

Savona (Italy)

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Dear Editors,

We would like to re-submit the manuscript *Water and Us: tales and hands-on laboratories to educate on sustainable and nonconflictual water resources management* for publication in *Geoscience Communication*.

The revised manuscript addresses the two remaining points raised by both the first Editor and the Executive Editor. Regarding the latter, we now clarified in the abstract (lines 3ff) and Introduction (lines 45ff) that our main goal here is to introduce the objective, methods, and early results of "Water and Us" in an effort to encourage other scientists and teachers to replicate this approach. This means that we are not aiming at testing storytelling in particular, although this remains a key component of our approach. To substantiate this goal, we expanded Section 3 to include some new results emerged from our first year of workshops. This section now includes concrete evidence of the effectiveness of Water and Us in achieving each of the three objectives as outlined in Section 2. In doing so, we did clarify that this evidence is preliminary, owing to the initial stage of this initiative (see e.g. line 245).

Regarding the remaining comments by the initial Editor, we have now initiated an online, open repository for the materials of this initiative (<https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8341482>), which we will continue populating as possible and allowed by third-party copyright. We also addressed the remaining minor comments regarding language.

We hope that the manuscript is now suitable for publication and thank all of you for your efforts with this submission.

With our best regards,

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