

From NAMIRS to ASAP Implementation of the ASOSCOP flagship



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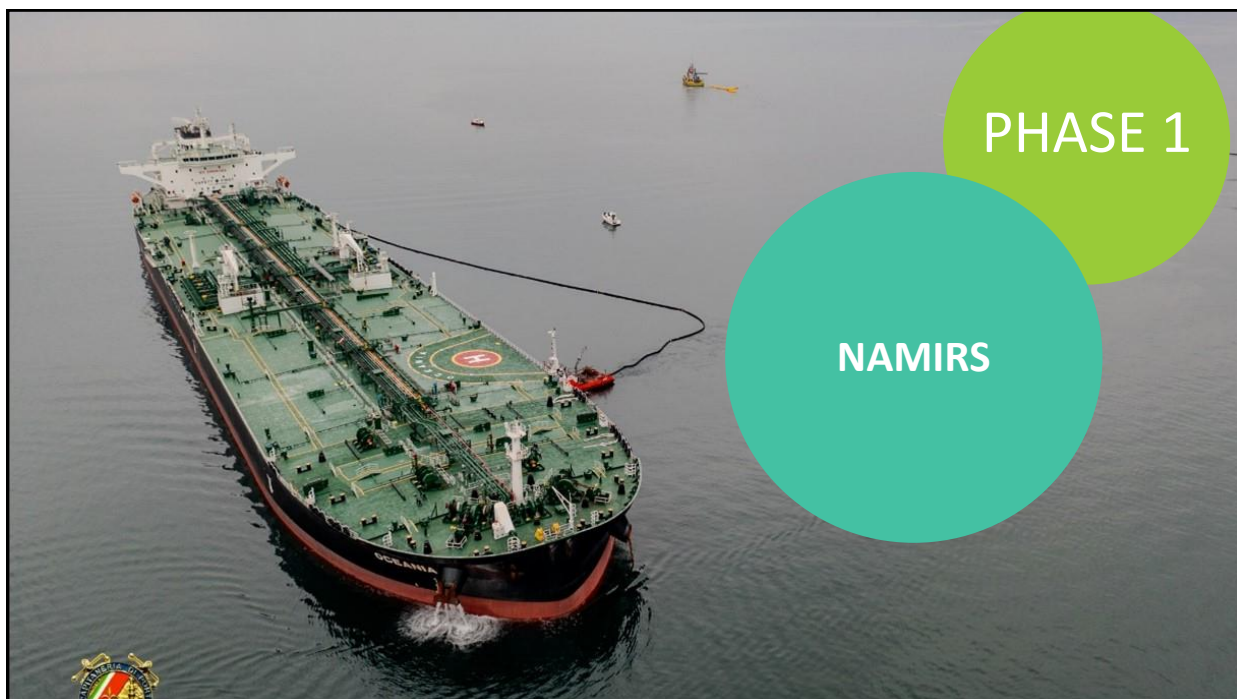


GEOGRAPHICAL CONTEXT

- ✓ The Adriatic-Ionian sea is a common resource for coastal countries, put under pressure by **conflicting exploitation and competing economic activities** (tourism, commercial and recreational shipping, aquaculture plants, settlements of offshore wind parks, oil and gas extraction, heavy maritime traffic, etc.).
- ✓ In particular, intensive maritime transport activities and offshore infrastructure for oil and gas extraction determine **significant risks of spills and accidents**.
- ✓ Currents and winds would easily disperse marine pollution around a **semi-closed basin shared by different countries**.

BACKGROUND

- ▶ **Accidental marine pollution**, in particular deriving from oil-spills, represents a dangerous environmental risk, calling for the urgent deployment of integrated and coordinated mechanisms and management plans for better preparedness and a more efficient joint response
- ▶ The “**Agreement on the Sub-Regional Contingency Plan for prevention of, preparedness for and response to major marine pollution incidents in the Adriatic Sea**” was signed by Croatia, Italy and Slovenia in **2005**, without entering into force due to uncompleted ratification process. In 2021, the three sides reconfirmed their commitment to the protection of the Adriatic Sea and to **intensifying their cooperation** in this regard
- ▶ the **EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region (EUSAIR)**, and with the activities under **Pillar 3 – Environmental Quality** (in particular, flagship project F1 **ASOSCOPE**- Development and implementation of Adriatic-Ionian Sub/regional Oil spill contingency plan)
- ▶ The mandate of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea – **REMPEC** is “to contribute to preventing and reducing pollution from ships and combating pollution in case of emergency” and to support Sub-regional contingency planning
- ▶ A **new Adriatic Contingency plan** was drafted in 2023 (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, Slovenia)
- ▶ The **ADRIAEX** was organized in Montenegro in March 2024





North Adriatic Maritime Incident
Response System

Duration: 24 months (March 2022 -
February 2024)

Budget: 950 397.54 €

NAMIRS

Co-financed by: European
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Call: UCPM-2021-PP

Topic: UCPM-2021-PP-MARIPOL

PARTNERS

Coordinator: Central European Initiative-Executive Secretariat

Beneficiaries:

Italian General Command of the Port Authorities - Coast Guard

Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia

Administration of the Republic of Slovenia for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief

Adriatic Training and Research Centre for Accidental Marine Pollution Preparedness and Response (ATRAC, Croatia)

University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport Portorož

National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS)



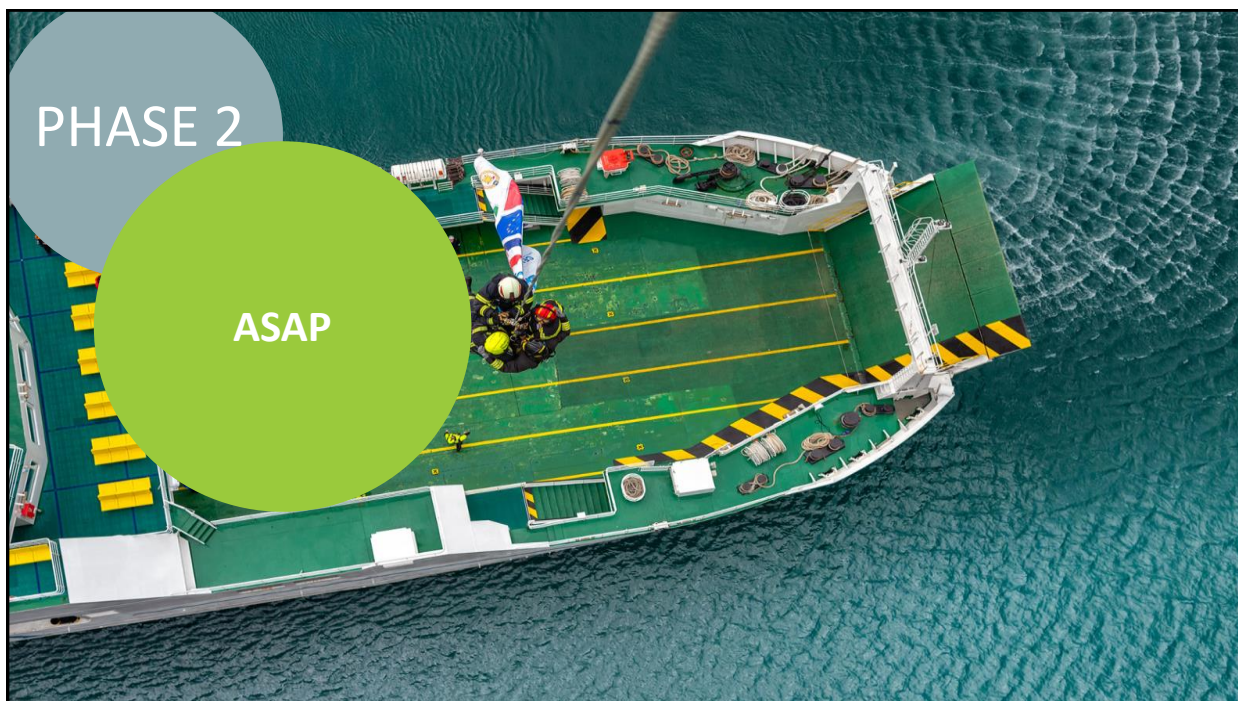


DELIVERED

- ▶ **Environmental Risk Assessment in Northern Adriatic** (with identification of sensitive areas)
- ▶ **Mapping of existing resources**
- ▶ **Training classes** (to first line responders on anti-pollution, oil-spill simulator, maritime English, on shore clean-up)
- ▶ **Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)**
- ▶ **Full scale exercise at sea**
- ▶ **Guidelines for the revision and update of the Adriatic Contingency Plan**

PHASE 2

ASAP





The **ASAP** project (Adriatic Sensitive Areas Protection – mechanism) is co-financed by the European Union through the Interreg IPA ADRION programme.

Duration:
30 months
09/2024 -02/2027

Priority 2:
Supporting a
greener and
climate resilient
Adriatic -
Ionian region

Specific Objective :
2.1 - Enhancing
resilience to climate
change,
natural and man-
made disasters in
the Adriatic - Ionian
region

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9 PARTNERS + 7 ASSOCIATED PARTNERS

- Central European Initiative Executive Secretariat – CEI (Italy) Lead Partner
- National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics - OGS (Italy)
- University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport – UL FPP (Slovenia)
- Adriatic Training and Research Centre - ATRAC (Croatia)
- Republic of Slovenia, Ministry of infrastructure, Slovenian Maritime Administration – SMA (Slovenia)
- Ministry of the Sea, Transport, and Infrastructure – MSTI (Croatia)
- Faculty of Traffic and Communications, University of Sarajevo, FSK-UNSA (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy – MIE (Albania)
- NGO Our Action (Montenegro)
- General Maritime Directorate (Albania)
- Institute for Environmental Protection and Research - ISPRA (Italy)
- Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea – REMPEC (Malta)
- Administration for Maritime Safety and Port Management (Montenegro)
- Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief - ACPDR (Slovenia)
- Municipality of Izola (Interreg ADRION EUSAIR Facility Point) (Slovenia)
- Slovenian Environment Agency (Slovenia)

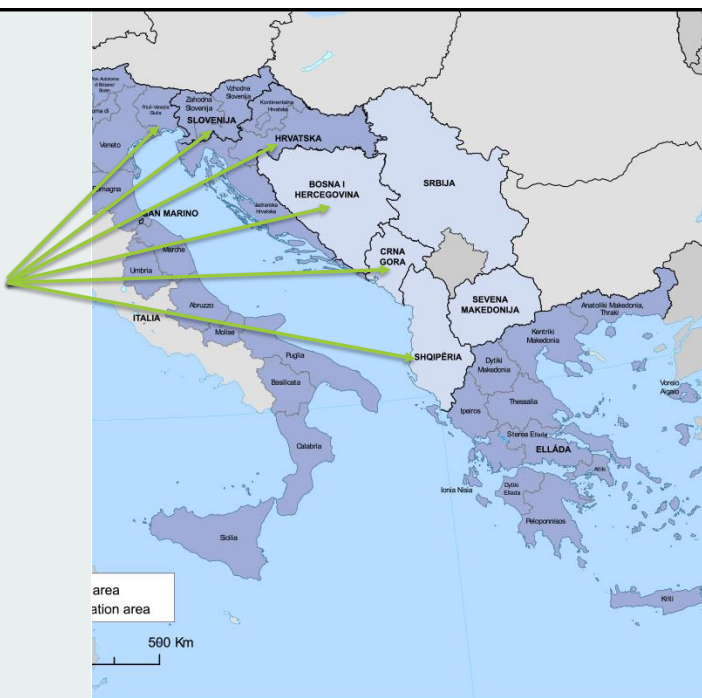


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6 COUNTRIES

ALBANIA
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA
CROATIA
ITALY
MONTENEGRO
SLOVENIA

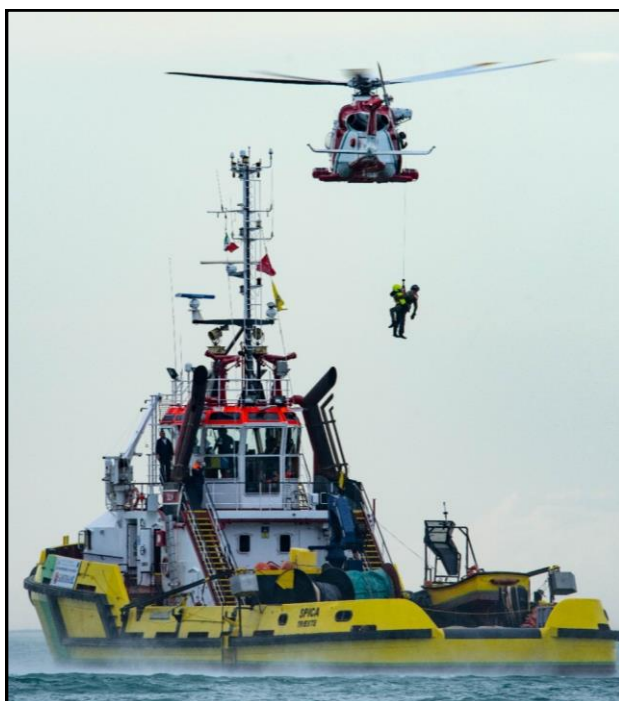
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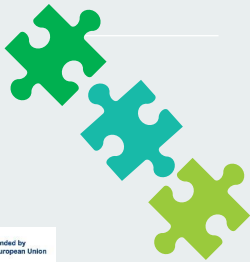
SCOPE

Based on the experience gained with the NAMIRS project (North Adriatic Maritime Incident Response System), **ASAP** aims at **enhancing maritime protection against pollutant spills, especially in large-scale accidents** that cannot be managed by a single country.

ASAP intends to provide **all Adriatic countries** with a **coordination platform**, a **mechanism for prompt transnational response** for the safeguard of the environment, for the health of citizens and for the protection of economic activities



CHALLENGES



- **Identification of Adriatic sensitive areas** through a combination of analyses, risk-assessment & mapping
- **Enhancing Preparedness** of first line responders sharing common knowledge and standards (training, SOPs and exercises at sea)
- **Joint Coordination**, setting the conditions for future establishment of a **Permanent Coordination Platform**
- **Effective transnational response**, making the ADRIATIC contingency plan fully operational

ASAP approach



- multi-stakeholder partnership (scientific/academic organisations, institutional actors and civil society organisations)
- scientific evidence developed in **WP1**, dedicated to **mapping and modelling**,
- **testing** activities in **WP2** (training/joint elaboration of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in case of oil and HNS pollution/organization of two exercises o in the North and South Adriatic Sea),
- **WP3**, designed to ensure **sustainability** of ASAP results and achievements beyond the project lifetime, setting the ground for the consolidation of the ASAP cooperative network, towards the establishment of a future Permanent Coordination Platform (PCP).

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