

The sustainable mobility plan of the UTI Giuliana (Union of Municipalities of Trieste provincial area)

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Government

- The Union of Municipalities of the Province area is a new administration, it was founded in 2017.
- I first worked for the Province of Trieste that has been abolished by a law issued by the Region.
- The regional law n°20/2014 started the long changement process involving the re-arranging of the regional administration planning.
- Four provinces were turned into in eighteen Unions of municipalities.
- The new regional Government is working on this law to improve the administration system.



ACTIVITIES

- Some duties of the Province were transferred to other offices of the Region, others to the City Council. The activities concerning town planning on a large-scale are now carried on by the departments of the Union of the Municipalities.
- The regional law provides financial support for sector planning and programs. The aim is to invest in projects that can be useful to the extended area of the territory.
- The Union of the Municipalities of the Province area of Trieste has a double name in Italian and Slovenian as the presence of Slovenian culture is deeply rooted in this territory.



PLANNING

- We had to meet the needs of the citizens of six cities and set the priorities out of several plans.
- We could decide about purpose and goals fit to the territory only after a careful analysis of the actual state, evaluating cost/benefits effects, with the respect of laws and duties.
- The priority list of the purposes has been split in two areas:
 1. projects for the territory of the extended area
 2. projects for the social support.



GOALS

- Some of the goals to achieve for the territory to improve quality of life and services were concentrated on specific subjects:
 1. **Sustainable mobility**
 2. **Sea mobility**
 3. **Recover of the sea coast**
 4. **Decontamination of polluted areas (environmental planning)**
 5. **Regeneration of abandoned areas (town and landscape planning)**
 6. **Roadway planning for the province area and critic connections**
 7. **Restoring of decaying historical school buildings.**



- After a competition we assigned the charge of the Sustainable Mobility Plan to the arch. Romana Kačič and staff.



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Analysis

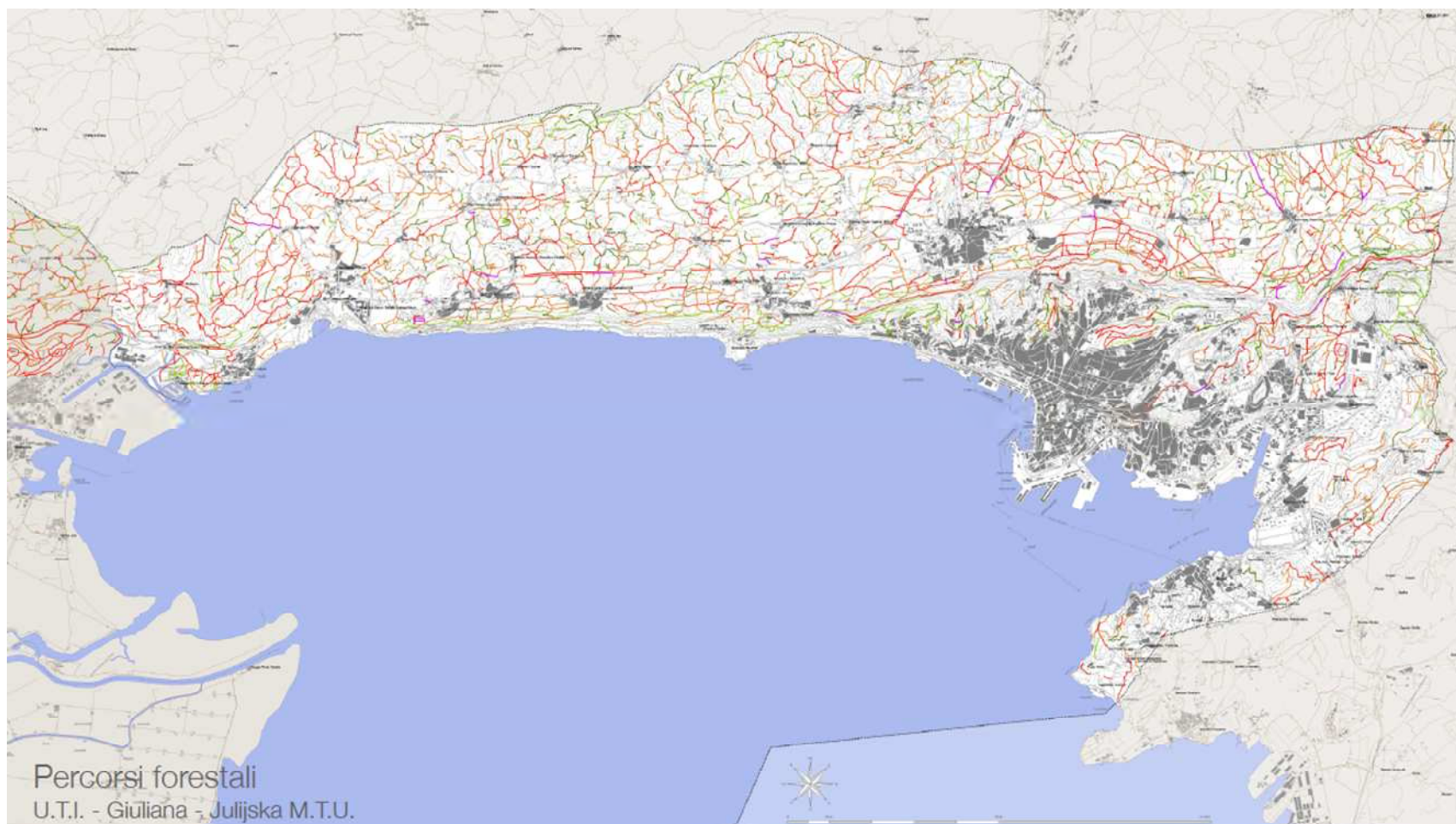
- We asked the architect to examine all the different types of mobility: pedestrian paths, european, national and regional routes, forests, natural and touristic trails.
- We drew four different lines of specific interest: sea line, coast roadway, Karst line with vineyards, mountains line and border.



Main axis and connections



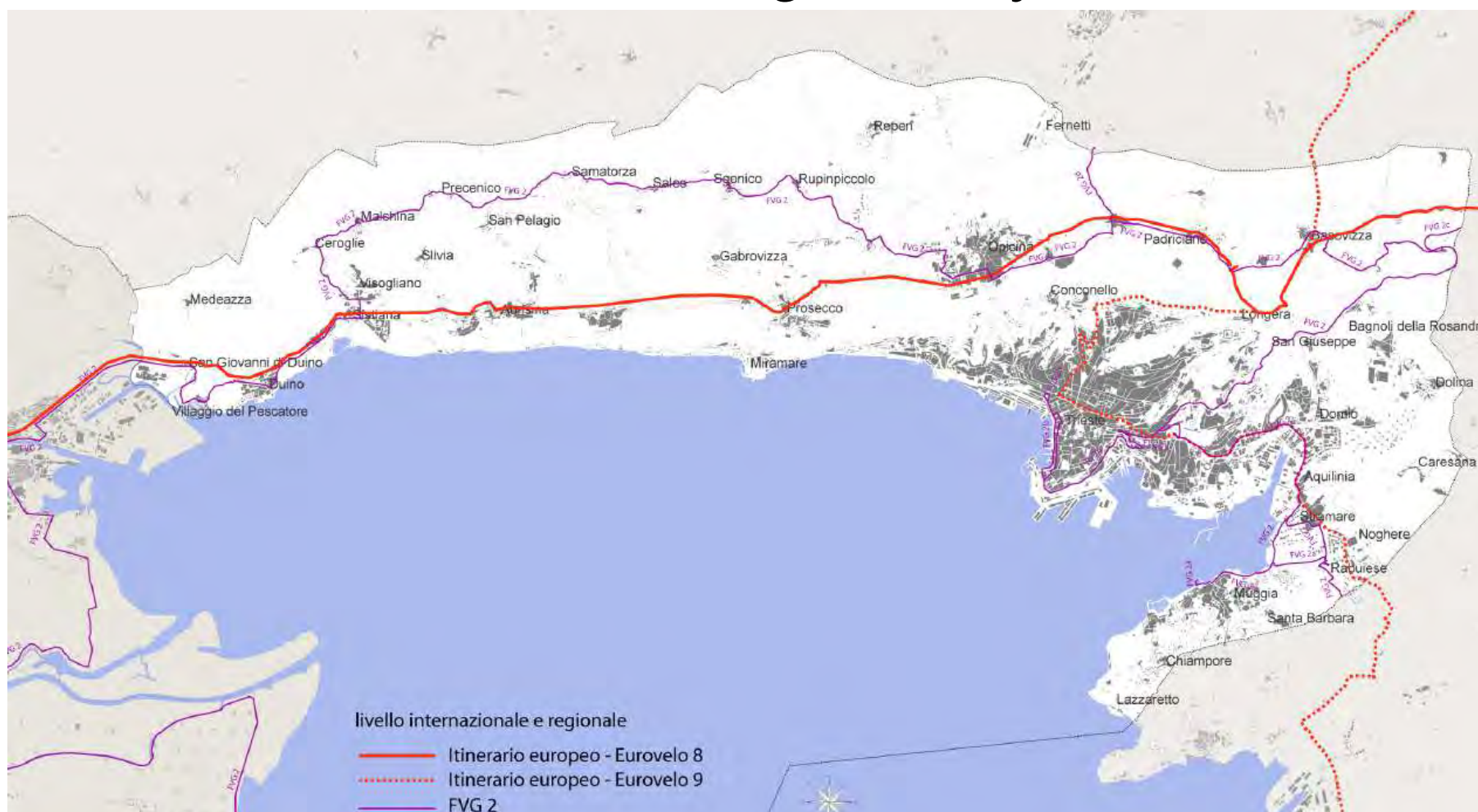
Forest paths



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International and regional cycle tracks



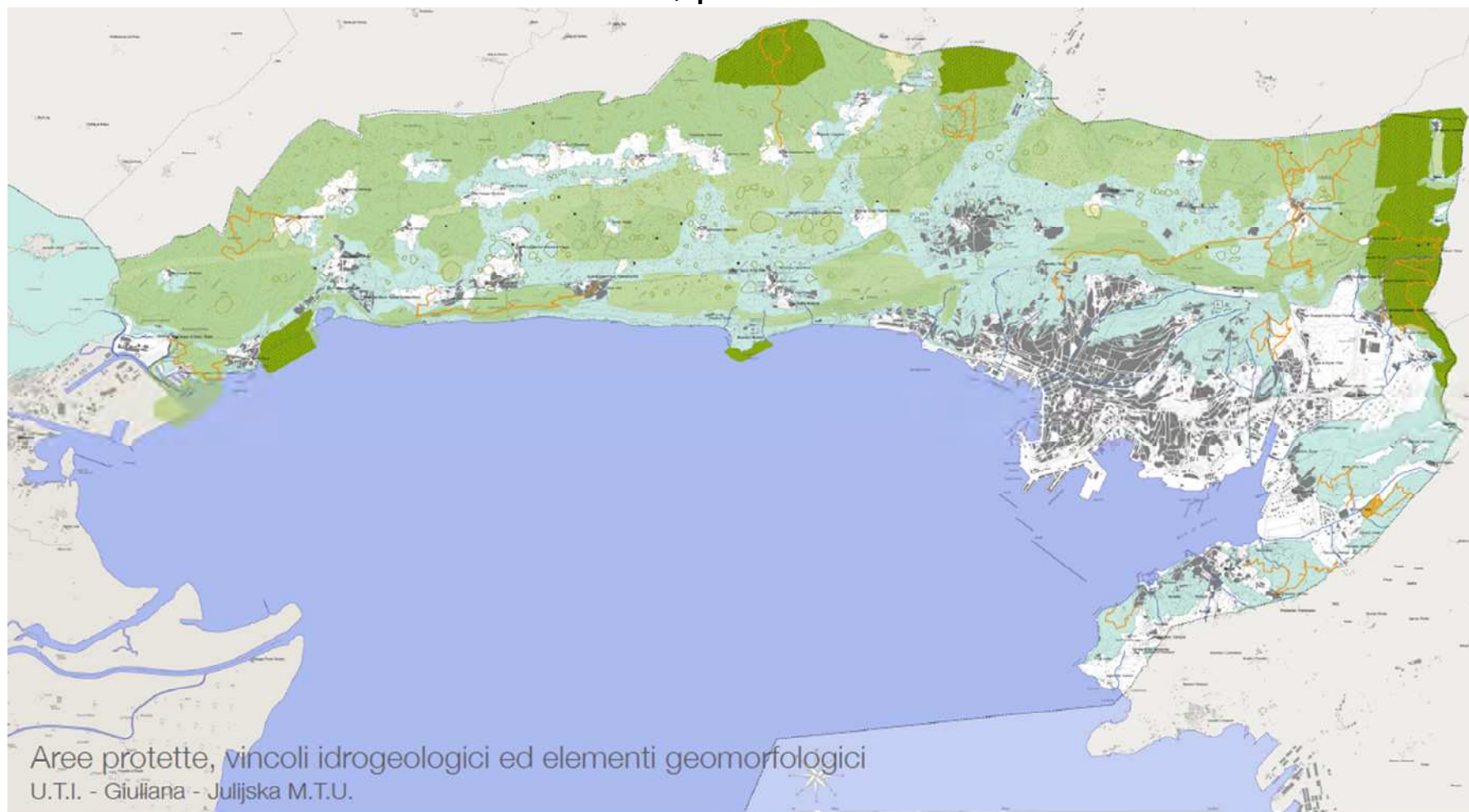
Network of the cycle tracks



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Environmental restrictions, protected areas and sanctuaries



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Main mobility routes



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Connections to the tourist attractions of the territory



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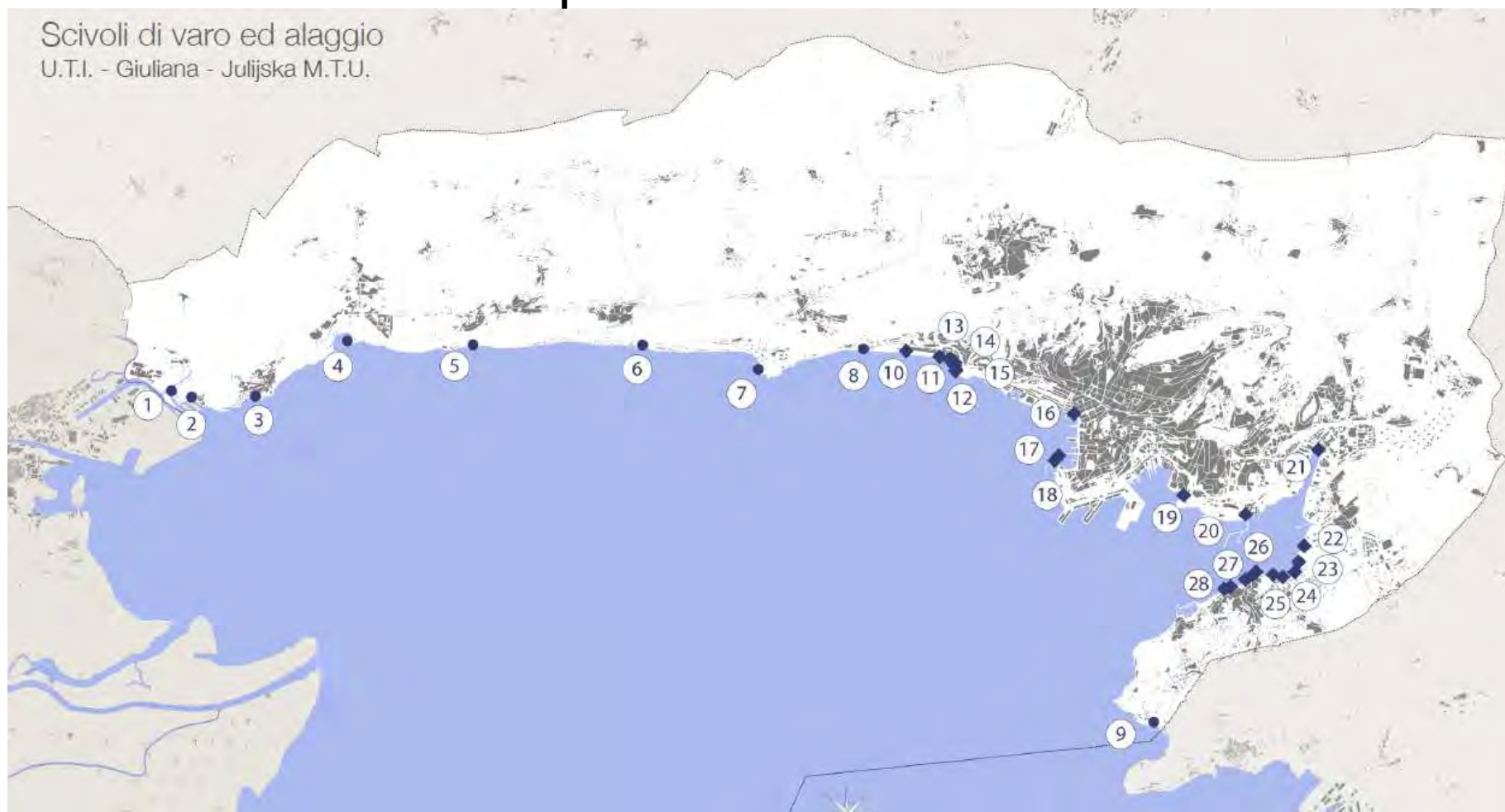
Tourist attractions of the territory



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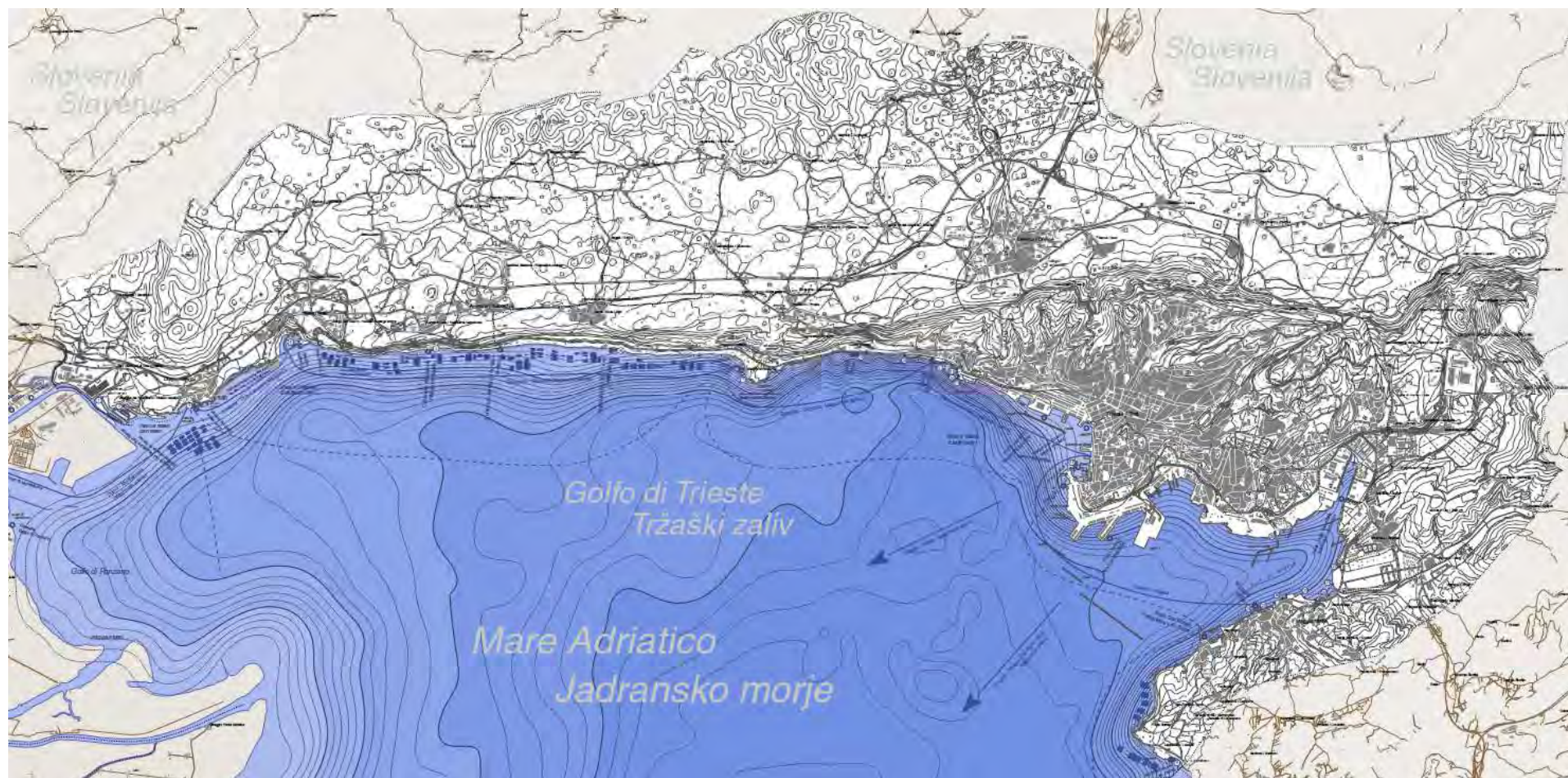
Tourist ports on the coast line



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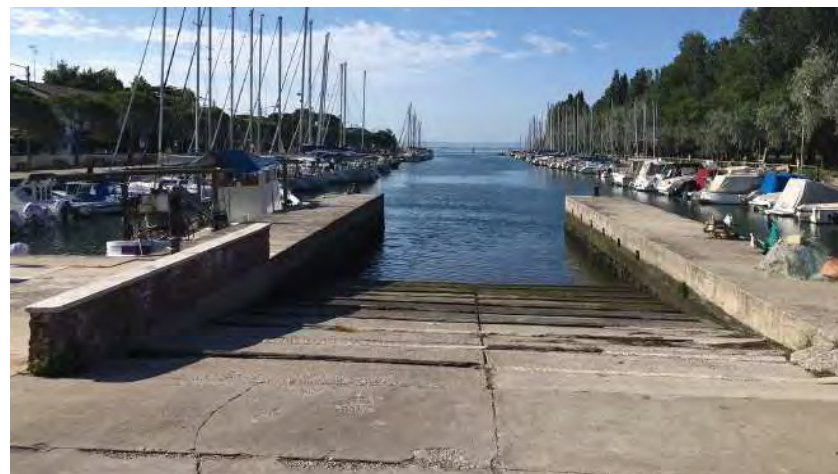
Maritime connections



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Tourist ports



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Priority

- Economical support is never enough to convert the projects in works. The sustainable mobility plan evaluated for the main necessary maintenance work at least € 2.500.000,00. Regional aid for the three years is of € 600.000,00 for the land works and € 300.000,00 for the coast works.
- We had to draw up a priority list to start some of the works on the pedestrian paths and cycle tracks.
- We evaluated all the projects according to different requirements ranging from the presence of tourists in the area, cultural and panoramic attractions, safety problems or fire prevention or opportunities to connect part of the tracks with European or regional ways.
- We decided to start with maintenance works to allow the walkway through the woods.



The project of new connections



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Challenge and opportunities - 1

- Landscape views are manifold: along the coast you can find rocky seashores and strands; in the inland you can find the Karst landscape, hillsides and mountainsides. Different landscapes and views that you can experience if you walk or cycle or ride an horse. Our challenge is to link the different type of motion giving the tourist an opportunity to try different kinds of sustainable mobility. We would like people to savour the joy of walking through the vineyards and watch the sea, travelling along the bicycle track and reach the sea or taking a boat in a tourist port to the Istrian coast.

Challenge and opportunities - 2

- The mobility network can be like the blood venous system, with main routes and lesser paths which connect different part of the territory, with an eye to environmental issues.
- You could find many attractions in the mountainside, like the stalactite caves, woods, little villages that could be visited if connected by means of the tourist boats that dock in the central port of the City of Trieste.
- The project has considered new connections between the cycle tracks and links leading to Slovenia and Austria.
- In order to achieve this aim, working side-by-side with other public administrations and stakeholders is crucial.