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# INTERREG ITALY-CROATIA

Synergies and complementarities in our Programme

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## Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme

✓ Approved in August 2022 – Budget **179 M EUR** ERDF

Programme vision is to focus on **blue economy**, **capitalising** previous cooperation experiences and creating **stronger synergies with EUSAIR**

✓ **5 priorities:**

- **1 Sustainable growth in the blue economy**
- **2 Green and resilient shared environment**
- **3 Sustainable maritime and multimodal transport**
- **4 Culture and tourism for sustainable development**
- **5 Integrated governance for stronger cooperation**



## Our strategy in terms of synergies and complementarities (1)

The Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme wants to “establish structured **inter-programme coordination among Interreg Programmes** financing operations in the same cooperation area” (IP chapter 1.2)

On this basis:

- ✓ We have been participating, since 2021, to the “**Med Lab community**” organized by Interact to improve synergies across the Mediterranean (several events held online, one event onsite held in March 2023 in Dubrovnik)
- ✓ We contributed to the **EUSAIR Action Labs** exercise organized by the Italian National Authority in the programming phase → useful to develop our OSI projects contributing to EUSAIR flagships
- ✓ We looked at existing initiatives in the Mediterranean Area to test possible coordination activities





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## Our strategy in terms of synergies and complementarities (2)

✓ We invited other instruments and Programmes in 3 events organized with stakeholders and beneficiaries by our Programme in the last year:

1) Venice, October 2022 (200 participants)



IPA ADRION, DG MARE, DG RTD,  
CROATIA-BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA-  
MONTENEGRO, CROATIA-SERBIA

2) Ferrara, June 2023 (100 participants)



IPA ADRION, SOUTH ADRIATIC,  
ITALY-SLOVENIA, EUSAIR, DG  
REGIO

1) Zadar, October 2023 (250 participants)



IPA ADRION, EURO MED, NEXT  
MED, ITALY-FRANCE, INTERACT

To underline similarities and differences in the instruments, geographical overlapping, comparisons in the thematic focus and in the beneficiaries addressed



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## Our strategy in terms of synergies and complementarities (3)

- ✓ We made contacts with representatives of the “Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism in the Mediterranean Sea Basin” (NEXT MED, Euro-MED, Italy-France Maritime) and took part in the onsite joint event organized in **Florence in May 2023, together with other Programmes**





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## Link to our capitalisation plan

**Capitalisation plan activities**

1	Establishment of specific criteria for selection of outputs based on the principle of reuse and transfer
2	Drafting methodological paper for the production of quality outputs
3	Organization of capitalisation workshops
4	Guiding LPs in the publication of content in the digital library according to the type of outputs/deliverables
5	Integration of a capitalisation section in the Standard projects proposals Application Form and Project report
6	Revision of methodological paper for the production of quality outputs
7	Revision of the specific criteria for selection of outputs based on the principle of reuse and transfer
8	Integration of a capitalisation guidance into LP seminar
9	Integration of a capitalisation requirement in the OSI projects proposals Application Form (set up their own capitalisation plan) and Project Report
10	Embedding (and updating) the digital library/catalogue into the Programme website
11	Ad hoc Programme support to Associated Partners in capitalisation (reuse of outputs)
12	Identification/Mapping of 'Takers'/network leaders
13	Involvement of MC members in the identification of 'Takers'
14	Set up the communication strategy towards the 'Takers'
15	Have a targeted communication strategy towards 'Takers'
18	Join the Pilot Multi-programme Coordination Mechanism in the Mediterranean Sea Basin on sustainable tourism
20	Participation in initiatives/events with other programmes/at national and/or EU level

Capitalisation Plan approved in November 2022 (following Interact Tailored Support)

**! NEW CAPITALISATION OFFICER RECENTLY SELECTED IN THE JS !**

*Activity anticipated*  
Joining in November 2023 after MC approval

*Activity related to synergies and complementarities*  
Interact MED Lab and INDEX pilot, EUSAIR Action Labs, etc



## Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism

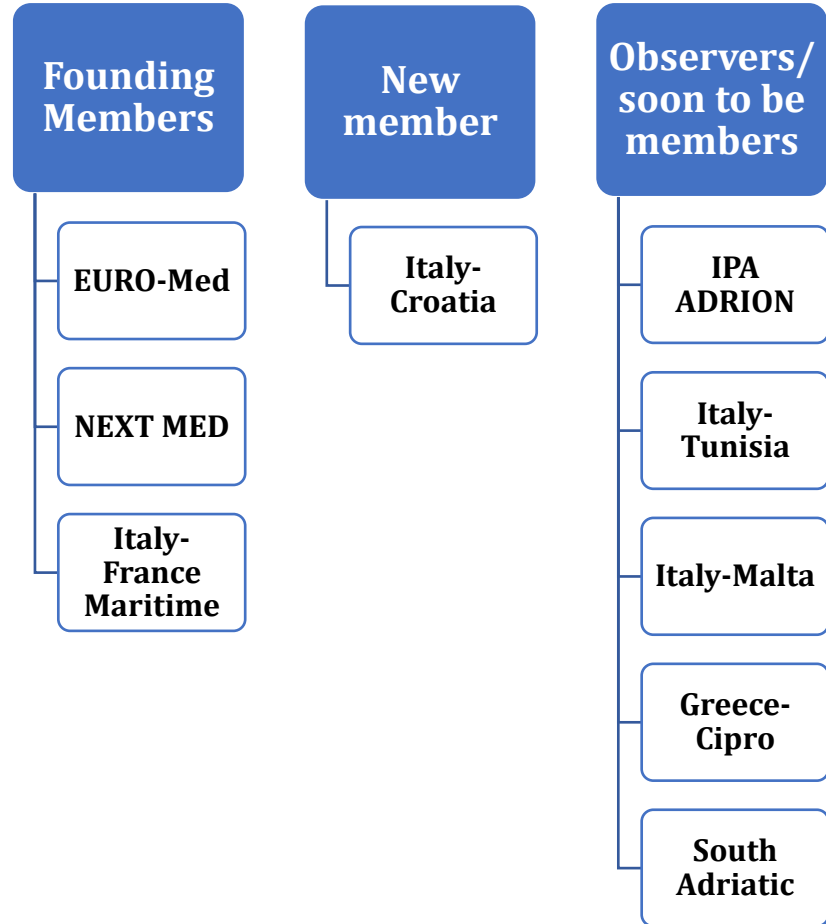
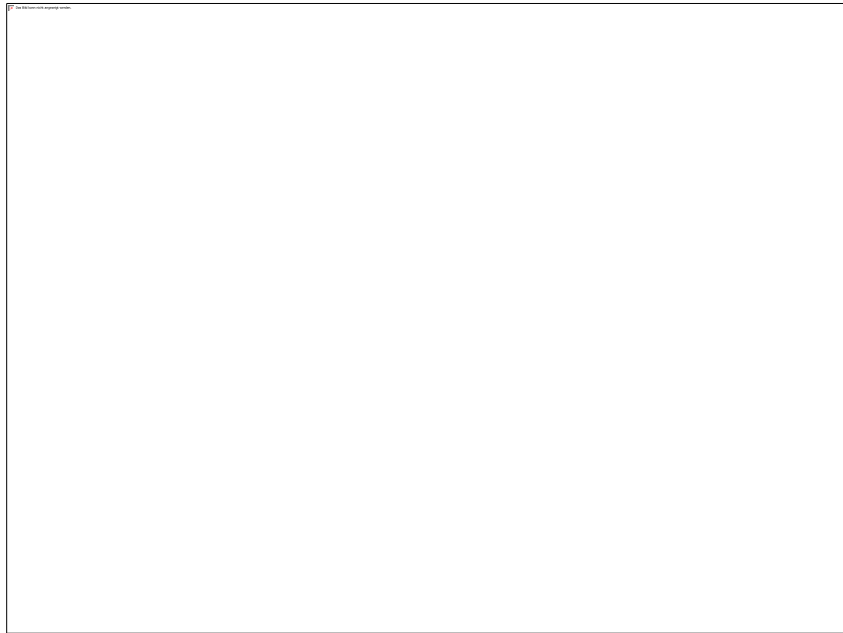
- ✓ The Mechanism wants to contribute to the **embedding of current and future strategies** in the Mediterranean, stemming from the request of the Commission to improve complementarity and synergies between Interreg programmes
- ✓ A pilot was carried out on in 2022/2023 on a topic transversal to all policy objectives: **sustainable tourism** in its wider understanding has been identified as a first specific field of experimentation, while new fields of implementation could be embedded
- ✓ Link to **capitalisation** activities is underlined and focus on **results** achieved is central
- ✓ The governance of the Mechanism foresees a light but structured coordination that, while respecting the governance and operational prerogatives of each Programme, encourages a reinforced collaboration and the achievement of common goals





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## Members





## Our expectations

### Reinforcing our capitalization activities

#### Set of common criteria for identification of GOOD outputs (e.g.):

- ✓ New models of monitoring and/or management interventions/solutions
- ✓ new support for policy development (if any...);
- ✓ high potential level of communication added value;
- ✓ advanced state of achievement, replicability, transferability and sustainability

#### Joint work with takers/ re-users of outputs

Critical mass towards the **EU institutions**

Easier to address and engage (common) **beneficiaries and stakeholders**

## Next steps

- ✓ In **December 2023 a meeting** is planned to discuss the action plan for 2024
- ✓ There is a proposal to present this action plan (once defined and endorsed by MCs) to the **European Commission in Brussels in 2024** (unofficially already illustrated in Santiago by the 3 founding members)
- ✓ Ad hoc **communication actions** will be jointly carried out and sustained by the different Programmes through their TA and/or ISO1 activities (joint events, videos, infographics, etc.)
- ✓ We discussed about proposing a workshop on synergies at the next **EU Week of Regions and Cities** in October 2024
- ✓ Ambition to coordinate **Calls for Proposals** focusing on capitalization of results in the second part of the programming period (probably 2026)



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