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Cross-Border DIGITal Governance Gateway for Inclusive COASTal Health, Social Services and Barrier-Free Tourism and Mobility in Croatia and Italy

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DIGIT2COAST brings together **RIT Croatia** (Lead Partner, Dubrovnik) and **ECIPA Abruzzo** (Pescara) to make health, care and mobility information easier to find across the Adriatic, especially for tourists, older people and people with disabilities. Financed by the Interreg Italy–Croatia Programme.

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MONTHS COMPLETED	PILOT AREAS	MONTH ROADMAP	COUNTRIES · 2 PARTNERS

The Care & Go Toolkit

An open-source digital solution that helps public authorities, municipalities and local providers share standardized, accessible service data. Over a 14-month roadmap, four pilot areas (Abruzzo, Marche, Primorje-Gorski Kotar and Dubrovnik-Neretva) are building common data standards and tools for digital governance. Discover the project →

From kick-off to joint analysis

4 Feb	**Kick-off.** Partners meet online and agree on coordination and reporting. Read more →
13 Mar	**Second meeting.** Desk research on regional rules and digital sources; focus on tourist health emergencies. Read more →
10 Apr	**Third meeting.** Findings consolidated; Shared Analytical Grid and Action Plan reviewed. Read more →
8 May	**Fourth meeting.** Analytical grid completed; ECIPA Abruzzo presents the editorial plan. Read more →

What the Joint Comparative Assessment found

Published on 27 April, it reveals a gap between healthcare rights and the practical ability to find and access services.

01 Access barriers barriers

Multilingual information is insufficient, and booking systems ask for an Italian fiscal code (regional CUP portals) or a Croatian OIB (e-Naručivanje), which can exclude non-residents.

02 Two governance models governance models

Italy's healthcare has strong regional autonomy; Croatia relies on a centralised framework managed by HZZO, with more mature open-data practices (GeoJSON, CSV).

Next: a cross-border Memorandum of Understanding and a joint Service Charter. **Explore the findings →**

DIGIT2COAST meets the public in Pescara



9 JUNE · AURUM

Public event

Authorities, stakeholders and community members discuss how shared digital tools can improve access to services in coastal territories.

Event report →



10 JUNE

Transnational meeting

Partners review the first six months and validate Deliverable D.1.1.1, the Joint Comparative Assessment.

Meeting report →

First semester completed

The July update confirms the first operational period (January–June 2026) closed with all scheduled objectives met.

- **Comparative Assessment published**
- **Editorial Plan created**
- **Kick-off Report finalized**
- **Project Management Unit established**

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Accessible Services Data Layer

Partners are co-designing the Care & Go Data Scheme, an interoperable framework for sharing accessible coastal service data across borders. The project remains on schedule. **Progress update →**

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Project partners

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