

SEArica Conference on the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR): Focus on Blue Growth

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European macro-regional strategy



Pillar 1 – Blue Grow



Embedding process coherence with the flagships Interpillar projects

Multilevel governance and participation of the stakeholders of the area Governance projects

European Territorial Cooperation programs INTERREG

Med-Adriatic-Italy/Croatia OP 1

WEST MED Blue Med Initiatives UFM

BIG national Cluster

National & Regional Programs

Regional Working Groups

- Coordination activities
- Upper Adriatic District

Regional Blue table

Integration between Institutional and Research bodies

The new approach to territorial cooperation

- ❑ **Coordination between programmes** implies sharing of priority themes by focusing attention on strategic issues of the area;
- ❑ **Sharing of resources** to find common solutions and tackle problems together also by using directly managed programs (Heurope, Life ecc.);
- ❑ **Concentration** of interventions in a specific area and planning integrated actions;
- ❑ **Participation** in networks in the cooperation area, capable of developing and consolidating useful relationships;
- ❑ **Enhancement** of strong partnerships that have demonstrated design skills and innovative capacity.
- ❑ **Consistency** with the 17 objectives of the 2030 Agenda, with the 6 missions of the Next generation plan and, at the regional level, with the objectives of the respective regional strategic documents
- ❑ **Complementarity** and greater integration with the ERDF and ESF National and Regional Operational Programs

The EUSAIR's thematic pillar 1 in ER Region

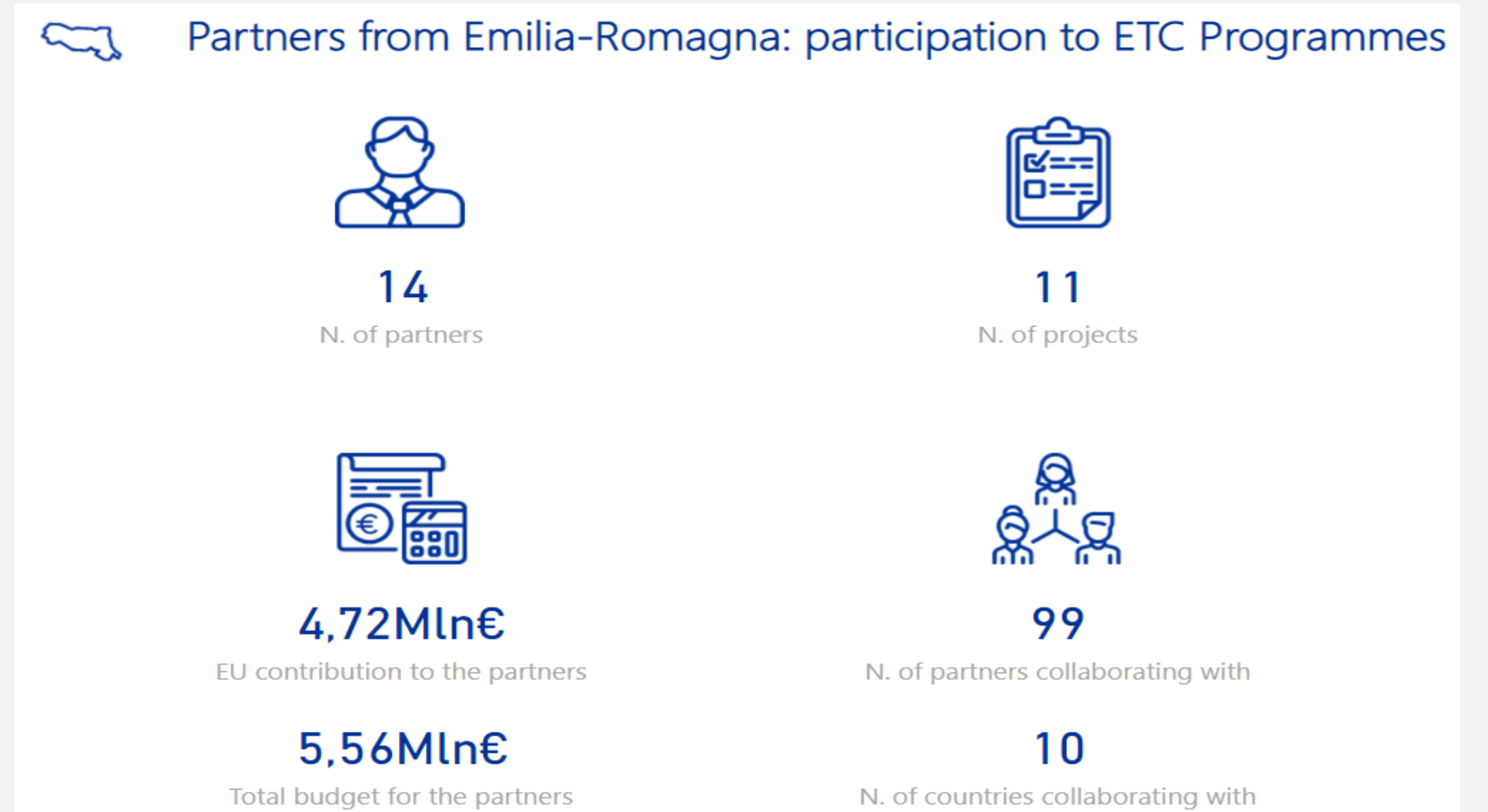


Coordinators



PILLAR 1: BLUE GROWTH

- **To promote research**, innovation and business opportunities in blue economy sectors, by facilitating the brain circulation between research and business communities and increasing their networking and clustering capacity.
- **To adapt to sustainable seafood production and consumption**, by developing common standards and approaches for strengthening these two sectors and providing a level playing field in the macro-region
- **To improve sea basin governance**, by enhancing administrative and institutional capacities in the area of maritime governance and services.



focus on three topics:

Topic 1 – Blue technologies

Topic 2 – Fisheries and aquaculture

Topic 3 – Maritime and marine governance and services

coherence with the EUSAIR flagships pillar 1

The EUSAIR's flagships pillar 1



PILLAR 1: BLUE GROWTH			
TITLE OF THE FLAGSHIP	MACROREGIONAL CHALLENGE / NEED / STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE	OVERALL GOAL / EXPECTED IMPACT	REMARKS ON PROPOSED ACTIONS/PROJECTS
<p>FOSTERING QUADRUPLE HELIX TIES IN THE FIELDS OF MARINE TECHNOLOGIES AND BLUE BIO-TECHNOLOGIES FOR ADVANCING INNOVATION, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND BUSINESS ADAPTATION IN BLUE BIO-ECONOMY</p>	<p>Maximizing sustainable economic growth and employment as well as business creation based on blue technologies, "brain circulation", networking capacity and access to seed and venture capital. Strategic goals served:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of skilled human capital on Blue Technologies - Creation of new jobs in the field of Blue Growth - Know how transfer between EU and IPA countries - Cooperation between research and public and private sectors, as well as users, to develop innovative products and services and technology transfer - Compliance/adaptation of non-EU countries with EU Acquis - Remove barriers to trade and investments 	<p>Strengthening quadruple helix ties in the field of blue technologies in the region through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stronger RDI and cooperation among SMEs and between SMEs, large enterprises and research centres operating in the Adriatic-Ionian Macroregion - Increased networking between researchers, SMEs and clusters - Increased joint research papers and number of researchers exchanged within the macro-region - Internationalization of SMEs in the region - Easier access to finance and promotion of the creation of start-ups 	<p>Indicative types of actions to be eligible for funding under MFF 2021-2027:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encouragement & creation of clustering, especially of quadruple helix. - Research on blue technologies & prioritisation of its adoption by SMEs in the Macroregion - Promotion of blue skills - Reinforcement of networking, knowledge sharing & creation of databanks - Enhancement of competitiveness and sustainability of relevant local and European industry sectors through utilization of marine bio-discoveries - Allowing development of novel eco-friendly end products that serve circular economy - Development of solutions to decarbonize fishing fleets - One-stop-shops' operation for SMEs support
<p>PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSIFICATION AND COMPETITIVENESS IN THE FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SECTORS THROUGH EDUCATION, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNOLOGICAL AND MARKETING ACTIONS, INCLUDING THE PROMOTION OF INITIATIVES ON MARKETING STANDARDS AND HEALTHY NUTRITIONAL HABITS</p>	<p>Better cooperation across the Adriatic-Ionian sea basin should trigger a virtuous process of increasing the competitiveness of the coastal communities. Strategic goals served:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of new jobs, the harmonization of standards as well as the compliance of non-EU countries with EU Acquis are of strategic importance. - Combining fisheries with tourism activities (Pillar 4) should be exploited and further developed. 	<p>Strengthening fisheries in the region through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better management and sustainable exploitation of fish stocks. Improvement of data collection and fish stock assessment. Harmonization with EU regulations & international organizations. - Compliance & implementation of measures to combat illegal, unreported, unregulated fisheries and elimination of destructive fishing practices. - Utilization of Unwanted and Unavoidable catches and discards. - Plans to improve professional skills of fishermen. <p>Strengthening aquaculture in the region through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase of aquaculture production. Improvement of productivity, quality, environmental sustainability and diversification in aquaculture. Introduction of new species, use of alternative raw materials for feed production, new farming technologies, use of advanced processing technologies and innovative actions on traceability. - Improvement of the image and competitiveness of farmed products including the promotion of initiatives on marketing standards and healthy nutritional habits - Acquisition and improvement of professional skills. 	<p>Type of actions to be eligible for funding under MFF 2021-2027 for Fisheries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a strategy for small scale fisheries. - Scientific cooperation on fisheries management - EU compliance and common standards and practices. - Developing skills. - Creation of a network for monitoring and predicting the distribution of alien species in the Adriatic-Ionian region and potential ways of exploitation. - Restoration actions to enhance habitat features (e.g. artificial reefs) in areas that have been degraded or replaced by maritime infrastructures and in-situ monitoring of their efficiency. <p>Three main axes around which common actions for Aquaculture can be developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Administration: includes legal framework, licensing procedures and monitoring of the activity. Data is available from previous projects together with monitoring tools that are under development (e.g. TAPAS project) - Technology: Methodological and technical issues related to farming. Nutrition, Ichthyopathology and treatment are of high priority and exchange of information is vital. - Marketing (including Trade): refers to quality of the final product, promotion of the industry, market research etc, including the promotion of initiatives on marketing standards and healthy nutritional habits. Trade: refers to facilitation of trade of fisheries and aquaculture products including seafood processing products, traceability, certification, harmonization of legislation.
<p>BOLSTERING CAPACITY BUILDING AND EFFICIENT COORDINATION OF PLANNING AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR IMPROVING MARINE AND MARITIME GOVERNANCE AND BLUE GROWTH SERVICES</p>	<p>Competition for maritime space – for renewable energy equipment, aquaculture and other uses – has highlighted the need to manage our waters more coherently. The Strategic goals served are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved maritime and marine governance and services, - Creation of new jobs, - Harmonization of standards, - Overcome of barriers and obstacles, - Compliance/adaptation of non-EU countries with EU Acquis. 	<p>The Adriatic and Ionian Region needs to make better use of the skills that are available, equip people with new skills (including soft skills) that are needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enabling the growth of a sustainable blue economy and fostering prosperous coastal communities. - Improved Governance of maritime space. - Improved Skills and career development in blue economy and strengthening of networks of academics, training organisations and professional organisations of maritime sectors in the macroregion. 	<p>Indicative Actions / Projects to be eligible for financing under proposed regulatory framework 2021-2027:</p> <p>Research platforms and Trans-regional cooperation between community-led local development (CLLD) strategies for actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to combat marine litter pollution, - development of fishtourism and ichthyotourism, - Creation of start-ups and local employment and promotion of partnership working <p>Governance of maritime space for a sustainable and transparent use of maritime and marine resources. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supporting the implementation of the new Directive on Maritime Spatial Planning - adopting clearer legal frameworks for development of Allocated Zones for Aquaculture (AZAs), marine protected areas (MPAs), exploiting deep-sea water and marine mineral resources. <p>Maritime professional skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - improve the levels of skills and expertise for the working manpower in maritime sector.

European macro-regional and basin strategies

❑ **Collaboration** between EU and IPA countries;

❑ **Orientation** on the thematic priorities established by the action plans;

❑ **Development** of proposals relating to topics of interest for the area - Flagship - in line with European, national and regional programs.



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