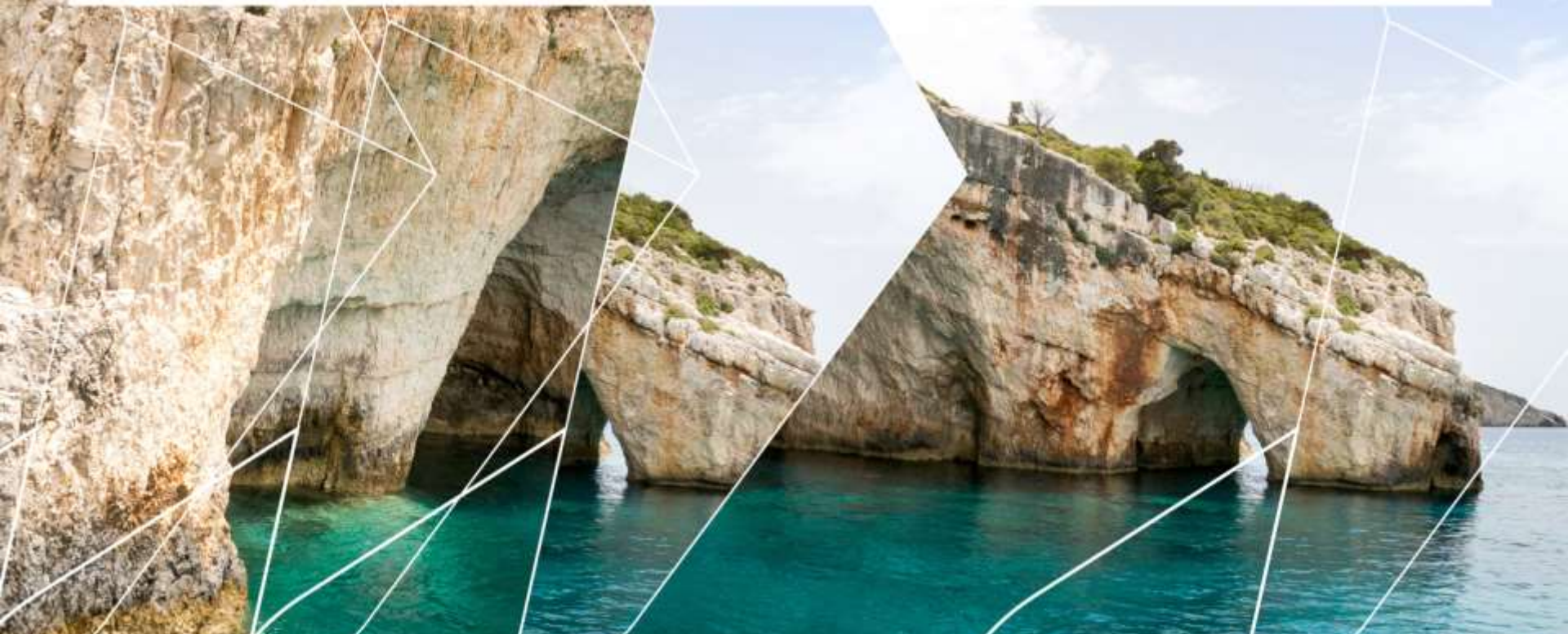




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From Northern Adriatic District governance policies to Adriatic Cooperation projects for the harmonisation of sustainable fishing and aquaculture activities.

July 7th - Rimini





The North Adriatic Fishing District

What is the District?

It can be defined as a tool for shared management and concerted activity of the Northern Adriatic fish industry at a political, economic, social and environmental level in compliance with the legislative provisions of the Common Fisheries Policy

In fact, it is possible to identify homogeneous areas for fishing activities to which common management rules can be applied.

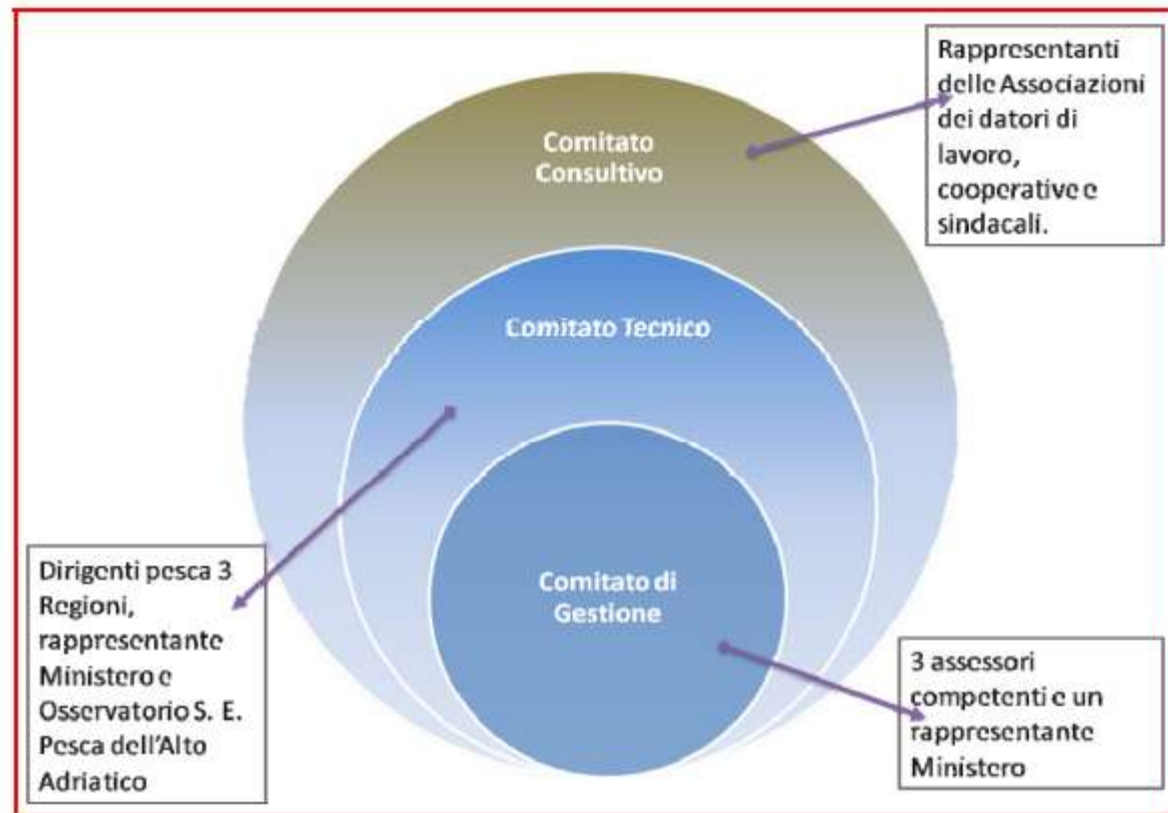
On this basis, the Ministerial Decrees of 23 February 2010 and 27 February 2012 establishing the Fishing District were approved



The main aim of The North Adriatic Fishing District is promoting partnerships with producers and businesses in the fisheries sector supply chains for the common development of the actions envisaged in the policies and interventions identified and shared between the Ministry and the three Regions.



The North Adriatic Fishing District



Organizational scheme of the district



The North Adriatic Fishing District

The AIMS of the Regions of the District are essentially linked to a shared and sustainable management of biological resources (with a view to respecting the specificities of the production systems, traditions and profitability of companies)

The problems are:

- the production crises
- the supply chain and health links
- the issues connected to marketing and commercial valorisation of the product
- the management problems of companies
- the regulations and constraints imposed by the EU
- the excessive anthropisation of the marine strip within three miles, today more than ever require management efficient and coordinated local fisheries policies.

The management of the biological fishing shutdown, for example, finds in the peculiarities of the upper Adriatic area the need for different periods compared to the entire Adriatic.



The North Adriatic Fishing District

For this reason, the activity of promoting the partnership towards the cross-border regions of the upper Adriatic, the Istrian Region and the Litoral-Mountain County in Croatia and Slovenia, is more timely and fundamental than ever.

Their involvement, once the limits of a political-institutional nature have been overcome, will be able to give the District the breath that the EU itself promotes in favor of coastal communities and fishing companies that operate in a common basin for traditions, types of fishing, problems and needs.



The district finds its roots in the Northern Adriatic partnership which was born in 2001 and since then has seen the individual Regions engaged in the consolidation of their cross-border activity thanks to various financed and completed projects and others that are in the start-up phase.

The Emilia-Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia and Veneto Regions, with the Municipality of Izola in Slovenia, the Istrian Region and the Litoral-Mountain County in Croatia, have started a fruitful collaboration relationship to undertake a coordinated process of structural, infrastructural and fisheries management.

Once upon a time



With the launch of the Adri.Fish cross-border project, which was followed over time by a series of other projects, the individual Regions have started a fruitful relationship of collaboration to undertake a coordinated process of structural, infrastructural and fisheries management.



EU Territorial Cooperation Fy&Aq projects involving Emilia-Romagna Reg.

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ADRI.SMARTFISH
Valorisation of Small-scale ARTIsanal FISHERY of the Adriatic coasts in a context of sustainability

START DATE
01.01.2019

END DATE
31.03.2022

TOTAL BUDGET
€ 3.242.000

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE
Strengthen the small-scale fishery role in the North Adriatic Sea area (GSA 17) in the near future by fostering their potential for innovation within the Blue Growth context, through the adoption of an ecosystem-based management approach.

1. Create an organic body of knowledges about the State-of-the-art of the SSF sector in the area
2. Promote sustainable innovation in the SSF industry and on the market
3. Promote sustainable innovation in the SSF industry in management and policy-making

TARGET GROUPS

- General Public
- Local, regional and national public authorities
- Small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- NGOs, Associations, Innovation Agencies, Business Incubators, Cluster Management Bodies and Networks

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ARGOS

Shared Governance of Sustainable Fisheries and Aquaculture Activities as
Leverage to Protect Marine Resources in the Adriatic Sea



START DATE

01.04.2020

END DATE

30.06.2023

TOTAL BUDGET

€ 5.725.155

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

1. Establishing and encouraging a common coordinated framework and strengthening the institutional dialogue for a sustainable and shared management of Adriatic marine resources, putting together Adriatic Institutions dealing in fisheries and aquaculture and Argos' partners through the Adriatic Advisory Committee (AAC).
2. Protecting Adriatic fishing resources according to the decisional processes shared with the best available "know-how".
3. Improvement of fishing techniques oriented toward environmental sustainability.

TARGET GROUPS

- General public
- Local, Regional and National Public Authorities
- Protected Areas and Natural Heritage Management Bodies
- Regional and Local Development Agencies
- Associations
- Education and Training Organizations
- Universities and Research Institutes



The PRIZEFISH project idea builds on the rationale to implement a cross-border, territorial and socio-economic developmental change in the cooperative renewable exploitation of Adriatic fishery resources and consequently in the long-term benefits on the Adriatic marine ecosystems. **PRIZEFISH builds on knowledge that were capitalized** on abundant synergies with several previous and ongoing cooperation projects in the fishery sector **its overall objective to tackle the dual territorial challenge for Italian and Croatian Adriatic fishing SMEs and Producer Organizations (POs)** to be more sustainable and to increase their economic competitiveness in the seafood markets, by developing and piloting innovative fishery products with added-value given by ecolabels fulfilling requirements of environmental, economic and social sustainability.



Prizefish



This project is example of cooperation of various experts, members of representatives of local, regional authorities, educational institutions, international environmental organizations, who will jointly evaluate their already developed good practices for a sustainable use of marine and coastal resources.

To ensure such sustainability, it is necessary to establish a smart coastal management system to assist the Maritime Spatial Planning. All involved PPs will work together to establish guidelines for preserving the wealth of the Adriatic Sea in order to reap maximum economic benefits while protecting the marine ecosystem.

In accordance to the EUSAIR Pillar3 and the relevant Flagship the so far achieved experiences from the projects SOUNDSCAPE, ECOSS, ECOMAP, NET4MPLASTIC, DORY, ML-REPAIR, SASPAS will be amalgamated to develop sustainable growth, to decrease pollution and contamination, and protect the unique biodiversity of the Adriatic Sea.



Resistance



Lifeel is the first European eel conservation project involving actions in the area of the Po River (Italy) and the Nesto River (Greece).

The global population of *Anguilla anguilla* is at risk of extinction, due to the fragmentation of the river network and interactions with fisheries and aquaculture. Lifeel is taking actions according to a shared approach to problems and the creation of a program of restocking activities for specimens in growth and reproductive age.

Lifeel is a project funded by the European Life Program for a period of 4 years, from 2020 to the end of 2024.





In the last decades, most rural areas in the EU have developed at a lower rate than urban areas have; this has hampered the relative social and economic opportunities of these territories, leading to effects such as loss of population.

ORIGINN's main goal is to enlarge and improve policy instruments in the involved territories (in EE, ES, IE, IT, RO, SE, SK) seeking to foster innovation-based industrial transition in rural areas, with an emphasis in the agri-food sector. Under this topic, **ORIGINN** puts special attention to digitalisation, industrial sustainability, social innovation, and soft innovation measures, devoting specific semester-activities to each of them.

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**Economic and social
transformation in rural areas
through industrial innovation,
emphasis in agri-food sector**

A few numbers



1,659,300



01 Mar 2023-
31 May 2027



7 partners



Project submitted in Euro-Med Programme

BLUE FOOD (Test Project)

Preservation of maritime biodiversity by Contrasting BLUE Crab competition with autochthonous species through target new competences, target catching and valorization as Food

Contribute to the restoration of Mediterranean coastal ecosystems through systematization of methods and practices for the targeted capture of the Blue Crab and its enhancement for quality nutritional value, the source of income for the blue economy, with particular attention to small-scale fisheries scale and short food chains for the HORECA sector.

SO 2.7 - Improve the protection and conservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure also in urban areas and reduce all forms of pollution: to achieve this, strong cooperation is needed in order to fill any political gaps, consolidate existing efforts and ensure full implementation of existing legislation.

MIND EAT (Study Project)

Fostering more circular and sustainable models for the Mediterranean diet

For many years, European Mediterranean countries have worked hard to demonstrate that the Mediterranean diet is one of the best - not to mention the best - in the world in terms of its healthy attribution, in addition to its well-known flavors.

However, there is still room for improvement when it comes to the environment and sustainability.

Reports show that there is still too much food waste, lack of circularity/recycling and unsustainable practices, on both sides, supply and demand.

Before specific actions can be taken to address this, some additional studies are needed to assess what potential initiatives could address this challenge.

The project will then implement study activities that can lead to clear conclusions to build a potential further project in the future where these conclusions can be transformed into specific pilot actions.

Greener Med – Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy

EUSAIR Pillar 1 Blue Growth and Pillar 3 Environment Quality



Project submitted in Italy-Croatia Programme

SEAPROTECT

(Development of monitoring system and enhancement of management tools and policies for protecting and preserving sea Resources)

Priority 2: Green and resilient environment shared

SO 2.2 – Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

The general objective of the project is to improve the structures and policies for the protection of marine biodiversity and ecosystems in terms of conservation of marine resources, as well as to raise awareness of ecosystem protection and pollution reduction.



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Thank you for your attention!