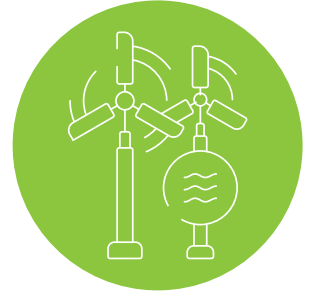


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PREVENT

Project ID : IPA-ADRION00419

Project title: Prevent

PREVENT - Pollution Reduction and Early-warning for Vulnerable Ecosystems in Adriatic-Ionian Territories

Programme priority Supporting a greener and climate resilient Adriatic - Ionian region

Specific objective

SO 2.1: Enhancing resilience to climate change, natural and man-made disasters in the Adriatic - Ionian region

Project duration: 36 months

Budget in Euro : 1.588.033,12

Funding in Euro : 1.349.828,15

Starting date: 1st of September 2024

Ending date: 31st of August 2027

Kick off meeting of the project Prevent ' pollution, reduction and early-warning for Vulnerable ecosystems in Adriatic-Ionian Territories .

The meeting started on 24th of October 2024 with the registration and the presentation of each partner followed by an overview of the project's work plan.

On the 25th of October ,there was a detailed presentation of activities and analysis of the work package 1 .The event continued with an analysis of financial management and questions ,that was presented by the lead partner Politecnico di Bari Later on .The analysis of the financial situation of Interreg IPA Interreg Adrion was analyzed by the professor Mrs Dora Foti ,but also the participation of Mr Vargic that explained the impact of the project.This kick-off meeting concluded with the communication management presentation and dissemination of PREVENT project.

It was presented a video of the communication strategy ,the logo ,the posters and the plan of the common communication committee by the lead partner of communication Management ,READ and Mrs Anasopoulou,communication manager that was mentioned also that each participant should provide content for the implementation of the common communication plan with a renewed sense of collaboration, enthusiasm and commitment among the partners for a successful implementation of the project .



Prevent addresses the common challenge of marine pollution in the Adriatic-Ionian region. This challenge is affected by climatic changes and poses a significant threat to the region's eco-systems, communities and economies. The project aims to develop innovative tools for detection, prevention and management of marine litter, fostering a strong stakeholder network.

Enhancing Ecological Resilience: Strengthen the capacity of the Adriatic-Ionian region to withstand the impacts of climate change and pollution.

Innovative Marine Litter Management: Develop and implement state-of-the-art technologies for the early detection and forecasting of marine litter.

Stakeholder Collaboration: Facilitate transnational cooperation among local communities, governmental bodies, and industries to foster sustainable policies.

Furthermore, Prevent is concentrated on the overarching goal is to enhance the resilience of the Adriatic-Ionian region to climate change and prevent effectively marine pollution. Through the implementation of science-based solutions and the promotion of collaborative efforts among key stakeholders, the project aims to contribute to a transition towards a greener and climate-resilient future. The Main Outputs are the following:



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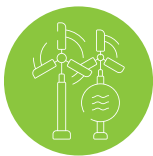
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Climate Resilient Adriatic-Ionian Action Plan (CRAIAP): A comprehensive plan focusing on climate adaptation strategies.

Joint Marine Litter Prevention and Management Strategy (JMLPMS): A strategic document outlining effective management practices for marine litter.

Policy Recommendations: Comprehensive recommendations aimed at improving marine litter management at local, regional, and national levels.



By achieving these objectives, the project aspires to foster sustainable practices that protect the Adriatic-Ionian region's marine environment for achieving a greener Europe.

The project includes a well-balanced mixture of partners coming from several main sectors: public authorities (local, regional and national), research institutions, universities, association, SME and the regional development agency. Together we represent varied views across a range of stakeholders and interests providing competent knowledge and experience in the field of prevention of marine pollution in the Adriatic Ionian region, developing innovative methods for early detection of marine litter.

All partners have had previous experiences of participating in EU projects and have acquired relevant experience in the importance of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation issues and the added benefits for the resolution of common issues across European Countries. The partnership is characterized by a strong transnational character, covering seven nations within the Interreg Adrion Programme area, thus ensuring a good geographical and cultural coverage and relevant attention to the issues and needs of a wide range of institutional settings and establishments from European Countries.

The target group for the Prevent project under Interreg Adrion includes:

Local Governments and Authorities: Engaging municipalities for policy implementation and local action plans.

Environmental NGOs: Collaborating with non-profit organizations focused on marine conservation and pollution prevention.

Research Institutions: Involving universities and research centers for data collection, analysis, and technology development.

Business Sector: Partnering with industries, particularly those related to tourism and waste management, to promote sustainable practices.

Community Groups: Mobilizing local communities for awareness campaigns and participatory activities.

Policy Makers: Influencing regional and national policymakers to adopt and enforce regulations aimed at reducing marine pollution.

Educational Institutions: Integrating educational programs that raise awareness about marine litter and its impacts.

The general public affected by the policy change need to be engaged for raising awareness and acceptance.

By addressing the needs and capacities of these diverse stakeholders, the project aims to foster a collaborative approach to marine litter management in the Adriatic-Ionian region.





The project encompasses seven participating countries with 10 partners with diverse expertise and resources to address the shared challenge of marine pollution. Establishes a framework for continuous dialogue and cooperation, ensuring that lessons learned and best practices are disseminated across borders.

Outcomes :

Improved Marine Ecosystem Health: Enhanced management of marine resources, leading to a reduction in pollution levels and improved biodiversity.

Increased Stakeholder Awareness and Engagement: Empowered communities and industries with the knowledge and tools to effectively combat marine litter.

Sustainable Policy Development: Creation of coherent policies that integrate scientific research and stakeholder inputs, ensuring long-term commitment to environmental protection.





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