

COOPERATION IDEA

Fisheries Local Action Groups

“COASTAL AGREEMENT” FOR SMART COASTAL AREAS

Description of cooperation proposed

The Chioggia and the Delta Po GAC FLAG proposes launching an inter-territorial and transnational cooperation project called "Coastal Agreement for SMART Coastal Areas".

The project idea is based on experience that the FLAG has developed in the framework of the Venetian Coast Agreement, currently implemented in the coastal areas of the Veneto Region, between the final part of the Tagliamento River and the Delta of Po River. The Coastal Agreement concept derives from the existing model of a River Agreement (*‘contratto di fiume’*) in Italy, and shall be understood as a *water governance* tool, based on a participatory and collaborative process that involves all coastal areas' local stakeholders (environment, fisheries, agriculture, tourism, infrastructure and transport, yachting, etc.) and resulting in an **integrated and responsible management of a whole “river or coastal system”**.

This “Coastal Agreement for SMART Coastal Areas” will frame the actions of each partner in each coastal system and is intended to become a **platform for exchange of experience for these types of bottom-up governance tools** having an integrated approach between policies, sectors and business.

In this cooperation proposal, the FLAG suggests considering two categories: the first one dedicated to the coastal territories in which models for Coast Agreement or River Agreement are already active; and the second one, focused on the coastal areas where these models have yet to be developed in a structured way.

Objectives

The objective is to install this type of governance tool in different coastal areas of the EU and generally improve the sustainability of coastal areas, making them resilient, productive, diversified, distinctive, attractive and healthy.

Proposed actions

The cooperation project will provide an opportunity to experience "SMART pilot actions", relating to fishery and aquaculture sectors, embedded in a wider framework of policies, multi-sectorial measures and actions framed in each coastal system.

The project is looking for a mixed partnership (e.g. with LEADER LAGs, other strategy/policy partners) and multi-fund investment, with a view to empowering coastal areas to become fully sustainable (environmental, social and financial).

Desired results

- the launch of smart, multi-sectorial and integrated “pilot actions” developed with the active involvement of the fisheries sector, and in agreement with public and private organizations from other sectors based in the coastal areas;
- secondly, a catalogue of SMART coastal interventions (good practice) related to fisheries and aquaculture, tourism, infrastructure and services, etc. addressing the project’s partners’ territories.

Thematic category: integrated coastal management, combining funding, multi-fund.

Looking for partner located: All

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