

TITLE PROJECT	Socio-Economic Observatory of Protected Areas in the Adriatic Region
LEADING PARTNER	University of Teramo (Italia)
MISSION	<p>Building a research facility aimed at collecting data and supporting decision-making activities for the protected areas in the Adriatic region.</p> <p>Such a project focuses on the development of an integrated model of monitoring, planning and sustainable management in order to increase the value of Adriatic Protected Areas in the following countries: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania.</p> <p><i>Offices: in MPA Torre del Cerrano (Pineto, Italia)</i></p>
OBJECTIVES	<p>The final purpose of building such an Observatory is the creation of an Adriatic information network able to monitor the socio-economic changes in the regions where those protected areas are located – thus making the implementation of EU policies easier.</p> <p>The present project, within the AdriaPAN network, aims at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) creating a territorial information system (T.I.S.) in order to collect and explain, by means of GIS systems, geographical, economic and statistical data referred to the protected areas (such as marine protected areas, natural oases, national parks, regional parks, S.I.C. and so on) on both the Adriatic coasts; 2) collecting the various EU, national, regional and local regulations referring to protected areas and environmental protection in order to compare them and provide the various AdriaPAN units with common and univocal rules; 3) collecting all the European, national and regional projects regarding both AdriaPAN protected areas and the topics related to the activities of each AdriaPAN unit; 4) mapping all the opportunities of raising funds in UE; 5) building a database, constantly updated and common to all the areas in the network, with all the information necessary for planning and managing the areas themselves; 6) on the basis of the collected data, developing models for a joined management among the different areas in the network, for tourist purposes as well. <p>The territorial information system will support all the planning activities both at local, regional, national and European level.</p>
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