



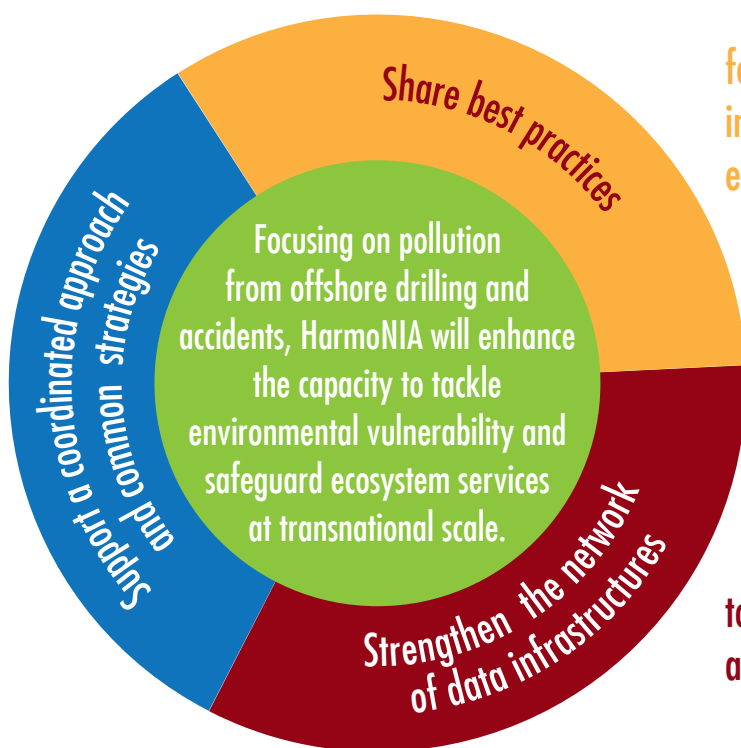
Harmonization and Networking for contaminant assessment in the Ionian and Adriatic Seas



The Adriatic and Ionian Seas are considered hot spots of biodiversity, hosting habitats and communities of great environmental importance. At the same time, the ADRION area is intensively used and pollution is a key issue which requires a common evaluation and management approach. HarmoNIA intends to address the heterogeneity in methodological approaches and in the information used for Good Environmental Status assessment and to overcome the fragmentation in geographical coverage of data availability.

HarmoNIA Goals

to evaluate the risk of contaminant dispersion from offshore activities and accidents

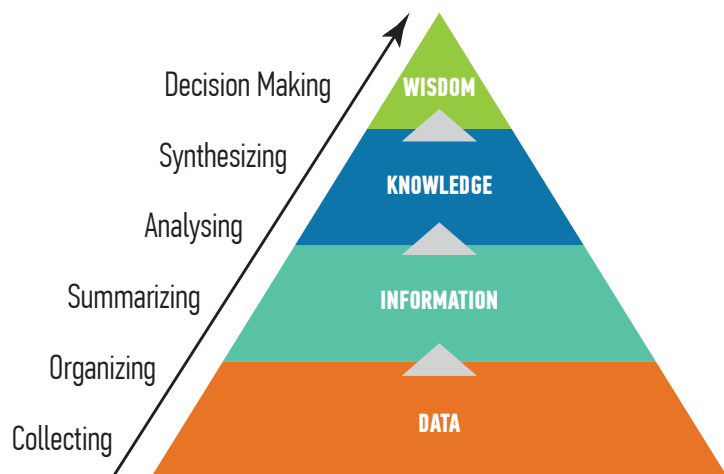


for a harmonized implementation of marine environmental directives

to facilitate access and re-use of marine data

HarmoNIA Challenges

- From good monitoring data to good decision making
- Harmonize monitoring protocols for reliable assessment of Good Environmental Status
- Towards a common strategy to assess contaminant dispersion risk
- Best practices to support a sustainable use of the sea: the offshore challenge



The project HarmoNIA supports

- ◆ Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD, EU 2008)
- ◆ Protocols of the Barcelona Convention UNEP/MEDPOL
- ◆ Offshore Protocol (pollution from exploration and exploitation)
- ◆ Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP, 2014)



Partnership

- ◆ National Institute for Oceanography and Applied Geophysics (OGS) - **Italy**
- ◆ Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) - **Italy**
- ◆ Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (IOF) - **Croatia**
- ◆ Ruder Boskovic Institute (RBI) - **Croatia**
- ◆ Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) - **Greece**
- ◆ Region of Western Greece (RWG) - **Greece**
- ◆ National Institute of Biology (NIB) - **Slovenia**
- ◆ Slovenian Environment Agency - (ARSO) - **Slovenia**
- ◆ Public institution University of Montenegro - Institute of Marine Biology (UoM-IMB) - **Montenegro**
- ◆ Agriculture University of Tirana - Department of Plant Protection (AUT) - **Albania**

Associated Partners

- ◆ Ministry of Economic Development Directorate General for the Safety Also Environmental of Mining and Energy Activities National Mining Office for Hydrocarbons and Georesources - **Italy**
- ◆ Durres Municipality - **Albania**
- ◆ Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism - **Montenegro**
- ◆ Ministry of Environmental and Nature Protection - **Croatia**



PRIORITY AXIS 2: SUSTAINABLE REGION



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