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**Catching the European wind  
to sail in the blue cooperation space**  
*Shared resources, joint solutions*



# Introduction to the Italy – Croatia CBC Programme 2014 – 2020

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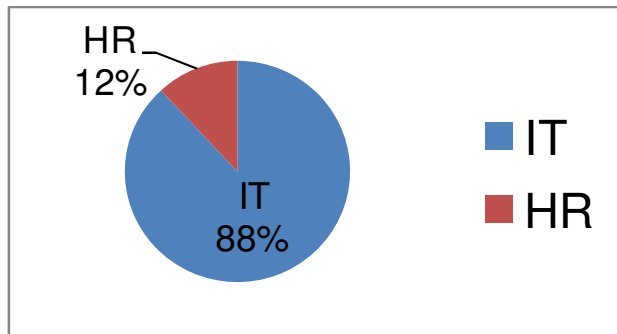
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# IT-HR Programme

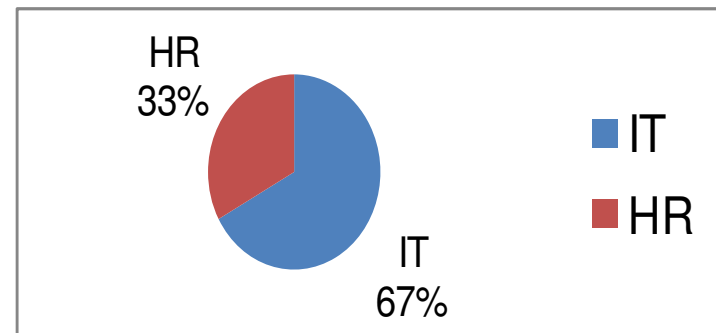
## Key data

- 2 Member States
- 12,5 million citizens
- 33 Programme NUTS III areas (25 provinces and 8 counties)
- Programme official language is English
- MEUR 201 (ERDF)

Population



Area



# Co-operation area



Size  
85.562 km<sup>2</sup>

Population  
12.465.861

Total ERDF  
€ . 201.357.220

ERDF resources for cooperation projects in the Programme area are to be invested in operations that meet the needs and the challenges identified at territorial level

# Programme strategy

The Programme strategy is framed by the “Thematic objectives” (TO, Reg. 1303/2013) and “Investment Priorities” (IP, Reg. 1301/2013 and 1299/2013) proposed by the European Commission for the 2014 – 2020 programming period, which are to be translated in:

**Priority Axes** (referring to TO)



**Specific Objectives** (referring to IP)



**Expected results**

**Output indicators**

For each SO types and examples of actions are defined to complete the Programme’s provisions

# Blue focus

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Essential role played by the **blue and green economy** for the sustainable growth of the cooperation area:

- central location of the **Adriatic sea basin**, affecting the transportation patterns and socio- economic processes in the Programme area
- **maritime character of historical trade relations**
- joint asset of **natural areas and cultural heritage**, offering a unique competitive advantage
- shared **importance of economy branches** exploiting the rich natural sea based resources

The Programme focuses on the blue growth as a main feature, which means stimulating the potential of sustainable development linked to marine and maritime areas and activities

# Projects

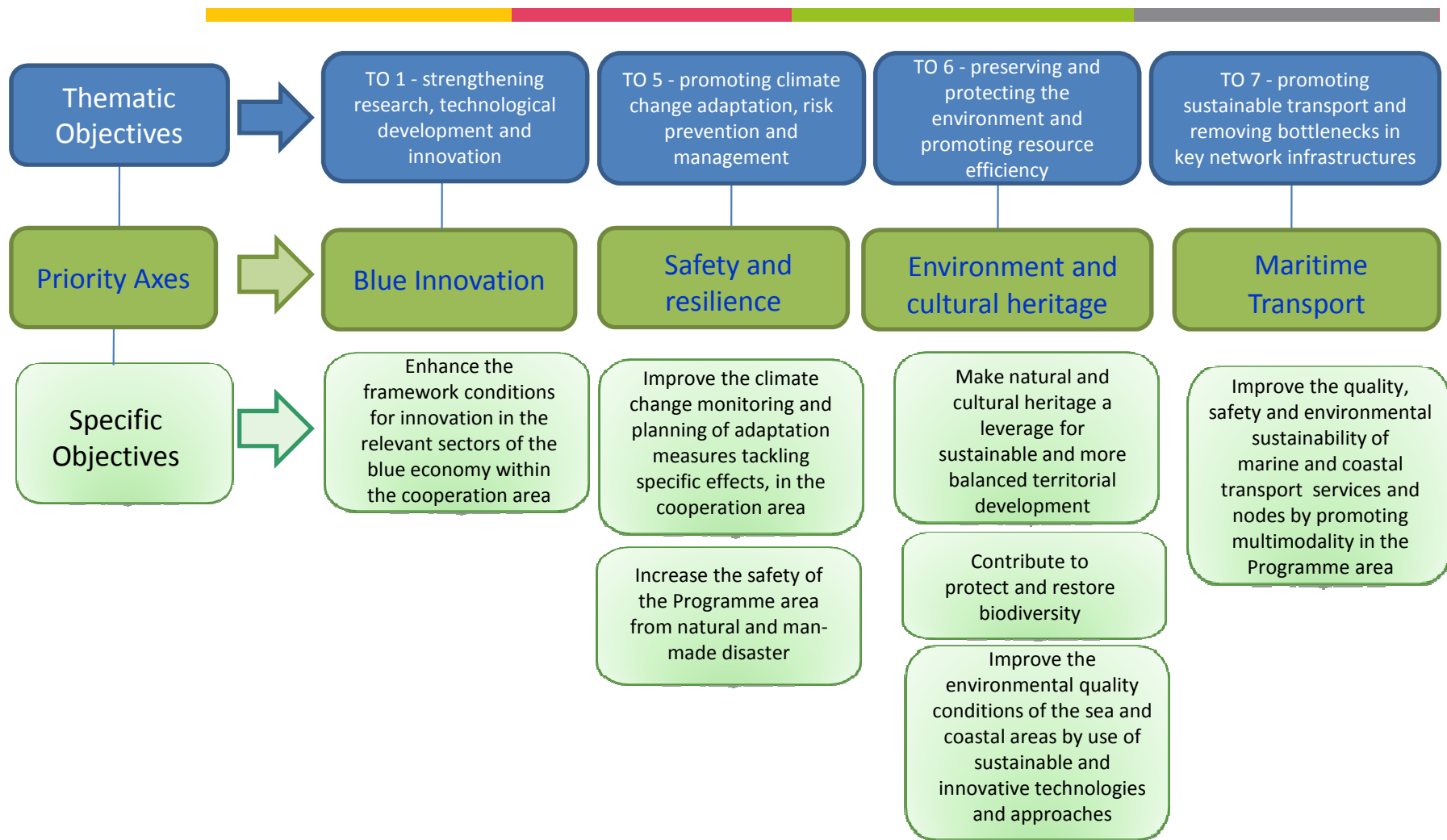
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The following types of projects are envisaged:

- **Standard projects:** implemented in a bottom up approach under all priority Axes through the launch of open calls
- **Strategic projects:** identified and selected through an institutional top-down approach, based on the principle of wide-area partnerships, (i.e. each project will include more beneficiaries and it will cover a larger number of eligible territories), count on a relevant financial amounts, require specific and increased institutional and technical competences

The Programme **prioritises** projects which are complementary with the **EUSAIR** and its Action Plan

# From Thematic Objective to Priority Axis





# Specific Objective 1.1

## PRIORITY AXIS 1 “BLUE INNOVATION”

**Investment priority 1b:** Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialization, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies.

**Specific objective 1.1.** Enhance the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area

**Expected result:** To improve the performance of the programme area in the field of innovation by establishing and developing mechanisms which contribute to a better exploitation of the existing potential

**Result indicator 1.1:** Number of EPO applications

**Output indicators:**

- 1.101 - Enterprises receiving non-financial support;
- 1.102 - Enterprises receiving grants;
- 1.103 - Research institutions participating in crossborder, transnational or interregional research projects;
- 1.104 - Participants to training activities;
- 1.105 - Enterprises receiving support.

# Specific Objective 1.1

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

## Examples of Actions

- Joint development of cross-border supply chains by investing in research and innovation;
- Establishment of cross-border clusters in complementary areas of smart specialization;
- Joint development of links and synergies between enterprises, R&D centres, education and the public sector, which shall facilitate the transfer of knowledge between them, shall disseminate the results of previous initiatives in the field of R&D, and shall facilitate the development of new initiatives in this field;
- Joint development of human capital, increasing skills regarding novel technologies (e.g. eco-innovation, low-carbon technologies, ICT, key enabling technologies, etc.), common development of innovative products, services or processes particularly for SMEs;
- Joint design / testing of innovative processes in the relevant sectors of the blue economy including aquaculture and sustainable fisheries with special reference to species, management techniques and breeding, fish welfare and disease control, seafood processing also to reduce the environmental impact of these activities;
- Joint development and piloting of eco-innovative tools and processes in the blue economy relevant sectors;
- Joint development and piloting of social innovation actions in the blue economy relevant sectors including awareness rising actions (i.e. e-health, education, digital divide, start up, labour market change, intellectual property rights);
- Joint actions aimed at improving the access to financing for R&D activities through trainings, information, awareness raising campaigns related to different opportunities.

# Specific Objective 2.1

## PRIORITY AXIS 2 “SAFETY AND RESILIENCE”

**Investment priority 5a:** supporting investment for adaptation to climate change, including ecosystem-based approaches

**Specific objective 2.1:** improve the climate change monitoring and planning of adaptation measures tackling specific effects, in the area

**Expected result:** to improve climate change monitoring and planning of measures for strengthening the adaptation capacity of the region while increasing the resilience of the territory including its natural environment

**Result indicator 2.1:** Inhabitants benefiting from planning of adaptation measures

**Output indicators:**

- 2.101 - Climate change monitoring systems put in operation
- 2.102 - Plans of adaptation measures put in place

# Specific Objective 2.1

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

## Examples of Actions:

- adoption of downscaled climate data for better assessing local impacts and selecting adaptation strategies
- setting up of common/ integrated/ harmonized monitoring and observing systems, model, spatial data infrastructures to improve the assessment and forecast capabilities, support the planning and design phase, promote the resilience to climate change
- strengthening the capacity of public sector to develop and implement innovative services, incentives and financing schemes for increasing resilience to climate change
- elaboration of strategic planning, action plans and other instruments for climate change adaptation

# Specific Objective 2.2

## PRIORITY AXIS 2 “SAFETY AND RESILIENCE”

**Investment priority 5b:** promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems

**Specific objective 2.2:** increase the safety of the Programme area from natural and man-made disaster

**Expected result:** to improve the safety the programme area supporting the development of disaster management systems, furthering the capacity of recovery while minimising damages

**Result indicator 2.2:** Inhabitants benefiting from risk management coordinated measures

**Output indicators:**

2.201 - Risk management measures operative

2.202 - People reached by initiatives for increasing awareness

## Specific Objective 2.2

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

### Examples of Actions:

- establishment of better coordinated collective emergency planning and preparedness for flooding and other risks
- joint development and implementation of awareness raising actions in the society and governance instruments
- setting up of common framework/models/tools and pilot actions to promote the reduction of environmental risks and more coordinated/harmonised management of the emergencies
- development or improvement of existing early warning and decision-making support systems
- addressing oil spill disasters with coordinated contingency plans at cross border regional scale
- joint development of tools/methods for improvement of mapping and identification of oil spills disasters

# Specific Objective 3.1

## PRIORITY AXIS 3 “ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE”

**Investment priority 6c:** Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

**Specific objective 3.1:** Make natural and cultural heritage a leverage for sustainable and more balanced territorial development

**Expected result:** aims at reaching a higher level of sustainable economic and territorial development by exploiting the potentials of the natural assets and cultural heritage while preserving them and increasing their value

**Result indicator 3.1:** Seasonality in tourism in the Programme area

### Output indicators:

3.101 - Cultural and natural heritage sites promoted

3.102 - Actors involved in actions aimed at promoting natural and cultural heritage

3.103 - Natural and cultural heritage destinations with improved accessibilities

3.104 - Beneficiaries with ecolabel/green certification

# Specific Objective 3.1

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

## Examples of Actions:

- development of cross border cluster of sustainable products typical of the area
- development of marketing/ commercialisation programmes for common and sustainable Adriatic products
- support the valorisation of rural and minor natural – cultural sites by enhancing the linkage with coastal and nautical / boat tourism
- development/enhancement of less targeted tourism itineraries linked to common thematic destinations also to reduce pressure on main sites
- support to cooperation actions for enhancing human resources in the field of sustainable tourism, natural and cultural heritage awareness and valorisation
- development of cooperation strategies for management of preservation and valorisation of natural and cultural heritage



# Specific Objective 3.1

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

## Examples of Actions:

- support for the knowledge and usability of the cultural and natural heritage destinations by all types of visitors including people with disabilities, improving accessibility, information, sustainability awareness, smart use of ICT
- protection and promotion of common cultural heritage by analysis, digitalization, archiving and data sharing (i.e. virtual museum)
- protection and promotion of old crafts and tradition (e.g. historical boats sector) by mean of training and awareness raising actions
- enhancing cultural heritage through research activities and restoration of quality sites for territorial development

# Specific Objective 3.2

## PRIORITY AXIS 3 “ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE”

**Investment priority 6d:** Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure

**Specific objective 3.2:** Contribute to protect and restore biodiversity

**Expected result:** strengthening management and protection of ecosystems and cooperation between public actors/ managers of the protected areas to increase environmental benefits and provide economic and employment opportunities

**Result indicator 3.2:** Excellent conservation status of habitat types and species of Natura 2000 sites in the Programme area

# Specific Objective 3.2

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## Output indicators:

- 3.2O1 - Natural ecosystems supported to attain a better conservation status
- 3.2O2 - Monitoring systems and data collections for protecting biodiversity and ecosystems put in place
- 3.2O3 - Restoration actions supporting endangered species
- 3.2O4 - Integrated management systems (sea, coastal and river environment) put in place

## Specific Objective 3.2

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

### Examples of Actions:

- development of models for species monitoring and sustainable fisheries models testing for their protection
- analysis of feasibility for setting up CB protected marine areas
- development of innovative models and systems to increase the marine environment knowledge also through establishment of common platform for marine research, survey habitat-biodiversity mapping
- development of tools for integrated management of the sea, coastal and river environment and of cross-border natural resources
- actions aimed at reducing and preventing the environmental risk of alien species introduction due to the ballast water discharge
- joint piloting of restoration actions for specific endangered species
- joint development of tools/ methods for degraded, damaged, destroyed habitats restoration

# Specific Objective 3.3

## PRIORITY AXIS 3 “ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURAL HERITAGE ”

**Investment priority 6f:** Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution

**Specific objective 3.3:** Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable and innovative technologies and approaches

**Expected result:** To improve the quality of the water of the sea by using innovative technologies in waste management and treatment, as well as new integrated approaches in facing several problems, including the emerging issue of marine litter.

**Result indicator 3.3:** Quality level of coastal bathing waters (according to the dir. 2006/7/CE )

**Output indicators:**

- 3.301 - Environmental friendly technological solutions (and approaches) implemented;
- 3.302 - Knowledge systems put in place.

# Specific Objective 3.3

Non-exhaustive list of possible actions!

## Examples of Actions:

- implementing innovative common spatial information systems on ecosystem components and human uses and activities;
- actions aimed at using green technologies for reducing and preventing all possible kinds of pollution deriving from transport and port activities;
- support cooperation among different sectors for the development of new possibilities of recycling marine litter and development of a CB strategy to assess, prevent and reduce marine litter pollution in the area;
- promoting joint innovative solutions for the protection and efficient use of water resources;
- pilot actions for the implementation of technologies aimed at contrasting marine debris (radar, sensor platform, managing of multispectral data, solutions to prevent marine debris);
- transfer of knowledge and exchange of experience on innovative (green) technologies solutions to improve efforts of different actors in protecting;
- the water, air and soil, contingency planning and promoting resources efficiency.

# Specific Objective 4.1

## PRIORITY AXIS 4 “MARITIME TRANSPORT”

**Investment priority 7c:** Developing and improving environmentally-friendly (including low noise) and low-carbon transport systems, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure, in order to promote sustainable regional and local mobility

**Specific objective 4.1:** Improve the quality, safety and environmental sustainability of marine and coastal transport services and nodes by promoting multimodality in the Programme area

**Expected result:** To improve the quality, safety and environmental sustainability of marine and coastal transport services. In order to achieve this change, the Programme will support actions developing new traffic modalities directed towards the use of vessels using compatible energy sources (such as methane), the adoption of ICT systems to perform embarking and disembarking of passengers in vessel traffic management and implementation of e-ticket (electronic ticketing) systems and electronic traffic management to ensure a more efficient development of traffic in the area. Efforts for enhancing the quality and the environmental sustainability of services and node will contribute to a reduction of the CO2 emissions for transport purposes.

**Result indicator 4.1:** Goods transported by maritime mode

# Specific Objective 4.1

Non-exhaustive  
list of possible  
actions!

## Examples of Actions:

- Promotion of short sea shipping and maritime transport services through piloting CB routes (passengers, ferry connection between ports and their connections to hinterland);
- Enhancing coordination between regional airports of the area for exploiting synergies and complementarities and promote multimodality, in order to improve their environmental performance;
- Harmonization of administrative procedures and improvement of port quality management system for freight and passengers transport, ensuring connections with internal nodes and the logistic system;
- Green upgrading of the logistic system linked with maritime transport sector;
- Improving multimodal (rail, road, sea) transport systems through innovative solutions (ITS) including the promotion of pilot rail services in connection with ports. **The investments in road infrastructure are not eligible under this specific objective;**
- Promote mobility concepts for harmonizing the development of passenger services (i.e e-mobility, soft mobility, etc.);
- Support the creation of a common vessel traffic centre for monitoring the vessel traffic within the cooperation area aimed at safeguarding environment.



# Financing Plan

| Priority Axis                       | ERDF (85%) €       | Co-financing (15%) € | Total €            |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Blue Innovation                   | 24.162.867         | 4.264.036            | <b>28.426.903</b>  |
| 2 Safety and resilience             | 51.346.091         | 9.061.075            | <b>60.407.166</b>  |
| 3 Environment and cultural heritage | 70.475.027         | 12.436.770           | <b>81.911.797</b>  |
| 4 Maritime transport                | 43.291.802         | 7.639.730            | <b>50.931.532</b>  |
| 5 Technical assistance              | 12.081.433         | 2.132.018            | <b>14.213.451</b>  |
| <b>Total €</b>                      | <b>201.357.220</b> | <b>35.533.629</b>    | <b>236.890.849</b> |

**85% ERDF Co-financing** for Italian and Croatian partners  
**15% National Co-financing** ruled by respective Member States

# The management

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**Monitoring Committee (MC):** composed by representatives of the two MSs, strategic role of coordination of the overall implementation

**National Authorities (NAs):** responsible for specific issues of national competence

**Managing Authority (MA) – Regione del Veneto:** responsible for the implementation

**Joint Secretariat (JS):** supporting MC and MA

**Certifying Authority (CA) / Audit Authority (AA)**