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# Strenghten cooperation Protect the Environment Enhance prevention





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## Our Objectives



#### Prevent and protect from marine pollution

By adopting a holistic approach to marine pollution incident management at-sea and on-shore, NAMIRS will contribute to **enhancing prevention of, and protection from, the effects of maritime disasters in the North Adriatic Sea.** The North Adriatic Sea - a semi-closed basin where the three partner countries Croatia, Italy and Slovenia share a marine surface of approx. 550 sq.km – represents an area of utmost importance in terms of interactions among different uses of the sea (coastal and maritime tourism, transport of goods and passengers, fishery, aquaculture, oil & gas, energy and communication, sand extraction, cultural heritage, protected areas). In this context, **accidental marine pollution**, in particular deriving from oil-spills, is a dangerous threat with potentially **devastating environmental and economic consequences.** 

### **Cross-border cooperation**

Whereas existing national Contingency Plans are not sufficient to tackle such a transboundary threat, NAMIRS will support **better pre-paredness and more coordinated response at transnational level,** also in line with the Barcelona Convention and related Protocols.

### **Contingency Planning**

The consortium will elaborate specific Guidelines for the revision & update of the Sub-Regional Contingency Plan for the Adriatic Sea, signed by the three partner countries in 2005 but never entered into force. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for first responders will be also outlined, which will be the object of a dedicated Training programme and later validated in a simulation exercise at-sea. This cooperative process will result in smoother communication and interoperability through the establishment of a ready-for-operations **sub-regional mechanism at prompt disposal of North Adriatic countries and the EU Civil Protection Mechanism,** easily transferable to the other Adriatic-Ionian countries.

### Main Activities

Analysis of the context and the state of art of the available resources and national procedures in case of oil-spill in Northern Adriatic

Joint preparedness through a common training programme for identified actors involved in marine anti-pollution response linked to oil-spill

Testing SOPs during a structured exercise at-sea, organised in the Gulf of Trieste

**Revision of the Sub-Regional Contingency Plan** for the Adriatic Sea and involvement of the political level for adoption

## Main Expected Outcomes

**Communication and operational coordination** between at-sea and shoreline preparedness and response is enhanced

A (sub-)regional approach to acute pollution, in particular with regard to spill impact/effect monitoring and assessment is established