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PO1 - A SMARTER EUROPE
SO1 - Developing and enhancing research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies

Challenge 01: Strengthening research capacities and promoting technology transfer processes, especially in the Blue Economy sector

Result 1: Improved performances related to applied research and technological transfer also through a stronger collaboration among quadruple helix actors

Supporting joint industrial (pre-) feasibility studies for new products applications and territorial/marine monitoring systems

5. Promoting a cross-border innovation ecosystem through long-term cooperation agreements among the relevant actors of the quadruple helix approach

2.

Promoting synergies with other ETC Programs, Horizon Europe and LIFE in order to facilitate the engagement of relevant innovation players in EU



Promoting applied research and technological transfer through a stronger crossborder collaboration among quadruple helix actors, especially in blue economy sectors, circular economy practices and digitalization

4.

Providing ICT services and web/cloud facilities for private companies to jointly improve the access to research and advanced technologies



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Challenge 02: Attract and maintain an higher number of young researchers in the system as well as attracting private and public financial resource for R&D

Result 1: Increased number of researchers employed in the private sector and STEM PhD students

Facilitating cross-border mobility of researchers through cooperation agreements among Italian and Croatian institutions for shared research scholarships



Implementing joint research on emerging market needs and new business opportunities, mainly in the blue economy sectors, fostering the attraction of public/ private investments and increasing number of researchers in the private sector





- Local, regional, national authorities and other public institutions and agencies
- Academic institutions
- Research centers
- Private companies
- Entrepreneur and business support organizations
- Civil society organizations (CSOs)

^{*}The target groups identified include therefore public and private actors of the quadruple helix system that will be involved or positively affected by the actions.



SO4 - Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Challenge 06: Increase SMEs collaboration practices and support innovation in competitive domains Result 1: Strengthened innovation capacities of SMEs, especially in Blue economy domains

1.

Enhancing entrepreneurial capacities to foster innovation in products and processes, also through the promotion of collaboration with cultural/creative industries and the development of new sustainable technologies/circular economy approach



2.

Building or reinforcing transformation and digitalization skills of SMEs and their networks, in order to boost innovation mainly in blue economy sectors and adopting circular economy practices



SO4 - Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Challenge 06: Increase SMEs collaboration practices and support innovation in competitive domains Result 2: Increased internationalization capacities of SMEs, especially in Blue economy domains

1.

Developing and consolidating entrepreneurial skills referred to Internationalization and the capacity to attract foreign investments and/or to jointly promote products and services on international markets



2.

Supporting SMEs to develop the needed skills to access market intelligence services for exploring emerging opportunities and to develop innovative business concepts in order to comply with international markets' needs



SO4 - Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Challenge 07: Intensify the smart specialization governance processes within the two countries giving priority to human resources knowledge and new business initiatives

Result 1: Higher consistency of smart specialization strategies, with a major focus on the maritime dimension of the Programme area

1.

Fostering the setting-up of crossborder knowledge hubs to stimulate dialogue and increase cooperation in the common areas of expertise of smart specialization strategies



2.

Fostering the diffusion of new approaches to the use of technology and applied research for transformative change in SMEs



SO4 - Developing skills for smart specialisation, industrial transition and entrepreneurship

Challenge 07:Intensify the smart specialization governance processes within the two countries giving priority to human resources knowledge and new business initiatives

Result 2: Higher preparedness of businesses for smart specialization in terms of qualified human capital and appropriate entrepreneurial skills mainly in the Blue economy domains

Supporting cross-border initiatives, training programmes and mutual learning (know-how and best practices) in order to qualify human capital and to improve entrepreneurial skills in common smart specialization domains, with special focus on blue and green skills, ICT skills and digital transition



2.

Boost entrepreneurial skills of graduates in order to facilitate their entry into labour market and the added value in innovation and smart specialization capacities for the private companies they join





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- Private companies
- SMEs
- Entrepreneur and business support organizations
- Civil society organizations (CSOs)

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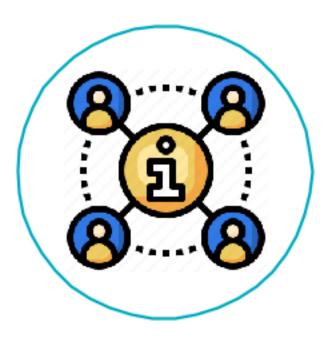
SO4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Challenge 12: Improvement of the knowledge base for climate change monitoring and adaptation, and to coordinate methodologies, processes and resources

Result 1: Sharing of methodologies and approaches to define new or improved adaptation strategies

1.

Promoting cooperation between public authorities, research institutions and private companies in order to take advantage of new scientific results and multidisciplinary research to improve observation of climate change effects and plan and define the related adaptation strategies in line with 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and with the European Green Deal



2.

Studying and testing integrated climate-adaptation solutions for different domains/target groups of population and enhancing the definition of common datasets on atmospheric parameters for climate analysis and impact assessment or improving the usability of existing ones.

3.

Exchanging good practices to monitor, manage, mitigate and support the adaptation to climate change effects on the most relevant economic sectors



SO4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Challenge 12: Improvement of the knowledge base for climate change monitoring and adaptation, and to coordinate methodologies, processes and resources

Result 2: Increased effectiveness of joint monitoring systems

Encouraging the development or capitalization of data gathering tools (i.e. sensor systems, web-based platforms) and small-scale infrastructure for observing climate change effects, especially where monitoring systems are absent at cross-border level



2.

Promoting networking activities and exchanges in order to define common indicators and increase the usability of existing database



SO4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Challenge 12: Improvement of the knowledge base for climate change monitoring and adaptation, and to coordinate methodologies, processes and resources

Result 3: Improved awareness about climate change effects on natural and cultural heritage and on loca economic activities

1.

for policy makers and general service providers on relevant topics linked to climate change and its consequences in order to better design new policies and promoting workshops/ seminars dealing with new sustainable and adaptive climate smart models



3.

Students and teachers'
exchanges aimed at
developing common projects
on climate change
adaptation

2.

Integrated cross-border
community-based initiatives
aiming at fostering active
awareness about
anthropogenic changes on
local ecosystems and related
adaptation measures



SO4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Challenge 13: Improvement of the effectiveness of all the phases of the civil protection process through a more intense cooperation

Result 1: Improved efficacy of risk prevention systems

Improving digital competences, fostering the use of new monitoring technologies and tools and reinforcing exchange of data to increase safety and risk forecasting capacities



Increasing climate
resilience of cultural/natural
heritage sites developing
and implementing disaster
risk reduction policies and
actions in local and regional
development plans

2.

Promoting joint tools and standardized procedures to prevent disasters related to economic activities



SO4 - Promoting climate change adaptation and disaster risk prevention, and resilience, taking into account eco-system based approaches

Challenge 13: Improvement of the effectiveness of all the phases of the civil protection process through a more intense cooperation

Result 2: Improved management of emergencies linked to extreme meteorological phenomena, natural hazards or other disasters related to human activities

1.

Reinforcing cooperation between local authorities and non-governmental organizations to define and apply integrated emergency/ rescue plans



Exchange of good practices to increase post disaster management capacities of relevant actors



2.

Developing standardized early warning systems, contingency planning and decision support tools (also for uncertainty management processes), especially through new technologies and robotics, and financing small scale infrastructure to face natural disasters and other hazards

3.

Developing cross-border agreements for accelerating mutual supply of goods/equipment for the management of the first phases of the emergency/recovery





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- Private companies
- Civil protection bodies and emergency services
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SO7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

Challenge 16: Improving the knowledge base and the monitoring system for defining policies of protection of biodiversity and of fight to pollution

Result 1: Higher efficiency of monitoring and research on natural/marine habitats and human activities impact

1.

Developing homogenous indicators through the exchange and comparison of existing good practices in order to harmonize data collection and monitoring systems

Supporting feasibility studies for setting up cross-border protected marine areas and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs)

2. Setting-up cross-border monitoring systems and shared platforms to assess the status of the marine habitats and species (also the alien ones) and to predict the effects of biodiversity's policies on marine ecosystem as a basis for pollution prevention, mitigation and reduction policies



Developing integrated strategies and instruments and financing small scale infrastructure for biodiversity protection and habitats and coastal landscape preservation

3. Extending the use of digital solutions to evaluate ecosystem services especially in

the sea basins

4.

Providing new tools for the integrated management of sea, coast and river environment and of crossborder natural resources (i.e., coordinated Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) and Integrated Coastal Management (ICM))



SO7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

Challenge 16: Improving the knowledge base and the monitoring system for defining policies of protection of biodiversity and of fight to pollution

Result 2: Increased awareness in relation to environmental pollution and protection of biodiversity

Implementing training and educational activities to raise awareness among policy makers and general service providers in order to design strategies more focused on the economic value of a healthy marine environment

Developing joint strategies to spread good practices on nature protection, biodiversity and bioeconomy

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2.

Promoting communitybased initiatives that combine the regeneration of marine resources with the preservation of local livelihoods

3.

Promoting information campaigns for responsible tourism activities aiming at safeguarding ecosystem and reducing pollution



SO7 - Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution

Challenge 16:Improving the knowledge base and the monitoring system for defining policies of protection of biodiversity and of fight to pollution

Result 3: Reduction of pollution in critical areas

Developing and testing innovative and ecological technical solutions to reduce pollution caused by human activities



Designing integrated policies aimed at limiting the anthropogenic pressure on coastal and inner regions with a specific focus on the promotion of green ports and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture

models





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