

# EVENT FOLLOW-UP REPORT

D.2.5.1 Local targeted event: The cooperation among the ports of the lower Adriatic and the upper Ionian: from the INTERREG Programme 2014/2020 to 2021/2027  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

## Event summary

Type of event	<i>Online and physical</i>
Location (if physical)	<i>Cruise Terminal of the Port of Bari</i>
Date of the event	<i>21/06/2022</i>
Time/Duration	<i>From 09:30 to 13:15</i>
Purpose of the event (By whom was it organized? What was the objective?)	<i>The event was organized by the Southern Adriatic Sea Port Authority - AdSPMAM with the aim of presenting the results achieved in the maritime and port sector through the implementation of the SUSPORT project activities and to promote future cooperation between the ports involved (Dubrovnik, Bar, Durres, Valona, Igoumenitsa, Corfu, Termoli, Taranto and the Apulian ports of the southern Adriatic Sea) and to face the challenges and opportunities of the next programming period 2021-2027.</i>
Short description of the event (what happened during the event?)	<i>The event, after the institutional greetings of Mr. Ugo Patroni Griffi, President of AdSPMAM, continued with the realization of a Round Table between the ports and port authorities of the lower Adriatic and the upper Ionian, during which the participants discussed on the results achieved in the maritime and port sector thanks to Interreg projects and on the strategies and actions to focus on for the future. In this phase, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the ports and the port authorities, through which the parties discussed the possibility of starting new projects and development opportunities together, also through the establishment of a cross-border association. After this first part, the event saw the presentation of the objectives, activities and results achieved within the SUSPORT project and other Interreg projects. The event ended with the interventions of Ms. Silvia Comiati - Coordinator JS INTERREG CBC Italy - Croatia Programme, Mr. Mauro Novello - Coordinator JS INTERREG IPA CBC South Adriatic Programme and Mr. Gianfranco Gadaleta - Coordinator JS INTERREG CBC Greece - Italy Programme.</i>

<p><i>Results/Outcomes of the event (What are the takeaways from the event?)</i></p>	<p><i>During the event, the activities and results achieved by the SUSPORT project were presented, the main objective of which is to improve environmental sustainability and energy efficiency in the ports of the Programme Area. In order to achieve cross-border environmental sustainability and energy efficiency, specific action plans and a long-term cooperation strategy have been developed between the SUSPORT project partners. Through the development of its pilot action, the Southern Adriatic Sea Port Authority - AdSPMAM has strengthened its environmental protection action with the VEGA system, developed as part of the activities envisaged by the project, with the aim of improving environmental and energy sustainability. maritime in the ports of Bari, Brindisi, Manfredonia, Barletta and Monopoli. The system was designed and developed to be fully highly customizable on each port. It provides advanced dashboards through which it is possible to view heterogeneous data, such as the impact of infrastructure works on environment. The event not only made it possible to disseminate and present the results achieved so far, but also made it possible to bring together the representatives of the ports of the lower Adriatic and upper Ionian with the aim of promoting actions and strategies for future collaboration, also in view of the new programming period 2021-2027.</i></p>
<p><i>Number of attendees</i></p>	<p><i>The event saw the involvement of about 70 participants</i></p>
<p><i>Type of stakeholders/target groups that were represented</i></p>	<p><i>Local, Regional Public Authorities, General Public, Education and Training Organisations</i></p>

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Autorità di Sistema Portuale Meridionale  
Crotone, Monopoli

**Interreg**  
Italy - Croatia  
SUSPORT

**SUSPORT**  
SUStainable PORTs



**PROJECT DURATION**  
01/07/2020 - 31/12/2022

**ERDF**  
6.070.700,00 EUR

**TOTAL BUDGET**  
7.142.000,00 EUR

**DESCRIPTION**  
SUSPORT intends to enhance the environmental sustainability and energy efficiency of the ports in Italy and Croatia through increased institutional cooperation to create the basis for coordinated and permanent governance at cross border level, jointly developing action plans and a long-term strategy. Through SUSPORT, ports of the Programme Area will be able to share best practices and develop common methodologies for environmental sustainability and energy efficiency to be tested in concrete pilot actions significantly improving the environmental performance of maritime transport in the whole Programme Area.

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**PROJECT PARTNERS**

European Regional Development Fund

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

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## AGENDA

- 09:30 – 10:00** Registration of participants
- 10:00 – 10:15** Institutional greetings
- 10:15 – 10:30** Introduction  
Mr. Ugo Patroni Griffi (President of AdSPMAM)
- 10:30 – 11:30** Round table between the sea ports of the lower Adriatic and the upper Ionian
- 11:30 – 11:40** Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding
- 11:40 – 12:00** The results of cooperation in the programming period 2014/2020  
Representative of AdSPMAM  
GUTTA Project - Mr. Gianandrea Mannarini, PhD (Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change Foundation)
- 12:00 – 13:00** The new INTERREG programming period 2021/2027 for the ports  
Ms. Silvia Comiati (Coordinator JS INTERREG CBC Italy - Croatia)  
Mr. Mauro Novello (Coordinator JS INTERREG IPA CBC South Adriatic)  
Mr. Gianfranco Gadaleta (Coordinator JS INTERREG CBC Greece - Italy)  
Representative of INTERREG Adrion
- 13:00 – 13:15** Conclusion
- 13:15** Lunch

### Registration is compulsory

To attend the event **in-person**, please register here: <https://bit.ly/39k8obp>

To attend the event **remotely**, please register here: <https://bit.ly/3xkGNyQ>





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*Alessandro Renna*  
*Southern Adriatic Port Authority*



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# Cooperation results in the programming period 2014/2020

## INTERREG ITALY CROATIA PROGRAMME 2014 - 2020

- SUSPORT SUsustainable PORTs - Strategic Project
  - Total budget € 7.100.000
  - AdSPMAM budget € 560.000

## INTERREG IPA CBC ITALY-ALBANIA-MONTENEGRO 2014 – 2020

- EFINTIS Enhancing efficiency of the intermodal transport flows by Improved ict systems
  - Total budget € 1.075.500
  - AdSPMAM budget € 215.700



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**Italy - Croatia**  
SUSPORT



EUROPEAN UNION

SUSPORT

SUStainable PORTs

Start date 01.07.2020

End date 31.12.2022

Total budget € 7.1 MLN



## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

The main objective of SUSPORT is to enhance the environmental sustainability and energy efficiency into ports of Programme Area.

In order to get an environmental sustainability and energy efficiency at cross-border level, have been developed specific action plans and a long-term cooperation strategy between SUSPORT project partners.

<https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/susport>

## AdSPMAM pilot action

The Southern Adriatic Sea Port System Authority has strengthened its environmental protection action with the VEGA system, which was developed as part of the activities envisaged by the "SUSPORT - SUsustainable PORTs" project.

The aim of the pilot action was to improve the maritime environmental & energy sustainability into the ports of Bari, Brindisi, Manfredonia, Barletta and Monopoli, through the development of joint action plans aimed at coordinating all the main stakeholders in the maritime transport sector.

SUSPORT SUsustainable PORTs

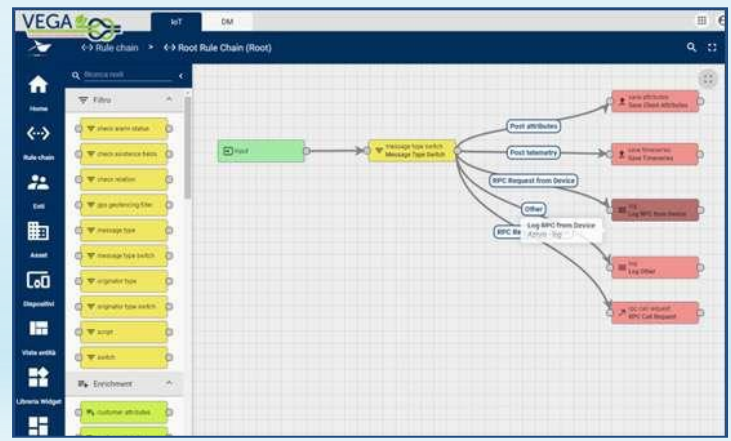
2020 Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mare Adriatico Meridionale [gaia.support@adspmam.it](mailto:gaia.support@adspmam.it)  
Sistema di monitoraggio ambientale porto di Bari, Brindisi, Manfredonia, Barletta e Monopoli

Interreg Italy - Croatia SUSPORT EUROPEAN UNION  
Project co-funded by the European Regional Development Fund - Interreg Italy-Croatia Susport Project

<https://vega.adspmam.it>

## SUSPORT SUsustainable PORTs

The system was designed and developed to be fully highly customizable on each port. It provides advanced dashboards through which it is possible to view heterogeneous data, such as the impact of infrastructure works on environment.



Through the rule chain functionality, it is also possible to construct events and actions linked to the acquisition of field data, as send push notifications when certain alarm thresholds are exceeded. The system is also able to send commands to the IoT devices.

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**Pilot Action:** Supply, installation and configuration of two environmental monitoring systems.

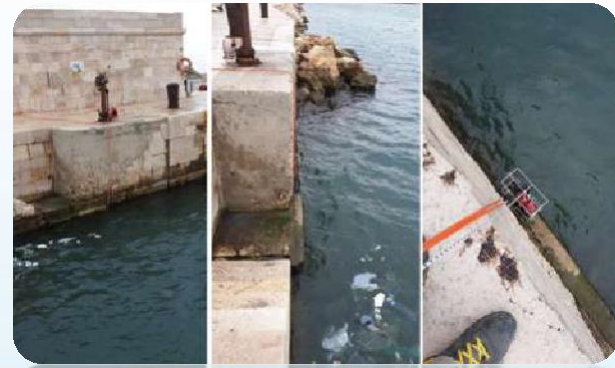
The two environmental monitoring devices allow the import of physical and chemical port water data into Vega system.

Brindisi: the installation took place in the area facing Via Egnatia.



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Barletta: in the terminal area of the east breakwater pier





EFINTIS Enhancing efficiency of the  
intermodal transport flows  
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Total budget € 1.075 MLN



## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

EFINTIS aims to increase efficiency of the intermodal transport flows in the programme area by upgrading management information systems. The project will enable, improve and establish new ICT connections between different modes of transport for passengers and goods.

<https://efintis.italy-albania-montenegro.eu>



## AdSPMAM pilot action

EFINTIS Enhancing efficiency of the intermodal transport flows  
 by Improved ict systems

The port Authority is developing a web application able to calculate ships CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (in real time), in order to support the carbon footprint evaluation.

The system uses AIS (*Automatic Identification System*) ships tracks in order to get ships position and routes.

Ships engines and emissions information as are obtained by IHS Markit database.

Emissions are calculated using formulase made by the IMO (*International Maritime Organization*).

The data will be achieved into the GAIA port community system database.

Port users will be able to view co2 data through real-time dashboards and reports.

# Automatic Identification System (AIS) network



# MARITIME INFORMATION SYSTEMS



Port Community System



DATA  
SHIP  
FOOTPRINT  
EVALUATOR



Thank you for your kind attention!

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## **INTERREG Italy-Croatia CBC Programme**

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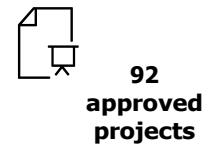
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Silvia Comiati, Head of Joint Secretariat



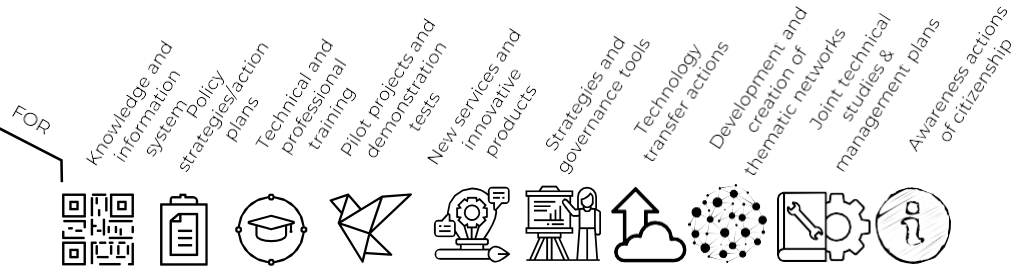
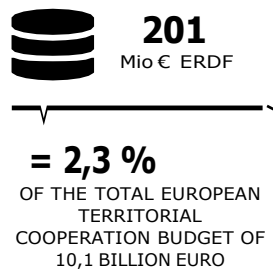
*Interreg Italy - Croatia is a Programme that overlooks the Adriatic Sea and is driven by the overall objective aimed at increasing the prosperity and the blue growth potential of the area by stimulating cross-border partnerships able to achieve tangible and concrete changes*

**PROGRAMME IN NUMBERS**



*\*Data source: keep.eu*

**BUDGET INVESTED & MAIN EXPECTED OUTPUTS**



## PROGRAMME TIMELINE



## PRIORITY AXES AND SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES 2014-20



### PA 1 BLUE INNOVATION

#### SO 1.1

Enhance the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area

24,2 M €

12% of total ERDF

**12 projects**

to support innovation and "blue growth"



### PA 2 SAFETY & RESILIENCE

#### SO 2.1

Improve the climate change monitoring & planning of adaptation measures tackling specific effects, in the cooperation area

#### SO 2.2

Increase the safety of the programme area from natural and man-made disaster

51,3 M €

25,5% of total ERDF

**16 projects**

to enhance adaptation measures to climate change and the ability to react to adversity



### PA 3 ENVIRONMENT & CULTURAL HERITAGE

#### SO 3.1

Make natural & cultural heritage a leverage for sustainable and more balanced territorial development

#### SO 3.2

Contribute to protect and restore biodiversity

#### SO 3.3

Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable & innovative technologies and approaches

70,5 M €

35% of total ERDF

**37 projects**

to promote actions related to cultural and environmental heritage and protect biodiversity



### PA 4 MARITIME TRANSPORT

#### SO 4.1

Improve quality, safety & environmental sustainability of marine and coastal transport services and nodes by promoting multimodality

43,3 M €

21,5% of total ERDF

**18 projects**

to strengthen sustainable and intermodal transportation

## INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

Focus on **blue economy**, capitalising previous cooperation experiences and creating stronger synergies with EUSAIR

The Programme strategy will support:

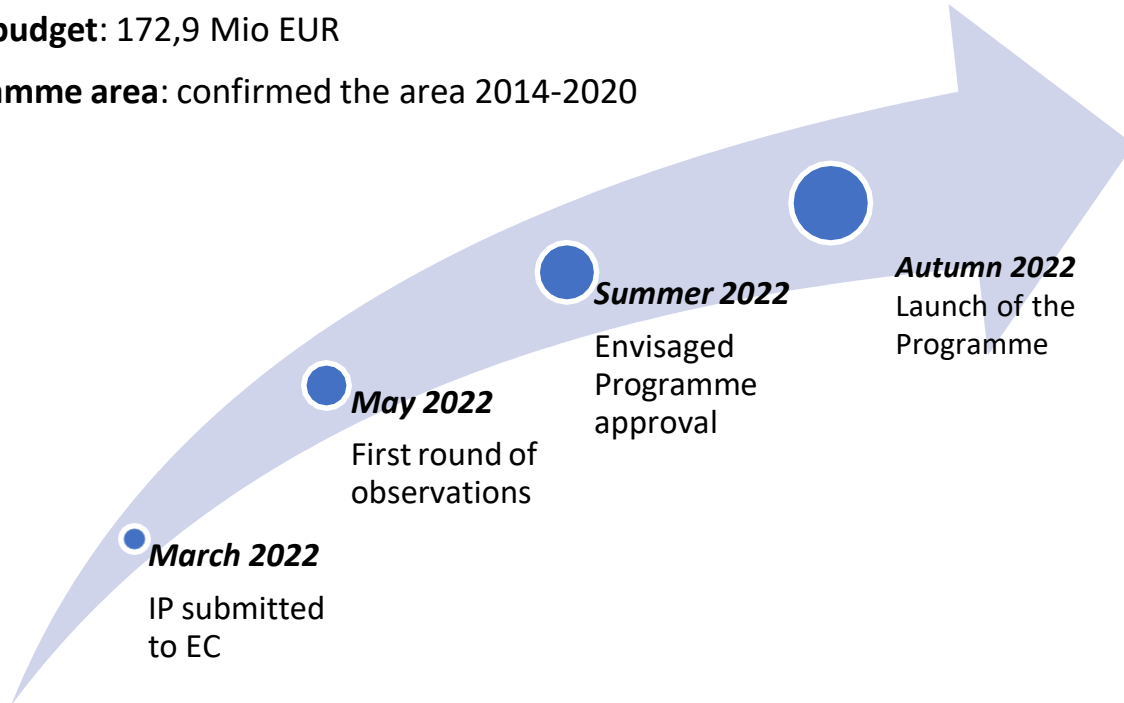
- the promotion of a **sustainable economic development** through **green and blue innovation policies**
- the protection of **natural assets** also through **climate adaptation strategies** and **risk prevention measures**, enhancing **biodiversity** and fighting **pollution**
- the valorisation of **cultural heritage** through sustainable and diversified touristic products
- the implementation of **sustainable cross-border mobility solutions**
- the enhancement of **institutional capacity** and the reduction of **cross border obstacles**



## INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

**ERDF budget:** 172,9 Mio EUR

**Programme area:** confirmed the area 2014-2020



## 2021-2027 PROGRAMME STRATEGY

PO	SO
<b>PO1 – A smarter Europe</b> <b>PRIORITY 1 “Sustainable growth in the blue economy”</b>	1.1 Research and innovation
	1.4 Skills for smart specialization, industrial transition and entrepreneurship
<b>PO2 – A greener Europe</b> <b>PRIORITY 2 “Green and resilient shared environment”</b>	2.7 Protection of nature and biodiversity and reducing pollution
	2.4 Climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention
<b>PO 3 – A more connected Europe</b> <b>PRIORITY 3 “Sustainable maritime and multimodal transport”</b>	3.2 National, regional, local and cross-border mobility
<b>PO 4 – A more social Europe</b> <b>PRIORITY 4 “Culture and tourism for sustainable development”</b>	4.6 Culture and sustainable tourism
<b>ISO 1 – Better Cooperation Governance</b> <b>PRIORITY 5 “Integrated governance for stronger cooperation”</b>	Institutional capacities & Cross-border obstacles

**CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES:  
DIGITALISATION  
&  
CIRCULAR ECONOMY**

## INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

PO **3**

A more **connected** Europe by enhancing mobility and regional ICT connectivity

SO **3.2**

Developing and enhancing **sustainable, climate resilient, intelligent and intermodal** national, regional and local **mobility**, including improved access to TEN-T and cross-border mobility

- Implemented through: **Standard projects** and **OSI connected to EUSAIR Flagships - PILLAR 2 - CONNECTING THE REGION - The Adriatic-Ionian Multi-Modal Corridors** (with specific regard to **green/smart port hubs concept**)
- Budget ERDF: **32 Mio EUR**
- Target groups: **Local, regional, national authorities and other public Institutions and agencies/ Private companies, including SMEs/ Port authorities and infrastructure providers/ Transport operators and their associations/ Civil society organisations (CSOs)**

# INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

*Focus of CB cooperation PO3 / SO 3.2*

## *INTEGRATED AND SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS RELATED TO PORTS*

Setting up common **analysis and data exchanges** on existing connections in order to define new sustainable solutions for the access to ports and the integration of transport networks in port towns



Fostering the use of **alternative fuels** and the diffusion of new ecological transport modes

Improving the **environmental performance of ports** by supporting suitable **small-scale infrastructures and innovative equipment/ICT tools**, also in order to improve boarding /disembarking procedures



Developing innovative **cross-border strategies, for logistic and mobility solutions interconnecting ports** with railways, airports, inland terminals, industrial areas in order to enhance the processing of passengers and freight

Promoting innovative solutions for implementing the **circular economy approach** in the management of the ports



Establishing **action plans and common standards to manage physical and cybersecurity** of freight and passengers' transports also in real time through the use of ICT and web-based tools

# INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA CBC PROGRAMME 2021-2027

*Focus of CB cooperation PO3 / SO 3.2*

## INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF MARITIME TRANSPORT

Exploiting ICT technologies to pilot sustainable, seamless passenger and freight transport solutions and to develop **new joint models of multi-modal approach**



Designing cross-border strategies for maritime transport (including new maritime lines and interchange nodes) in order to **reduce seasonal road traffic and bottlenecks** in coastal and inner areas especially **due to tourism**



Sharing **expertise**, developing **common strategies** and organizing **training** courses for traffic management in the coastal and inner areas



Promoting **joint monitoring and data analysis** helping defining cross border policies on greener maritime routes and sea pollution reduction

**Designing cycle routes** of macro-regional relevance and **testing new services** to encourage intermodality (bike and train/ ferry/ tram/ bus/ plane) also considering **tourism needs**

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## GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

- 8 meeting of the Programming Committee (only 2 in presence);
- We sent 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 the Programme to the EC;
- The EC answer with some comments informally the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and formally the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022



# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027



# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

Regions in the programme area share a high potential opportunity in:

- Cultural and creative industries
- Tourism
- Blue economy

## GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

The Programme envisages enhanced cooperation in the GR-IT area in order to become:

- more competitive and smarter, including the continuous support to SMEs in key fields of the area to make them more competitive and enable their resilience and smart transition (digital skills, access to research and innovation);

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- greener and low carbon, including climate change mitigation, circularity of activities, multimodality;
- more social and inclusive, including better employment conditions, reinforced health services and reinforced tourism and culture sectors;

# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

- with enhanced governance for cooperation in the Greece-Italy region through improved institutional infrastructure of public authorities and the ability to implement macro-regional and other related strategies.

# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

## PRIORITIES AND SOs

### **P1 - Enhanced cooperation for a more competitive and smarter GR-IT area:**

- SO1.1. Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies
- SO1.2. Reaping the benefits of digitisation for citizens, companies and governments
- SO1.3. Enhancing growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs

# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

## PRIORITIES AND SOs

### **P2 - Enhanced cooperation for a greener and low carbon GR-IT area**

- SO2.4. Promoting climate change adaptation, and disaster risk prevention, resilience, taking into account eco-system-based approaches
- SO2.6. Promoting the transition to a circular and resource efficient economy (also green ports and blue economy)
- SO2.7. Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

## PRIORITIES AND SOs

### **P3 - Enhanced cooperation for a more social and inclusive GR-IT area**

- SO4.2. Improving equal access to inclusive and quality services in education, training and lifelong learning through developing accessible infrastructure, including by fostering resilience for distance and online education and training
- SO4.5. Ensuring equal access to health care and fostering resilience of health systems, including primary care and promoting the transition from institutional to family- and community-based care
- SO4.6. Enhancing the role of culture and sustainable tourism in economic development, social inclusion and social innovation



# GREECE ITALY PROGRAMME 2021/2027

## PRIORITIES AND SOs

### **P4 – Enhanced governance for cooperation in GR-IT area**

- ISO1.1. Enhance the institutional capacity of public authorities, in particular those mandated to manage a specific territory, and all stakeholders
- ISO1.4. Enhance institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders, to implement macro-regional strategies and sea-basin strategies, as well as other territorial strategies