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FRAMEwork initiative fostering the Sustainable  
development of Adriatic small PORTs



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FRAMESPORT is a project co-financed by Italy-Croatia CBC Programme, the financial instrument supporting the cooperation among the two European Member States territories overlooking the Adriatic sea. The project will perform a coordinated initiative supporting an integrated and sustainable development of small ports in a strategic perspective, thus allowing them to be proactive socio-economic drivers of the development in the Adriatic coasts.

## Final Conference of the FRAMESPORT project at Venice Boat Show 2023: pilot actions, main achievements, and future opportunities for Adriatic small ports

Last turning point for the FRAMESPORT project ("FRAMEwork initiative fostering the sustainable development of Adriatic Small PORTs"): the **Venice Boat Show** hosted the **Final Conference** of the Italy-Croatia cross-border cooperation project dedicated to Adriatic small ports, in view of its official closure next 30th June.

The event "**For a sustainable development of Adriatic small ports. FRAMESPORT project final conference**" held at CNR ISMAR Auditorium on 31st May was attended by local and regional authorities, professionals, and amateurs.



The first roundtable "***Nautical tourism as a promoter of local development: the point of view of territorial authorities***" involved local and regional authorities in a discussion over the deep connections between the nautical and tourism sectors. The relevant inflow of tourists along the coasts (over 32 million in Veneto only, the region hosting the event), who generally have a high spending capacity, is an opportunity to be seized as a driver to promote and develop the economy of surrounding territories. The nautical sector offers precious opportunities for diversification of production sectors, boosting the already thriving boating sector and providing new job opportunities for young generations. In this context, the detailed and complex data collection performed by FRAMESPORT represents a precious source of information, not only about services and offers of small ports and the surrounding territories, but also as it stands as a guide for local administrations about actions to be taken to relaunch the territory. At the same time, the platform implemented within the project's is of significant importance as collector and amplifier of the gathered information.

During the discussion, the need for a profound connection between private and public sectors to guarantee continuity, further development and replicability of models conceived thanks to the FRAMESPORT project has been highlighted.



The second roundtable "***FRAMESPORT and the practical experiences to enhance and valorize small ports and the surrounding territories***" was dedicated to the presentation of the 25 synergic pilot actions and tools generated from them. Indeed, the pilot actions converge in the FRAMESPORT's toolbox: a "collector of instruments" such as ICT applications, master plans and guidelines supporting replicability of the pilot actions in different territories and contexts. Inside the toolbox, which will be available on the platform framesport.eu, the tools are divided into three macro-themes: sustainable growth, business opportunities and system management. Their aim is to provide users with practical instruments to optimize their ports in terms of networking and promotion, knowledge and capacity building, collaborative data management and so on.



During the roundtable, Project Partners took the floor to present results achieved with the pilot actions' implementation. Among them, the project led by Municipality of Monfalcone promoted the involvement of the new generations within the ancient craftsmanship of the nautical sector, such as shipwright, through training programmes, study visits and classes.

The Azienda Autonoma di Soggiorno e Turismo di Termoli AAST developed an app for berth booking in Adriatic tourist ports. Tested in the port of Termoli, it is available for all small ports who wish to adopt it to simplify the booking systems in their ports.

The accidental or intended dispersion of pollutants at sea has severe consequences not only for ports but for the entire maritime communities and the ecosystem. It is therefore crucial to work on prevention and risk management allowing for prompt interventions to mitigate critical episodes. In this context, Šibenik Port Authority developed a system to alert port managers in case of accidents and to predict the spreading of pollutants, using buoys equipped with sensors and drones.

Primorje-Gorski Kotar County presented their pilot action dedicated to real-time detection of information about available berths in small ports through high resolutions scanners. This system can be easily integrated with the tools developed by other partners, highlighting once again the synergic nature that led the conception and creation of FRAMESPORT pilot actions.



The conference ended with the third roundtable titled "***A new strategy and a new digital portal for a sustainable development of Adriatic small ports: matching stakeholders' perspectives***" that focused on the role of small ports as promoters of sustainable development and strategic connectors between land and sea.

Key topics discussed during the debates were the need for a standardization of services and facilities in Adriatic small ports, for a promotion of best practices in terms of sustainability, also through the adoption and promotion of a certification protocol such as the Ecolabel, developed within the project and proposed to the JRC Joint Research Center of the European Commission, to guarantee cutting-edge infrastructures and services from a digital point of view, more connections through low-impact mobility and improved energy efficiency.

All the pilot actions developed within FRAMESPORT brought tangible results for the development of the local territory. However, access to funding remains crucial and instrumental to guarantee continuation and replicability of such activities.



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