



NAME PROPOSAL	SMART RIVER COMMUNITIES
PROGRAMME	INTERREG ADRION PROGRAMME AXIS 2 – OS 2.2
PARTNERS	<p>Leader: MUNICIPALITY of SENIGALLIA</p> <p>Partner: EUROCUBE SRL AGRAA (HR) + 1 City SERDA (BOSNIA) + 1 City ALBANIA (1 City along the Drin or Duna River) SINERGIJA LTD (SLOVENIA) + 1 City City of PATRASSO (GR)</p>
<p>BACKGROUND</p> <p>The risks associated with climate change constantly threaten river basins in a wide range of geographic locations across the Mediterranean sea, with serious consequences for communities that are unable to carry out long-term strategies of local development. In recent years, an innovative form of agreement has been implemented with success among consortia of local authorities, citizen associations, private companies located along the river corridor. These agreements have been defined as River Contracts (CdF). The CdFs River Contracts are an innovative methodology for water management as they are based on the active participation of local actors. A River Contract is an effective measure to recover, improve and preserve a river through concerted initiatives of all public administrations, water management services, companies, associations and all other organized territorial actors. Lots of river contract experiences are also bloomed in Italy in this last decade. In 2015, In order to homogenise the different processes, the National Working Group on the River Contracts, coordinated by the Ministry of the Environment, developed the National Guideline "Definitions and Basic Qualification Requirements for River Contracts" (12 March 2015) including a set of quality criteria to monitor and evaluate the correct implementation of the river contract . To date, there are now 15 Regions that have joined the National Contract on River Contracts (Milan 2010) and others are in the process of joining. River contract experiences are present on all major Italian rivers both in the north and in the south of the country (Po, Piave, Tiber, Adda, Arno, Brenta, Trebbia ... etc). The need to homogenize the procedures of implementation is one of the priorities that the CNCF intends to pursue. In the Adriatic Region, there are still few CDF experiences too. Integrated river basin management approaches can be found for example in the Sava basin with the definition of an interregional flood management and mitigation protocol</p> <p>PROJECT RELEVANCE</p> <p>The project aims at providing an up-to-date information on a range of topics relating to river contracts, including their relevance to implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive on integrated river basin management. The importance of river contracts for innovation in territorial planning and governance is explored with the aid of comparative analysis between Counties within the Adriatic Region that encompasses water management policies, legislative frameworks, contents and procedures, and stakeholder rules and participation. This analysis will be supported by enlightening case studies in urbanized and rural contexts within the two countries. The idea is to provide a common model of river management for both of two countries that will be tested in</p>	

selected pilot areas.

COERENCE WITH RELEVANT POLICIES AND PLANS

River contracts contribute to the pursuit of environmental law objectives, with particular reference to Directive 2000/60 / EC (Water Framework Directive) and the linked directives such as Directive 2007/60 / EC (Floods Directive) and Directives 42/93 / EEC (Habitat Directive) and 2008/56 / EC (Marine Strategy Framework Directive). All directives aim at preventing and reducing Pollution, sustainable use of water, environmental protection and aquatic ecosystems; The mitigation of the effects of floods as well as the Public Participation in River Basing Management Planning . In Italy, river contracts also appear as new governance approach in river management in the "National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy" (Ministry of the Environment). approved by the Conferences Regions State and Unified, October 30, 2014.

OBJECTIVES of THE PROJECT

Collecting and capitalizing on successful river-contract practices in order to develop, following a comparative analysis, a common model of river management for Adriatic Region that will be tested in selected pilot areas;

Strengthening the implementation of the "river contract" instrument as an innovative governance approach for integrating Water Management Plans with issues related to land management, landscape and rural development.

Extending the effectiveness of the "river contract" as a participatory tool through which increasing the tourist attractiveness of rural areas by conserving, protecting, promoting and developing the natural and cultural heritage

Improving the resilience of river areas by mitigating risks from climate change

PROJECT FRAMEWORK:

ACTION 0 – Project design and submission of the proposal.

ACTION 1 - PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND QUALITY CONTROL.

ACTION 2 - COMMUNICATION AND DISSEMINATION OF PROJECT RESULTS

ACTION 3 – COLLECTING SUCCESFUL RIVER-CONTRACT PRACTICES FOR A DEFINITION OF A COMMON MODEL OF RIVER CONTRACT FOR ITA-CRO (GUIDELINE FOR APPLICATION OF QUALITY BASELINE REQUIREMENTS FOR RIVER CONTRACTS).

ACTION4 – LOCAL ACTION PLANNING AND RIVERS CONTRACTS

ACTION 5 - FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE AND DEFINITION OF A COMMON ADRIAN STRATEGY/ROAD MAP FOR SPREADING "RIVER CONTRACTS" IN THE ADRIATIC AND MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

TIME	30 months
BUDGET	1,5/2 ML euros

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