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# EUSAIR- European Strategy for The Adriatic and Ionian Region

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## Adriatic Area – 2014/2020

Programs present in the area:

### Cross border programs

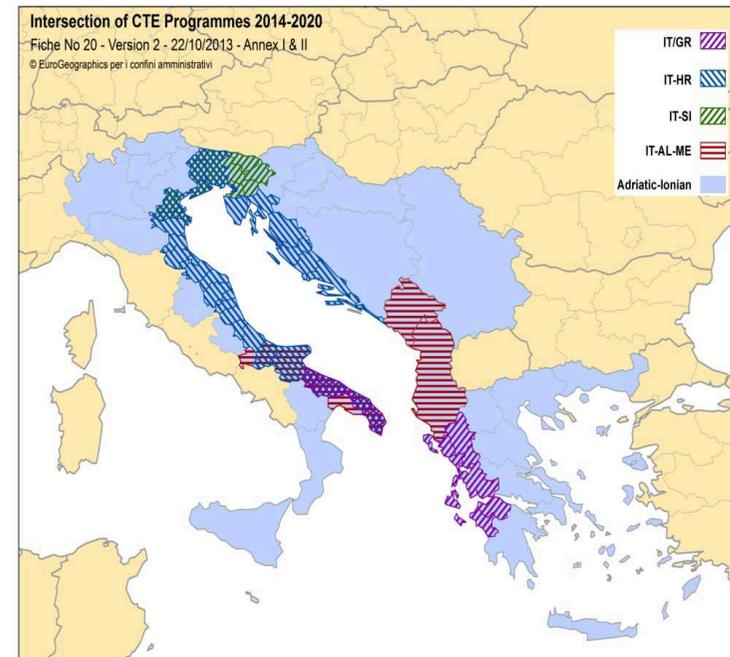
- IT-GR
- **IT-HR**
- IT-SI
- IT-AL-ME

### Transnational programs

- **Adrion**
- **MED**
- **CENTRAL**

It is important to find common and shared objectives, needs and problems in order to find joint solutions.

For ETC programmes the Macroregional strategies should be the political and strategical reference.



## NO RULES

- No need of targeted calls or bonus point: each project should be coherent with the relevant macroregional strategies.
- The selection of projects should be made only on the basis of the quality of the projects
- No financing of the development and implementation costs of the strategies by the transnational programmes: no parallel bureaucracy, the cost of coordination must be an ordinary cost of efficient Administrations and partnership running

# Macroregional process

- Since 2013, the inter-regional strategy Working Group for the Adriatic Ionian Initiative, formed by representatives of the Italian Regions and coordinated by the Marche Region, meets to share the progress of the macro-regional process started in 2012.
- Adriatic Euroregion became Adriatic Ionian Euroregion – Convergence of the Adriatic Euroregion and the Ionian Initiative;
- Principal documents:
  - **Discussion Paper** - The method is proposed as a reference also for the alignment of other policies and funds (the thematic objectives come directly from Europe 2020)
  - **Action plan**, which they must infer actions and interventions to predict in the individual operational programs in accordance with the Partnership agreement.
- European Commission: DG Regio and DG Mare as EUSAIR referents
- 14 Italian Regions involved – 8 countries (4 EU members and 4 no UE members)

## Where are we now ....

- EUSAIR strategy was approved last November 2014;
- From January 2015 EUSAIR Strategy is going to be implemented by activating the formal bodies scheduled in the EUSAIR governance:
  - Governing body
  - Thematic steering groups per pillar

# Multilevel governance

- Focal point of the **National Level** for each pillar:
    1. Driving innovative maritime and marine growth (WG **Coordinators Greece and Montenegro**);
    2. Connecting the Region (WG Coordinators **Italy and Serbia**)
    3. Preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment (WG Coordinators **Slovenia and Bosnia Herzegovina**);
    4. Increasing regional attractiveness (**Croatia and Albania**)
  - Focal point of the **Regional Level** for each pillar:
    1. Driving innovative maritime and marine growth (Regional Coordinator **Veneto e Molise**);
    2. Connecting the Region (Regional Coordinator **Friuli-Venezia Giulia e Abruzzo**)
    3. Preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment (Regional Coordinator **Emilia-Romagna e Umbria**);
    4. Increasing regional attractiveness (Regional Coordinator **Puglia e Sicilia**)
- There are two more horizontal pillars: **Research and innovation** and **Capacity building**



## Thematic pillars

### 1. Blue Growth (Greece/Montenegro)

- a. *Blue technology*
- b. *Fishing and Acquaculture*
- c. *Marittime services*



### 2. Connecting the region (Italy/Serbia)

- a. *Maritime Transport*
- b. *Intermodal connections and interland*
- c. *Energy network*



### 3. Environmental quality (Slovenia/Bosnia Herzegovina)

- a. *Protecting Marine Biodiversity*
- b. *Pollution of the sea*
- c. *Protection terrestrial ecosystems biodiversity habitat*



### 4. Sustainable Tourism (Croazia ed Albania)

- a. *Tourism management - Diversification and offer tourist services*
- b. *Quality and Accreditation*
- c. *Accessibility*



## Read more about ...

- [www.ai-macroregion.eu](http://www.ai-macroregion.eu)
- <http://www.adriaticionianeuroregion.eu/>
- [http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/politica\\_estera/aree\\_geografiche/europa/ooii/iai.html](http://www.esteri.it/mae/it/politica_estera/aree_geografiche/europa/ooii/iai.html)
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