

DORY KEY MESSAGES

Cooperation
for institutions and
stakeholders and
integration in territorial
policies



Environmental
protection: introducing
a scientific approach
and a better knowledge
framework for sustainable
fishing and sea farming



A glance
into the future
THE SOLE SANCTUARY



DORY focuses on the promotion of an eco-systemic approach to fisheries and aquaculture in the Adriatic Sea, with the view to find shared and sustainable solutions for better protection and promotion of coastal economies and marine areas, through the enhancement of the institutional dialogue.



PROJECT DURATION
1/1/2018 - 30/6/2019
18 Months



PARTNERS
8



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794.244,25



TOTAL BUDGET
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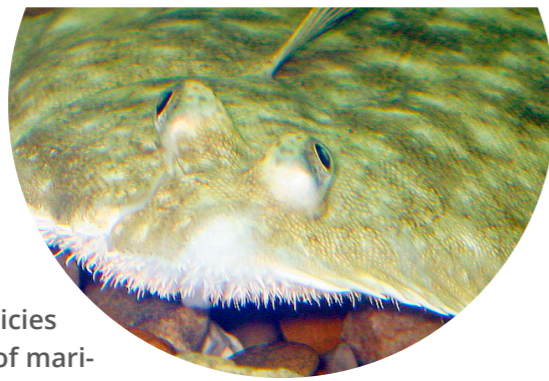
Capitalization actions for
aDriatic marine
envirOnment pRotection
and ecosYstem
based management



*Adriatic institutions
and researchers
together for sustainable
fisheries and aquaculture*



BLUE ECONOMY E SDGS: COMMON CHALLENGES FOR THE ADRIATIC COMMUNITIES



The words **Blue economy** emphasize a set of policies for conservation and sustainable management of marine and coastal areas. Healthy marine eco-systems are crucial for the prosperity of coastal communities and sea-based local economies.

Info https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/policy/blue_growth_en

Italy and Croatia are among the best performing European Countries for fisheries and aquaculture, which are established sector of the blue economy (2018 EC first Annual Report on blue economy).

This implies that economic activities must be in balance with the regeneration capacity of the marine eco-system, on a long-term perspective. Thus, sustainability is at the center of the Common Fisheries Policy and of the UN's sustainable development objective no 14 (Promotion of a sustainable use of marine resources).

More info in <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/>



Moreover, both Italy and Croatia engaged themselves in the achievement of the EUSAIR Strategy "Blue growth" pillar.

Info <https://www.adriatic-ionician.eu/about-eusair/pillars/blue-pillar/>



The Adriatic Sea Geographic Sub-Area n. 17 needs to find out a new sustainability balance, for the benefit of the cross-border coastal communities, through fostering sustainable solutions for fisheries and aquaculture, as key factors for prosperity.

DORY supports those processes and policies, through the improvement of the institutional collaboration in the project area.

THE ITALY – CROATIA PROGRAMME

Interreg VA Italy-Croatia is a European Territorial Cooperation initiative; which promotes exchange of knowledge and experiences among local institutions in the participating Countries, through pilot actions and common projects. The Adriatic basin and its coasts are at the center of the cooperation area, involving in its policies over 12.400.000 inhabitants, with the common goal of fostering prosperity and blue growth potential in an area boasting a unique cultural and environmental heritage.

Since a part of the Adriatic Sea is beyond the national jurisdiction, cooperation among institutions is crucial to achieve good standards of protection of marine biodiversity and a sustainable management of marine and coastal resources, which are at stake.

The Italy-Croatia **Axis 3**, which focuses on **Environmental and cultural heritage**, is **co-funding the DORY project**, with the aim of promoting an eco-systemic approach to fisheries and aquaculture in the Adriatic Sea, to test and share sustainable solutions for better protection and promotion of coastal economies and marine areas.

More info www.italy-croatia.eu

To be successful, DORY will need to involve all relevant stakeholders in the project area (**institutions, professional fishermen and fish farmers, researchers, civil society organizations**) and will make use of a multi-disciplinary knowledge framework. The co-operation among those actors will be required to face successfully the common challenge of sustainability in fisheries and aquaculture.

DORY sets as a specific objective the protection of the biodiversity in the Adriatic Sea, with the proposal of an integrated management model for fisheries, according to an eco-systemic approach.



CAPITALIZATION OF A STRATEGIC APPROACH

The **ECOSEA project** (IPA Adriatic CBC Programme 2007-2013) contributed to launch a new set of common sustainable management practices for the protection of marine resources, based on the best available scientific advice and the stakeholder involvement, with the support of many pilot actions, and it produced as a project output an advanced proposal for a Maritime Spatial Planning tool.



In the light of the achievements of EcoSea, and of the growing importance of its partnership for the sustainable development in the Geographic Sub-Area 17, DORY was meant to focus on the promotion of an eco-systemic approach to fisheries and aquaculture in the Adriatic Sea, with the view to find shared and sustainable solutions for better protection and promotion of coastal economies and marine areas, through the enhancement of the institutional dialogue.

