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SUBJECT: Support and help of TSG 2 to involve an Italian partner in the ASOSCoP project preparation!

Dear TSG 2 coordinators.

TSG 3 would like to officially ask your support and help to involve an Italian partner in the ASOSCoP project preparation as one of the very important country to be involved in the project. Since the deadline for submission of the project proposal is approaching very is important to be effective and not to lose any additional time.

For quite some time the Lead Partner of the project, Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, Croatia, is trying to involve an Italian partner in the project proposal but with no success. Official invitation from the Lead partner of the project were sent to Mr. Oliviero Montanaro (e-mail invitation on 10. 02. 2020) and also they were in contact with FVG. No answer or any kind of response from the Italian Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea to be involved as partners or any suggestion of possible other project partners were received.

About the project and its importance also for TSG 2:

ASOSCoP project: titled "(Large-scale pollution contingency plan). Adriatic/Ionian Sub/regional Oil spill contingency plan" is one of four TSG 3 project concept that are subject for further development within EUSAIR Facility Point WP 2 project. The project concept is now in development for submission under the DG ECHO Call [Prevention and Preparedness for Marine Pollution at Sea and on Shore](#) **with the deadline 19th March 2020.**

ASOSCoP is a project of huge importance for all countries in the EUSAIR Seas (Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania and Greece) in order to improve not only the entire marine system but also the entire economy. In this regard we would like to emphasize that **ASOSCoP project aims to research and analyse all potential risk of pollution from ships and offshore facilities on Adriatic Sea arising from heavy maritime traffic, to establish mechanisms of mutual assistance, cooperation and other measures for preparedness for and response to marine pollution** from ships and offshore facilities in case of marine pollution emergencies which significantly extend the spill response capacities of individual countries, by providing a mechanism for pooling resources and jointly conducting response operations as well as to improve maritime safety with emphasis on protection of the marine ecosystem and biodiversity of the Adriatic Sea.

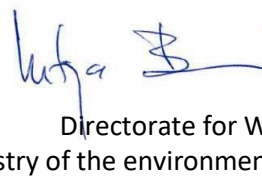
Following the explanation above TSG 3 members find the project very important also for EUSAIR Pillar 2 since marine transport is one of the main issues when dealing with ecological status of

marine areas. By adopting a strategically important subregional Oil Spill Contingency Plan will be in detail, clearly and precisely describe all methods of action in the situation of a sudden marine pollution by marine objects and marine-transport. This is why TSG 3 finds very important for TSG 2 to support and to enhance the preparation of this Contingency plan since is a common horizontal problem connecting marine transport and environment. In case of marine transport pollution this would significantly direct the rescue protocol for an efficient response in order to minimize the environmental damage that could occur without clear guidelines of proper action.

In light of the above, we would like to ask help to find an appropriate Italian partner by contacting the Ministry of the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy or solicit them to answer the invitation and participate in the project proposal.

We are looking forward to your reply.

Yours faithfully,



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