

FLAG COSTA DELL'EMILIA-ROMAGNA FEAMP 2014-2020 Regione Emilia-Romagna



**Action 4.C “A coastal management plan by local fishers”
P.O. FEAMP 2014-2020**

Participative network

Title of the project: **A coastal management plan by local fishers and fish farmers**

Method of implementation: Participative approach promoted by FLAG Costa Em.Rom to stimulate a **bottom-up governance process**

Subjects that take part : Fishers, Universities, Municipalities, Port managers, and others local stakeholders

Budget: € 20.000,00



The main problem

Why?

lack of coordination for the stock management of 3 commercial species

Region wide presence

Economic value

Health of stocks

FLAG's actions:

consultation process with all the local stakeholders

Set up working group connecting the fisheries & aquaculture sector with experts and research

How?

Research team:

- Marine biologists working on innovation in fisheries and aquaculture
- Mapping and database service in marine environment
- Bologna University

Socio-economic assessment

Status of stocks for the 3 species

Environmental status

Guidelines to
develop
management
plan

How?

active involvement of fishers, fish farmers and owners of local vessels

For that, the FLAG organised and ran 10 workshops, with 120 participants from the sector.

10 Workshop

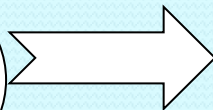
120 Participants

wider stakeholders

Mailings, press releases, social media, website

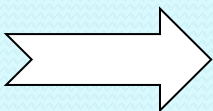
INNOVATIVE PROCESS

Strengthen the networks between operators and supply chain networks inside and outside the Emilia-Romagna coastal area



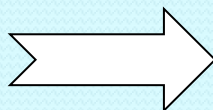
This **bottom-up approach** followed (making public consultations of local stakeholders, identifying relevant experts for participating in FLAG's Working Groups, etc.) is new in the region, and it was managed by the FLAG itself. Actually, a representative of the national Ministry of Fisheries was present at the launch of the Working Group for learning more about this methodology, that could potentially being implemented in other regions.

Improvement of policies and programs' implementation in Em.Rom. Region and in other coastal areas



This approach can be easily transferred in every theme where gathering local knowledge is an added value. For ensuring the better implementation of this inclusive approach, a **well-connected community is required, as well as the different stakeholders' involvement**. The FLAG plays an essential role in coordinating all activities and all stakeholders. This was possible because of the FLAG's experience as animator of the whole regional area

Regional and national recognition for the actions conducted by the FLAG



The MA (National) and the IB (Region) supported the FLAG actions and are now considering adopting the FLAG's governance approach to develop new Action Plans for solving issues linked to coastal fisheries

...the main results

The small-scale coastal fisheries management plan will influence the regional and national policies and the guidelines will be used in national programme

- **Quote from a beneficiary** *"The small-scale coastal fisheries management plan supported by the FLAG Costa dell'Emilia-Romagna is important for the future of our work and so I have participated with many other fishermen in its development. Our involvement is fundamental for the achievement of fisheries sustainability goals".*

Pasquale Ruggieri, Cattolica artisanal fisher since 1970.



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Thank you for the attention

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