In brief

- By sharing Best Practices for harmonized assessement of marine contaminants,
- Providing a common data access infrastructure,
- Supporting a common strategy to assess contaminant dispersion risk along the coast,

HarmoNIA will ultimately enhance the capacity to tackle environmental vulnerability and safeguard ecosystems.

From good monitoring data.....



.....to good decision making

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Harmonization and Networking for contaminant assessment in the Ionian and Adriatic Seas





Objectives

- Address heterogeneity in methodological approaches and in information used for Good Environmental Status assessment (GES, sensu MSFD);
- Overcome fragmentation in geographical coverage of data availability on contaminants;
- Support a coordinated approach in case of contaminant dispersion along the coast.



Approach

- Bring together Adriatic Ionian agencies and institutes in charge of the assessment of marine contaminants;
- Collect and make accessible regional datasets of contaminants;
- Work on a regional strategy for evaluation of the risk due to contaminant dispersion from different sources of pollution.

Outputs

- Adriatic Ionian network of agencies and institutes in charge of the assessment of marine contaminants;
- Regional Strategy to support the harmonized implementation of marine environmental directives in the ADRION region;
- Common Strategy for contaminant dispersion risk assessment;
- Common Data access portal to explore and download validated datasets on marine contaminants.



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HarmoNIA supports:

- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR);
- Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD, 2008/56/EC);
- Protocols of the Barcelona Convention UNEP/MAP-MED POL;
- Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP, 2014/89/UE).

Outputs

 GeoPortal on Vulnerability of coastal areas to pollution from offshore drilling and accidents;



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• Raised awareness of stakeholders and exchange of information with researchers on marine pollution issues.

