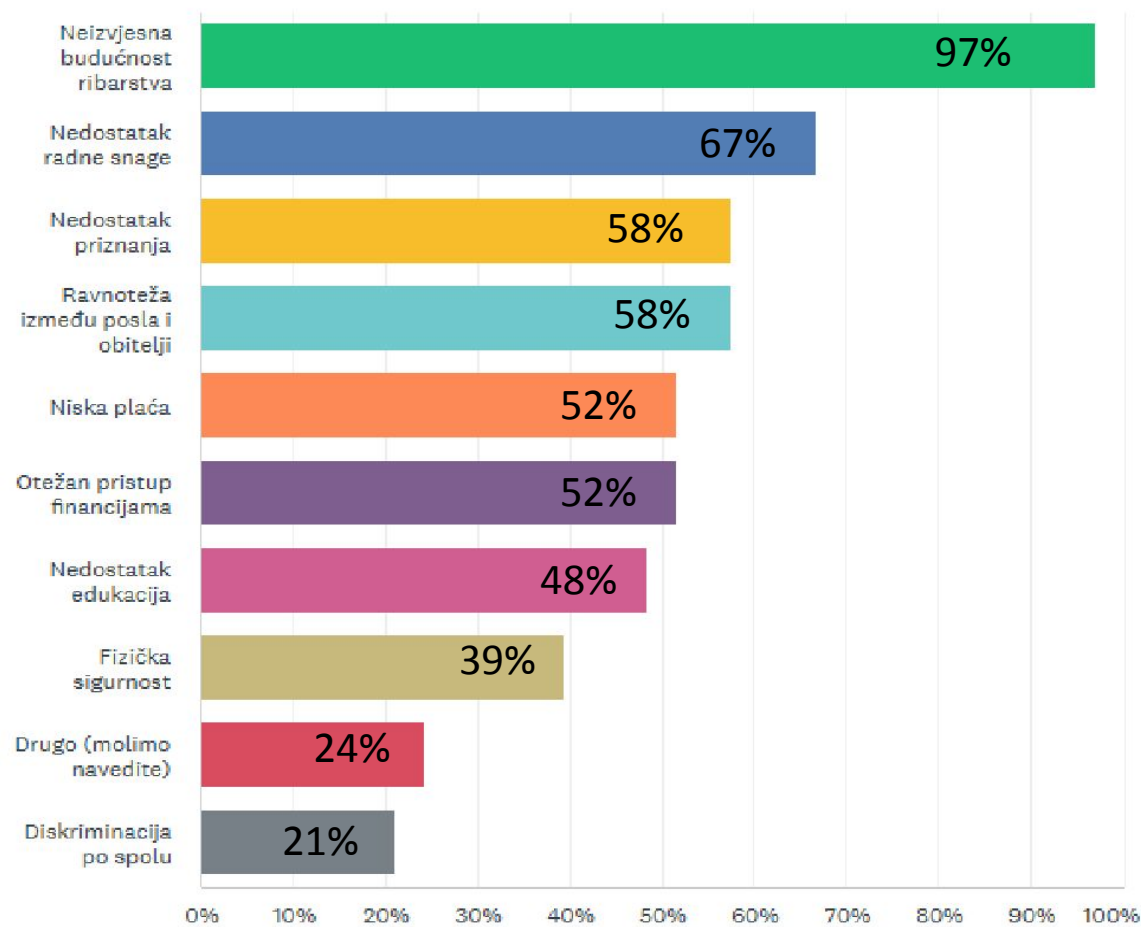


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Process



Challenges they are facing



- Uncertain future of fisheries
- Labor shortages and lack of recognition indicate that fisheries businesses are becoming difficult to sustain
- Financial stress
- Work-family balance

Necessary support



- Networking with other women in the sector 58%
- Access to EU funding 55%
- Administrative educations 52%
- Insurance for work-related accidents 48%
- Greater visibility of women's needs 45%



Mediterranean meeting in Split

Women together in fiSHeries, 7 and 8 April 2025



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Fisheries are a sector where women lead the change, innovate, and inspire.



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The next generation
of young women at
sea must be
supported and
encouraged.



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Insights and recommendations



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A platform for women in fisheries in Croatia

- A safe space for sharing experiences, learning, and advocating for change
- Digital component + live community
- Women need to be supported in the first steps of the process!



Mediterranean network

Connection can be achieved through:

- Joint projects and applications*
- Exchange visits and study trips
- Thematic meetings (in person or online) – opportunities for exchange of practices and knowledge
- Supporting fisherwomen to participate in events and forums by GFCM and EU institutions

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Next steps:

1. Facilitate the platform for women in fisheries in Croatia
2. Strengthen the Mediterranean network of women in fisheries
3. Enhance the topic of women's involvement in the existing projects to gradually enhance their voice in the fisheries sector!



Thank you!

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