



## **FAIRSEA**

### **Fisheries in the Adriatic Region – a Shared Ecosystem Approach**

**Program: INTERREG V-A ITALY-CROATIA 2014-2020 (Priority axis 1 - Blue innovation)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The fulcrum of the FAIRSEA project is the fishing sector, an important economic activity in the Adriatic Sea also due to its strong cultural, social and economic role in the regional coastal communities.

**TARGETS:** The general objective of the project is to improve the conditions for the implementation of innovative approaches for sustainable management of fisheries in the Adriatic Sea. This result is also achieved thanks to the exchange of knowledge and the sharing of good practices between partners and beyond.

**PROJECT ACTIVITIES:** The main result of the project will be the development of an integrated platform for a quantitative ecosystem approach to fisheries that crosses territorial boundaries and across different disciplines. The platform will integrate biological / ecological processes (ie considering the mass circulation of water, physico-chemical properties, plankton productivity, resource dynamics including their interactions) and the bio-economic dynamics of fishing (including moving the fishing). This highly technological and innovative platform will be used as a planning tool to implement demonstration tests of the fishing policies applicable both locally (subsoil) and at the level of the entire Adriatic. It will provide scientific basis for the formulation and evaluation of shared management consultancy in local and international participatory processes, involving management authorities, experts and stakeholders. The project will also provide a response to the need for reference points, good practices and guidelines for optimizing the ecological and socio-economic sustainability of fishing in the Adriatic Sea.

**LEAD PARTNER:** The project, of which OGS (NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND EXPERIMENTAL GEOPHYSICS) is LP, involves 11 partners from Italy and Croatia.

**ROLE OF VEGAL:** VEGAL as a partner (PP9) in the Eastern Venice area offers the project the possibility of implementing local and regional governance so that the actions undertaken are in synergy with the management of the entire area. The project can benefit from the network and networking that Vegal can create with stakeholders. Furthermore, Vegal can actively contribute to test and refine management tools by implementing the local strategy of the Venetian FLAG, which involves the development of management plans.

**TOTAL COST:** 2.060.000,00 Euro (ERDF + national co-financing)

**TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION:** 01/01/2019- 28/02/2021

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