



*Workshop: How to progress from TSG 3 Flagships towards EUSAIR macro-regional
in the Multiannual Financial Framework period 2021-2027*

A TSG1 – TSG3 JOINT INTER-PILLAR PROJECT ON MSP&ICZM:

**Using high quality research to strengthen dialogues and
institutional capacities for effective implementation of
MSP/ICZM in support of inclusive and sustainable growth
in the AIR**

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BACKGROUND

EUSAIR PILLAR 1 OBJECTIVE DIRECTY LINKING MSP AND ICZM

1. To improve sea basin governance, by enhancing administrative and institutional capacities in the area of maritime governance and services.

EUSAIR PILLAR 3 OBJECTIVES DIRECTY LINKING 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.



PROJECT IDEA

The project idea has been defined some years ago already by multilateral consultations and discussion.

For **TSG1** the project idea was presented during the 7th TSG1 meeting (Athens, May 2018) and again at the 8th TSG1 meeting (Podgorica, November 2018).

For **TSG3** decision about the project idea was taken by written procedure on 8th TSG 3 Meeting, 19-20 June 2018, Tirana.



WHAT'S NEXT?

- Opportunity to develop further the project idea, to update it according to the new context of MSP and ICZM in the AIR
- Need to **capitalize** on previous activities
- Need to complement – **not to overlap** – with ongoing initiatives
- Aim of today discussion: starting point for develop the project idea
- February 2023: project description ready (ADRION format)



LINKS

Links with previous projects

MSP/ICZM: MESMA SHAPe, ADRIPLAN, SUPREME, MUSES, PORTODIMARE, CAMP, ADRIAMED, EASTMED, ECOAST, ARIEL, MSPMED, UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC CAMP Italy – Albania, GEF ADRIATIC PROJECT (MSP ALBANIA, MSP MONTENEGRO)

Maritime transport: SASPAS, ARGOS, ADRIPASS, DIGLOGS, DIGSEA, DEEP-SEA, E-CHAIN, ECOMAP, ECOSS, ECOMOBILITY, MOSES, PORTOLANES, FRAMESPORT, Trust, Triton, SUSPORT, SUTRA, ...

Biodiversity and ecosystems: MBPC, ...

Aquaculture: TBD

Links with on-going and future projects and initiatives

REMAP, PNRR-MSP4BIODIVERSITY,



THE PROJECT

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

- **strengthen institutional capacity** to apply ecosystem approach for the management of economic activities and sustainable use of natural and cultural assets in the macro-region
- **achieve harmonized implementation of marine/maritime and coastal plans** through development of integrated governance at national and transboundary level
- promote **extension of the network of marine protected areas** in the region



PROJECT CONCEPT

Project goal:

to establish a **mechanism** to promote **coherent implementation of ICZM/MSP** and connected topics in the AIR and **multi-level governance**

Project components:

- 1. *Project component 1*** - Promotion of **sectorial, cross-sectorial and transnational dialogues** to build capacity among ICM-MSP-relevant sectors of business e/o sector administrations/departments, supported by:
- 2. *Project component 2*** – Design and development of a **decision support tool (DST)** capitalizing on PORTODIMARE results, supporting participatory and interactive knowledge-sharing and dialogue among sectorial, cross-sectorial and transnational actors
- 3. *Project component 3*** – *Ensure long-term durability of project results*
- 4. Implementation in case studies** of cooperation actions regarding **key selected topics/sectors**



THE PROJECT

ACTIVITIES:

- WP1: Project management
- WP2: Adriatic-Ionian ICZM/MSP Community of practice (including durability)
- WP3: Decision support tool (DST)
- WP4: Implementation and cooperation cases
- WP5: Communication



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 2: ICZM AND MSP COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

To promote and structure sectorial, cross-sectorial and transnational dialogues an Adriatic – Ionian, a ICZM/MSP **Community of Practice** will be organized and piloted, including:

1. Identification of a **structured working group of institutional bodies** to ensure harmonized and **coordinated implementation** of MSP plans and **harmonize standards and regulations** for marine and maritime activities, in a wide range of sectors/activities (e.g. fishery, aquaculture, MSP, ICZM, EIA, SEA)
2. Identification and organization of **thematic dialogue platforms** including institutional bodies, private sectors, international organizations, research centres and NGOs, with the aim of using ICZM/MSP as tools to promote sustainable development of maritime activities
3. Analysis of specific **schemes and mechanisms for transboundary planning and governance** on transboundary MSP priorities, including in the field of (transboundary) MPAs and other protection mechanisms (OECMs).



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 2: DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS (DST)

1. Consolidate and extensively use the **Geoportal of Adriatic-Ionian region**, developed under the PORTODIMARE project
2. Design and develop a **DST supporting participatory and interactive knowledge-sharing and dialogue** among sectorial and cross-sectorial transnational actors

Possible functionalities:

- Keep sharing spatial data for MSP and ICZM (keep GAIR)
- Share information about the MSP and ICZM Plans
- Assess coherence of plans in transnational dimension (also sector oriented)

Test of practical application of DST to concrete cases supporting multi-level governance and dialogue (e.g. multi-scalar planning needs, land-sea interaction, sectorial challenges etc.)



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 3: IMPLEMENTATION, TESTING AND COOPERATION

In order to achieve practical understanding and application of the DST, concrete case studies will be developed around the following main topics/sectors:

- Aquaculture
- Maritime transport
- Biodiversity and ecosystem protection

Case studies will target a different dimensions: the macroregional one and the local one (test sties to be selected)



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 3: IMPLEMENTATION, TESTING AND COOPERATION

Task 1 – Aquaculture: zoning and co-existence

- Comparative analysis of aquaculture sector inclusion in the national MSP plans and initiatives in the AIR, and interactions with other uses. Are measures addressed for the sector?
- Are Allocated Zones for Aquaculture (AZA) defined in the AIR? How? Are AZA explicitly considered in MSP Plans?
- Through case studies, suggest and test best options for a multi-scalar management of aquaculture areas
- Through case studies, address and test best options to improve co-existence with other sectors: e.g. landscape protections, tourism, etc.

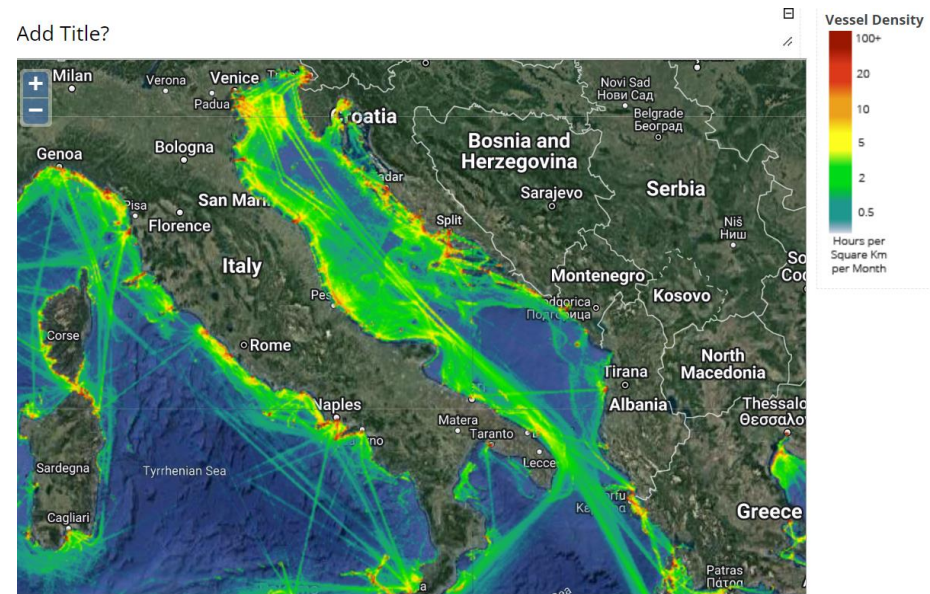


PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 3: IMPLEMENTATION, TESTING AND COOPERATION

Task 2 – Maritime transport

- Analysis of MSP measures in national plans related to the sector and aimed at improving sustainability and co-existences. Exchanges to promote harmonization.
- Identify and construct concrete opportunities for transboundary spatial-based management of maritime transport in the AIR to improve environmental sustainability and security
- Possibility to build on the 2006 proposal for Designation of the Adriatic Sea as a Particularly Sensitive Area (PSSA).



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 3: IMPLEMENTATION, TESTING AND COOPERATION

Task 3 – Biodiversity and ecosystem protection

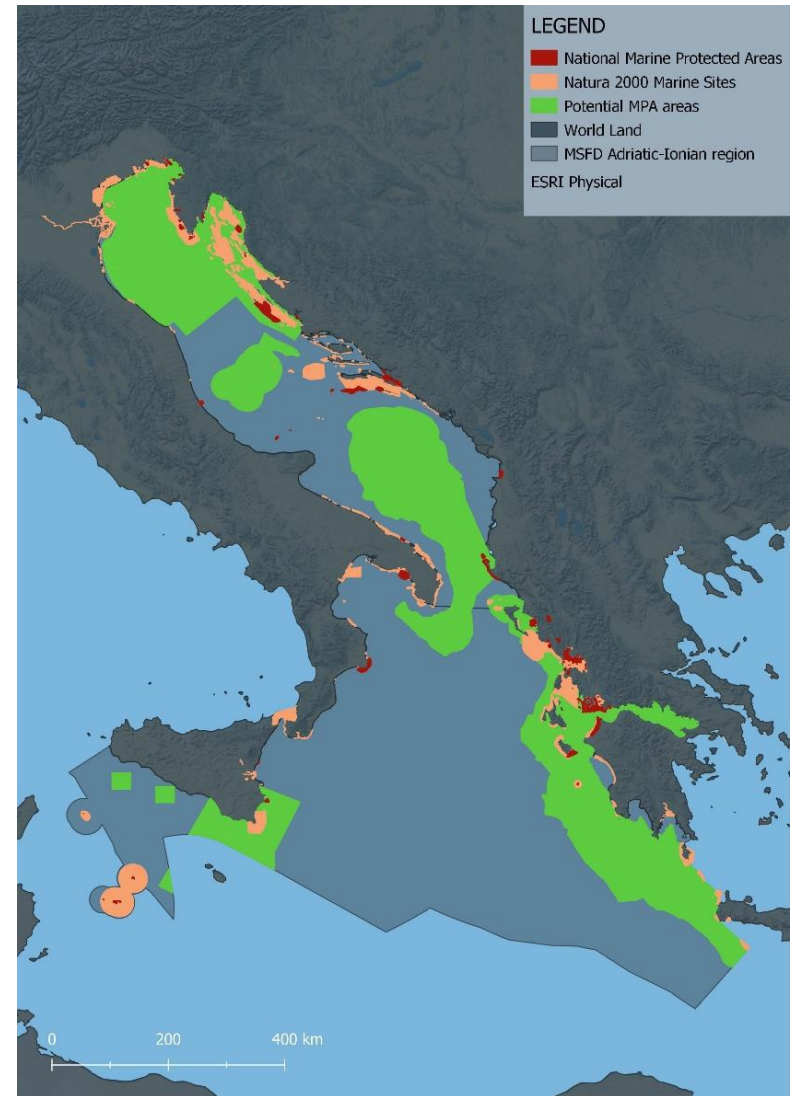
- Capitalization of available studies and projects from the area e.g.:

Analysis of Marine Protected Areas in EUSAIR and Proposals for Corrective Measures (Nov 2021)

The Legal Basis for the Establishment and Further Development of Marine Protected Areas in the EUSAIR with Particular Emphasis on Transboundary Marine Protected Areas (Nov 2021)

The Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection Community (MBPC) project (2019-2022) INTERREG Mediterranean Program (2019-2002)

UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC CAMP Italy - Albania



PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WP 3: IMPLEMENTATION, TESTING AND COOPERATION

Task 3 – Biodiversity and ecosystem protection

In continuation with previous studies and projects developed in the macro-region and specifically in the **Northern Adriatic and South Adriatic-Ionian EBSAs** the following activities can be implemented (selection):

- **additional studies** on specific knowledge gaps
- Identification of **specific area-based conservation tools** such as MPAs, OECMs and sector-based spatial measures in the areas, in line with (i.a.) Biodiversity Strategy 2030, EUSAIR Action Plan
- Definition of a **legal and governance frame** for the definition of **protected areas** in connection with within a MSP/ICZM implementation in the EBSAs
- Definition of a **legal and governance frame** for the formulation of **transboundary MSP** plan(s) for the area(s).



THE FRAMEWORK PROJECT

MAIN FEATURES:

- **Type of project:** Strategic project
- **Project duration:** 36 months
- **Project budget:** TBD€
- **Participating countries :** 7 (TBD)
- **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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding opportunities could be through EMFF, ADRION or other programs open to the participation of all the interested countries.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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