

# ARGOS NEWSLETTER

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Responsible of communication  
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## SHARED GOVERNANCE OF SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ACTIVITIES AS LEVERAGE TO PROTECT MARINE RESOURCES IN THE ADRIATIC SEA

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL-ECONOMIC  
SUSTAINABILITY, COMMON AIM TO PROTECT THE  
RESOURCES OF THE ADRIATIC SEA

## NEWS ABOUT THE ARGOS PROJECT

The strategic ARGOS project, with a budget of 5,7 million euro, involves **16 cross-border public partners**, 8 are Italian and 8 Croatian; it will end in June 2023.

**Among these are the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia as Lead Partner and Emilia-Romagna Region which coordinates communication activities.** Italian partners are: Veneto Region as responsible of the Governance framework (WP3), Marche Region, Molise Region, Apulia Region, CNR (National Research Council, Institution for biologic resources and marine biotechnologies CNR-IRBIM - headquarter of Ancona), Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry policies - MIPAAF, headquarter of Rome - as associate partner. **Croatian partners** are: Region of Istria, County of Primorje and Gorki Kotar, Zadar County, responsible for the know-how sectorial development and implementation of pilot actions (WP5), Public Institution development Agency of Šibenik-Knin County, Public Institution RERA SD for coordination and development of Split-Dalmatia County, Dubrovnik-Neretva County, IOF - Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (Split) responsible for the knowledge and decision process (WP4), Croatian Ministry of Agriculture

(Zagreb) as associate partner. The goal is to define a common integrated approach in **the protection of marine resources towards the preservation of good environmental status of Adriatic sea** through actions aimed to **reduce the pressure of fisheries and aquaculture activities on marine habitats by the collaboration of fishermen.**



**The meeting for the presentation of the pilot action 5.2 took place on 15th April in Carovigno (BR) "Improvement of fishermen behaviours - Co-management Fishery plan for the shared governance of marine resources in ZSC (Special area of conservation) in Torre Guaceto, Macchia San Giovanni", activity selected and carried out from Apulia Region - Department of Agriculture - Sustainable management and protection of forestry and natural resources.**

The ZSC area with the close Protected Marine Area, thus, will become the area object of observation in the ARGOS project with the clear purpose of achieving a **management model for the sustainable fishing applying in the Adriatic area. Actually, tools of shared governance and knowledge are planned for this area. These allow interaction between institutions and fishermen in the elaboration of technical, scientific and financial measures.**

The main topic implies the sustainability of the environment, but even the small economy that provides a certain income.



**THE ARGOS PROJECT WAS INTRODUCED DURING THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR ABOUT AQUACULTURE IN BARCELONA, GLOBAL SEAFOOD EXPO, FROM 26th TO 28th APRIL 2022.**



Context, goals and first results of the project were the subject of a institutional contribution planned in the Italy schedule edited by the MIPAAF, with particular reference to activities carried on the land and in Friuli Venezia Giulia navies.

Dr. Mauro Cosolo and Dr. Stefano Kutin participated in this occasion with their speeches by representing the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region, the project Leader, in particular, the institutional team related to the Hunting and Fishing Resources service.

The representatives responsible for ARGOS of **Friuli Venezia Giulia, Emilia-Romagna and Apulia Region** took part in the event along with other actors belonging to the Italian fishing system at "Casa Italia", booth of the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry policies.

There also were businesses from the three regions above-mentioned concerning the field of production, marketing and processing of fishery products.



At the end of the institutional talk, the **chef Massimo Riccioli** planned a **show cooking on the topic of blue fish** for the audience in presence. On this occasion, in addition to the institutional contribution on ARGOS, story, traditions and customs were showed with reference to the fishery of small pelagics in the Adriatic sea. Thus, the opportunity was taken in order to highlight, once again, how the **cross-border shared management between the Italian and Croatian navies of small pelagic stocks is a core goal of the ARGOS project**.



#### ARGOS: STATUS AND PERSPECTIVES OF THE FISHERY SECTOR IN THE ADRIATIC SEA - SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON FISHERY OF THE PROJECT AT AQUAFARM FAIR 25-27 MAY 2022, Pordenone (Italy)

The next meeting is related to Aquafarm at the fair in Pordenone, one of the most important events in Europe and the only one in Italy, dedicated to sectors of Aquaculture, shellfish farming and sustainable fishing industry.

The exhibition, the first edition of which was in 2017, includes the production and sales supply chain of the aquaculture field, by considering the fishery and shellfish farming in aquaculture, currently, is one of the food production activities with the highest growth rate in the world.

Moreover, a significant issue always is the protection of the sea; for this reason, this fair also dedicates a large space to the sustainable fishery, by promoting all the companies involved in fishery activities with less environmental impact to save marine ecosystems and fish species.



**25-27** 5ª Edizione  
**MAGGIO 2022**  
FIERA DI PORDENONE

Mostra Convegno internazionale  
su acquacoltura, algocoltura  
e industria della pesca



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The fair also covers, since 2021, the sector of algaculture, therefore, farming, processing and usage of algae and microalgae.

Hence the name **AlgaeFarm** at the fair.

**Aquafarm represents a precious opportunity for meeting and networking with operators of these contexts;** beside this, every year relevant actors participate within the research and innovation area.

The Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia organised a scientific conference on fishery which will take place on **Thursday 26th May 2022** from 9.00 a.m. **The topic of the conference: status and perspectives of the fishery sector in the Adriatic sea.** The most important researchers and scientific referents make their contribution with speeches about the state of environment and fishery in Adriatic.

A chance addressed to institutions and experts in order to dialogue about **two main issues for the protection and a sustainable management of fishery resources in the Adriatic sea: ecological and human factors that affect fishery activities and future scenarios for these activities in Italy and Croatia.**

## AAC - ADRIATIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**ARGOS was born to continue the collaboration among players of the fishery and aquaculture world facing the Adriatic sea,** a cooperation already tested in ECOSEA and DORY projects.

**The aim is to ensure a permanent structure of governance for fishing activities and aquaculture to be shared among institutions, research and operators sectors;** actually, the acronym ARGOS consists of the words **Adriatic-GOvernance-ShARed.**

The governance framework of Adriatic in ARGOS is developed in the Work Package 3 of the project and envisages the setting-up of Adriatic Advisory Committee which represents the meeting-point of scientific experts, operators, institutions. The working team, coordinated by Thomas Galvan for the Italian side and Lav Bavčević for the Croatian one, foresees the presence of a scientific-technical expert delegated by each partner and **4 representatives of trade associations for fishery and aquaculture, 2 for the Italian side and 2 for the Croatian one.** ARGOS aims to increase the knowledge and improve the collaboration among different fishery and aquaculture stakeholders in Adriatic through a bottom-up approach, by engaging professional business operators already at an early stage without setting them as mere spectators.





At present the project is going on in a straight way, even if, at the beginning there were some difficulties of coordination among several partners mainly connected to restrictive measures to limit the pandemic; the project requested and obtained a 6-month extension of deadlines, originally planned for the end of 2022, and by postponing the **completion of ARGOS to June 2023**.

The primary mission of AAC is getting to reach a fishery management that is coherent with the features of the Adriatic sea, which is unique compared to any other sea in the EU area and which allows the safeguard of social-economic realities and navies operating for centuries. Now an important purpose is being discussed: involving even Slovenia and extra UE (i.e. Montenegro, Albania) interested in the management of marine resources of the Adriatic, in AAC tasks according to a shared approach.

The establishment of a discussion table able to interact with the main European institutions and which is a reference point as well for fishermen and mariculture sector should be the ideal end point that would fulfill a project developed thanks to several projects coordinated by the North Adriatic District and before funded by Italy-Croatia programme; furthermore, this opportunity would be a starting point to test a **decentralised management of fishery and aquaculture more focused on real needs both of the environment and production segment**.

Please note that the third official meeting of AAC took place the last December 2021 in Opatija, in the area of the Rijeka County.

## NEWS ABOUT THE FISHING AND AQUACULTURE WORLD



### EMD - EUROPEAN MARITIME DAYS RAVENNA 19th-20th May 2022 - PRESENTATION OF ARGOS

An unforgettable event was certainly l' European Maritime Day 2022 (EMD) held in presence in Ravenna at Pala de Andrè and, at the same time, in online mode on 19th and 20th May. A big conference including workshops and thematic sessions with public bodies, governments, universities and specialists of European companies, all aimed at a unique goal to find solutions for proper actions within the context of maritime affairs, marine environment and sustainable Blue Economy.

The EMD target included the sea operators and the topic of this year was the following: **"Blue sustainable economy for a green restart"**. During this special event Emilia-Romagna Region participated with its own booth and some workshops; ARGOS was promoted and presented, moreover, it fits in the scenario perfectly, due to the subjects covered, as shown in the title of the project.

The schedule planned the presentation of funds for the Blue Economy and different meetings between and B2B and stakeholders; among these even a workshop about the future of young fishermen.



## GENERAL STATES OF FISHERY IN VENETO REGION

Another important appointment not to be missed is **"General States of Fishery in Veneto Region"**, the primary event of the **Italian fishery sector organised from Veneto Region** and launched on the last 13th December in Chioggia (Ve), by involving all the main characters of the fishery industry, processing, research, gastronomy, culture and institutions. The event helped to connect several players of a significant economy in Veneto Region including thousands of families and companies of the area.

**This occasion will be also repeated during this year**, except for other updates, **from 5th to 8th July 2022 by engaging the fishery and aquaculture fields in the Veneto Region** mostly to find rising needs and problems, in addition to powers and growth perspectives able to define strategies and regional policies for the development of the segment.

**The days of the event will be held not only in Chioggia (Ve), but also in the area of Po river Delta (Porto Tolle - Ro), Caorle and Venice.**



The industry of professional fishing, aquaculture, processing and marketing related to fish products possiede in Veneto Region some peculiarities that must be supported and enhanced through resources and tools at the disposal.

**During this year the new operative programme of FEAMPA 2021-2027, EMFAF in English (European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund) will be set at a national level.**

**The Veneto Region, therefore, strives to establish regional strategies**, just like it happened with the FEAMP 2014-2020 planning.

Such stage is shared with organisations of economic agents and powered thanks to scientific contributes from research institutions and study of the sector.





The scheduled programme is approximately the following:

- **Tuesday 5th July 2022**

The professional fishery and aquaculture in lagoon and delta areas in Veneto.

Auditorium S.Nicolò, CHIOGGIA (Ve)

- **Wednesday 6th July 2022**

Blue Growth and pursuit of a pattern with a high level of environmental, economical and social sustainability

Hall of Fish market in Pila, PORTO TOLLE (Ro)

- **Thursday 7th July 2022**

From FEAMP to FEAMPA (or EMFAF in English) - Perspectives for the new support and investment programme for companies of the fisheries and aquaculture field in Veneto.

Upper hall of the Civic Centre, Piazza Vescovado, CAORLE (Ve)

- **Thursday 8th July 2022**

Suggestions of the North Adriatic District to manage marine fishing resources

Scuola Grande S. Giovanni Evangelista, VENEZIA



## PI RERA SD FROM SPLIT (Croatia) PRESENTS ARGOS PROJECT AT THE ARIEL INFO DAYS

The Croatian partner PI RERA S.D, the Development Agency of Split-Dalmatia County, involved in ARGOS, organized the first public event at regional level in Marine Kastela, Croatia on 7th April 2022 to present the ARIEL PLUS project goals and activities to the small-scale fisheries and aquaculture stakeholders. Together with 5 partners from Italy, Greece, Montenegro and Croatia, PI RERA S.D participates in the implementation of the ARIEL PLUS project funded by the EU under the ADRION Transnational Cooperation Program.



The ARIEL PLUS project has led to significant milestones towards accelerating and embracing innovation in small-scale coastal fisheries and aquaculture, addressing the issue of development for future initiatives and collaborations.

The main goal of ARIEL PLUS is to maximize, transferability and sustainability of ARIEL's main outcomes to small-scale coastal fisheries and aquaculture stakeholders inside and outside the Adriatic and Ionian, using future initiatives and investments in smart blue growth and sustainable coastal growth community.



**STRATEGIC PROJECT**

**ARGOS**

ShARed GOVERNance of Sustainable fisheries and aquaculture activities as leverage to protect marine resources in the Adriatic sea

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[www.italy-croatia.eu/argos](http://www.italy-croatia.eu/argos)

In this context, **ARGOS** was presented during the event; The focus was on the added value of the capitalization and cooperation initiatives for the regional and transnational small-scale fisheries and aquaculture sectors; best practices for a sustainable aquaculture and the experiences from the fishermen engaged in the pilot actions.

PI RERA S.D is actively involved in the implementation and improvement of small-scale coastal fisheries sector. Study of guidelines for the development of mariculture in Split-Dalmatia County was presented as well.

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