

**A TSG 3 FRAMEWORK PROJECT:
TO PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN THE AI
REGION BY IMPLEMENTING ICZM AND MSP ALSO TO
CONTRIBUTE TO CRF ON ICZM OF BARCELONA
CONVENTION
(ICZM&MSP)**

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BACKGROUND

EUSAIR PILLAR 3 SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. To ensure a good environmental and ecological status of the marine and coastal environment by 2020 in line with the relevant EU *acquis* and the ecosystem approach of the Barcelona Convention.
2. To contribute to the goal of the EU Biodiversity Strategy to halt the loss of biodiversity and the degradation of ecosystem services in the EU by 2020, and restore them in so far as feasible, by addressing threats to marine and terrestrial biodiversity.
3. To improve waste management by reducing waste flows to the sea and, to reduce nutrient flows and other pollutants to the rivers and the sea.

OBJECTIVES REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MSP AND ICZM

1. To combine transboundary/cross-border ICZM and MSP as inclusive and complementary instruments/approaches to help strengthening institutional capacity to apply the ecosystem approach, to protect environment, and to manage natural and cultural assets.
2. To use ICZM and MSP as tools to help keeping in balance environmental protection and social-economic development, also considering the increasing pressures of human activities and environmental changes, including CC.

THE NEW POLICY CONTEXT

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COHESION POLICY

Five **Policy Objectives** have been identified as priority for the next coming programming period 2021-2027 for ERDF, ESF+, the Cohesion Fund and the EMFF (COM(2018) 375 final):



Smarter Europe, through innovation, digitisation, economic transformation and support to small and medium-sized businesses



a **Greener, carbon free Europe**, implementing the Paris Agreement and investing in energy transition, renewables and the fight against climate change



a more **Connected Europe**, with strategic transport and digital networks



a more **Social Europe**, delivering on the European Pillar of Social Rights and supporting quality employment, education, skills, social inclusion and equal access to healthcare



a **Europe closer to citizens**, by supporting locally-led development strategies and sustainable urban development across the EU.

A new generation of interregional and cross-border cooperation (“Interreg”) programmes has been envisaged:

- Cross-border cooperation (current Interreg A)
- Transnational/maritime cooperation (current Interreg B).

ICZM AND MSP PROJECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE AIR

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A FRAMEWORK PROJECT + 3/4 CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS

1. THE FRAMEWORK PROJECT

- To identify/refine common approaches and tools, capitalizing on previous initiatives
- To implement dialogue and actions at the macro-regional and sub-regional level
- To contribute to knowledge transfer across the macro-region
- To develop pilot cases where to test approaches and tools.

The project can consider **three different spatial scales**:

- the entire Adriatic-Ionian area = macro-regional scale
- 4 sub-areas = sub-regional scale (North Adriatic, Central Adriatic, South Adriatic, Ionian)
- 4 specific areas = pilot cases

in order to **undertake actions at three different levels** :

- general strategic level
- more focussed visioning level
- local and specific implementation level.

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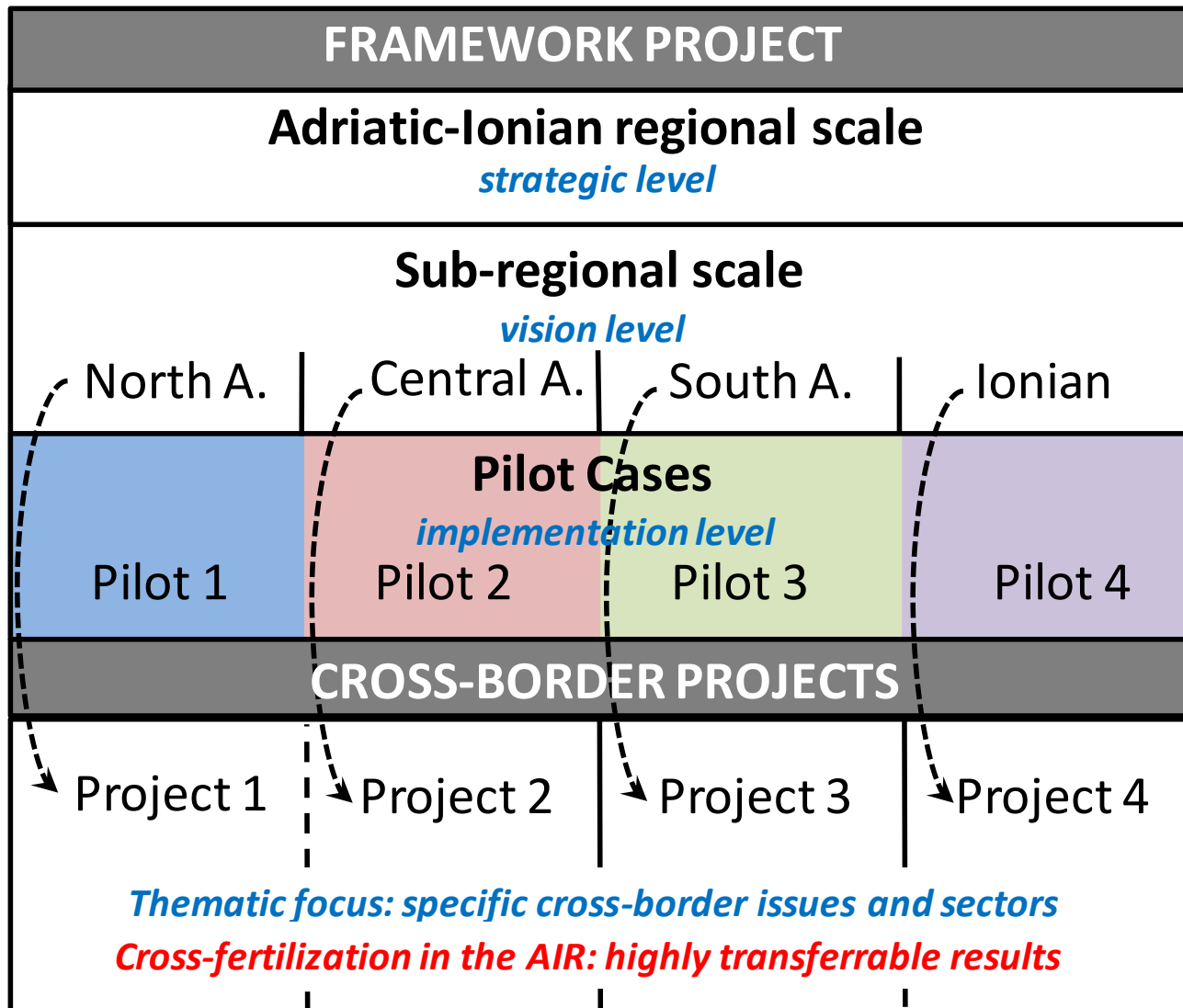
2. THE CROSS-BORDER PROJECTS

- To provide in-depth analysis on ICZM and MSP needs and opportunities for specific areas
- To focus on specific coastal and maritime sectors and related transboundary or cross-border issues
- To activate focused and long lasting dialogue with stakeholders in the area
- To implement specific actions in areas of interest.

Examples of expected outputs: analytical tools; practical solutions for enhancing co-existence and synergies of coastal and maritime uses; practical solutions to contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation; smart blue-green infrastructure solutions; etc.

Results of cross-border projects should be highly transferable, contributing to cross-fertilization within and across sub-regions.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities for the framework project could be through EMFF, the next transnational/maritime cooperation program or other programs open to the participation of all the interested countries.

Funding opportunities for the cross-border projects would be through the next cross-border cooperation programs (and should therefore be adapted to their geographic scope).

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MAIN FEATURES:

- **Project duration:** 30 months
- **Project budget:** 3M€ + 7M€ expected budget for cross-border projects for a total expected budget on ICZM and MSP actions of 10M€
- **Participating countries:** 6-8 (in the case of cross-border projects 2-3 partners for each project)
- **Number of project partners:** 12-14
- **Typology of partners:** national institutions with responsibility on ICZM and MSP, research institutions, regional/sub-regional entities with competence on ICZM and MSP

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FOCAL ELEMENTS:

- Environmental sustainability (according to MSFD, WFD, H&B Directives)
- Transboundary & cross-border ICZM&MSP
- Both marine and coastal perspectives considered
- Opportunity to connect the River Basin management and ICZM and MSP
- Climate Change mitigation and adaptation considered
- Capitalization of previous project and experiences (e.g. Portodimare, Supreme)

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ACTIVITIES:

- WP1: Project management
- WP2: Establishing shared knowledge platforms
- WP3: Capitalization mechanism and identification of knowledge gaps
- WP4: Implementation
- WP5: Communication

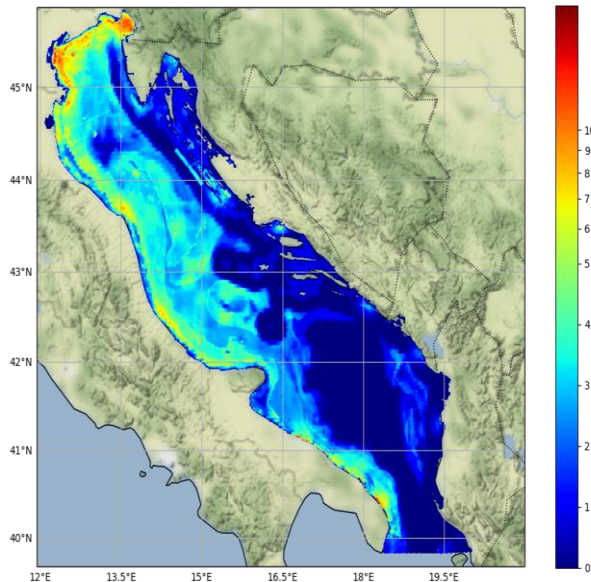
Relevance of timing: considering the progresses of national MSP processes and the expected change of framework conditions, the project activities will need to be adjusted in the moment of implementation, to be adapted to the new conditions.

Note: support to EUSAIR Strategy implementation is provided by the INTERREG ADRION Facility Point Strategic Project.

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WP 2: ESTABLISHING SHARED KNOWLEDGE PLATFORMS

1. Consolidate and extensively use the **Geoportal of Adriatic-Ionian region**, recently developed under the PORTODIMARE project
2. Refine, adapt and further operationalize the available **tools to assess vulnerability and carrying capacity** of coastal and marine ecosystems (e.g. Tools4MSP CEA from Portodimare; Vulnerability assessment from CAMP Montenegro)

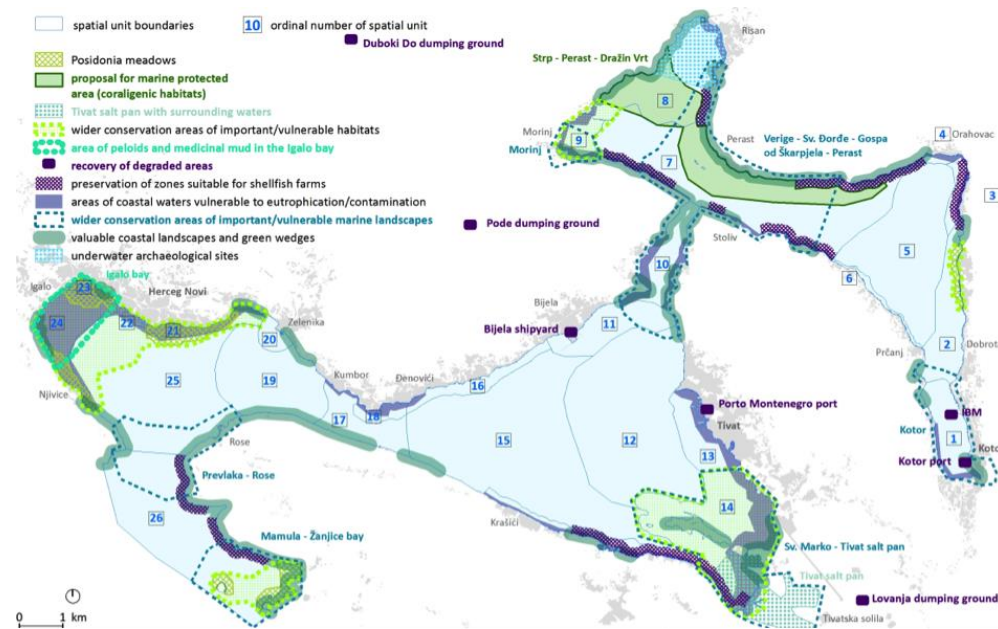


CEA - Cumulative Effects Assessment

The CEA module implements cumulative effects assessment (CEA) of anthropogenic activities on marine environmental components

EcAp-based marine vulnerability assessment

*It has been applied in Bokakotorska Bay (Montenegro)
It makes use of EcAp indicators*



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WP 3: CAPITALIZATION MECHANISM AND IDENTIFICATION OF KNOWLEDGE GAPS

1. Activate a **knowledge brokerage service** to be run for the entire duration of the project to ensure capitalization of existing knowledge, practices and experiences available in the AIR and beyond.
 - easy access to results from projects and research
 - promotion of innovative and successful practices e.g. use Blue-Green Corridor concept; multi-level governance best practices
2. Organize discussion about **specific environmental monitoring and investigation needs** at regional and sub-regional level, having a transboundary component and agree on joint actions (e.g. joint monitoring programs, coordinated studies, etc.).
3. Update and complement the **assessment of environmental status and maritime activities in the AIR** (the so called "initial assessment") prepared under the SUPREME project, by including the status of the non-EU countries in the AIR.

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WP 4: IMPLEMENTATION

Identify options for environmentally sustainable planning and management of coastal and maritime activities in the AIR.

1. **MACRO-REGIONAL LEVEL.** Capitalizing on previous work done under the SHAPE, ADRIPLAN and SUPREME projects (high level goals and management objectives, strategic objectives from EUSAIR AP), **prepare a strategic document for ICZM and MSP in the AIR** to be adopted under EUSAIR
2. **SUB-REGIONAL LEVEL.** Prepare **four vision documents, one for each sub-region**. Major trans-boundary / cross-border challenges are identified in each area. Common visions for coastal and marine future development are agreed for each area and specific high level goals and management objectives are identified.
3. **CASE STUDY LEVEL.** **Pilot cases** will assess environmental implications of present and future uses of the sea and identify transboundary/cross-border measures (both spatial and non-spatial) needed to maximize environmental sustainability,

The following concepts/approaches will be considered (i.a.): blue-green corridors can be envisaged; analysis of land-sea-interactions ; measures to contribute to CC-mitigation and adaptation etc.

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WP4: THE PILOT CASES

1. North Adriatic: Gulf of Trieste
2. Central Adriatic: Pomo/Jabuka Pit
3. South Adriatic: Bay of Neum-Klek, bay of Mali Ston and Neretva delta
4. Adriatic-Ionian boundary: Otranto channel

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WP 5: COMMUNICATION

1. Focus on communication to sector stakeholders: both private (industry) and public (administrations, policy makers, schools).
2. Develop communication tools/initiatives aiming at highlighting concrete benefits of MSP and ICZM for local communities (e.g. job creation, better quality of the environment, etc.)
3. Ensure involvement of young generations in the discussion about MSP and in promotion of best practices.
4. Use the EUSAIR Platform: <http://esp.aimacroregion.eu/> developed by Regione Marche in the Facility Point Project to disseminate the knowledge brokerage service on MSP-ICM to the large stakeholder community and the public.

Discuss the possibility to use the EUSAIR in order to provide long-term durability to the knowledge brokerage service by constituting a MSP-ICM Platform for the AIR.

THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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