

*Towards the future of blue growth in the Adriatic and Ionian Basin*

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# Emilia-Romagna Region for the Blue Economy

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## Strategy

- Pact for Work and Climate & Regional 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Goal 14 "In Emilia-Romagna, we conserve and preserve the sea and the marine resources for sustainable development"
- Regional Intersectorial Working Group and Blue Economy Strategy Forum

## Challenges

- Smart Strategy Specialisation (S3) > Cross Sector Area Blue Growth  
Blue Bioeconomy (Acqua cultura) - Marine Manufacturing (Eolico) - Coastal zone and Turismo 2.0

## Instruments

- Structural Funds 2021 - 2027: Research Investment and High Competence
- Ecosister (Emilia-Romagna Territorial Ecosystem of Innovation): Spoke 5 Circular and Blue Economy (Applied Research)
- United Nation University (Big data and A.I. for Human Habitat Change: laboratories)

## Examples of international cooperation and regional initiatives

- Interreg Mediterranean Projects: BLUE BIO MED (Networking) - MISTRAL (Tools) – INHERIT (Sustainable Tourism)
- Interreg Italy-Croatia Projects: AdriaClim (Adaptation - Coastal Defence) – ARGOS (Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture activities) Adri.SmArtFish (small-scale artisanal fishing)
- EU LIFE Biodiversity Project: Lifeel (European eel conservation)
- Erasmus Plus School education: "Healthy and Clean Seas without plastics"
- MSP-Maritime Spatial Planning (Integrated and intersectorial plan in the Adriatic Sea)
- Progetto Coste - Decade Collaborative Centre (operative)
- The Vanguard Initiative in ADMA - Wind Energy (already operative)
- "Centro Meteo Italiano" (Italian central meteo)
- Ecomondo Exhibition (Blue Economy - November 2023)

- European Strategies in support of sustainable blue growth
- European Territorial Cooperation Programmes – HOW Interreg can implement strategies and answer to the territorial needs of Italian regions
- Actions and projects supporting blue growth in the Adriatic-Ionian area in a multilevel perspective
- Blue skills and jobs

Thank you!