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## EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

# ***EU STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION***

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■ Other areas

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# Foundations of the Adriatic-Ionian macro-regional strategy

- *Intergovernmental Adriatic Ionian Initiative (set up in 2000 in Ancona) covering 8 countries: AL, BA, GR, HR, IT, ME, RS, SI)*
- *EU Maritime strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Seas (30 Nov 2012)*
- *European Council`s conclusions of 14 December 2012*
- *Evaluation of the added value of macro-regional strategies (June 2013)*

# Thematic scope of the Strategy

## Pillar 1



**Blue growth –**  
(coordinated by  
Greece and  
Montenegro)

## Pillar 2



**Connecting the  
Region –**  
(coordinated by  
Italy and Serbia)

## Pillar 3



**Environmental  
quality –**  
(coordinated by  
Slovenia and Bosnia  
and Herzegovina)

## Pillar 4



**Sustainable  
tourism –**  
(coordinated by  
Croatia and  
Albania)



## Cross-cutting aspects

1. Capacity building including communication
2. Research and Innovation and SME development



# 1. Blue growth

Driving innovative maritime and marine growth in the Region by promoting sustainable economic growth, jobs and business opportunities in the blue economy

Blue Technologies

Fisheries  
and Aquaculture

Maritime and  
Marine governance  
and services

Actions/Project  
examples

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## 2. Connecting the Region

Improving transport and energy connectivity in the Region and with rest of Europe

Maritime  
transport

Intermodal  
connections to the  
hinterland

Energy networks

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### 3. Environmental Quality

Addressing environmental quality through cooperation at the level of the Region

The marine environment

Transnational  
terrestrial habitats  
and biodiversity

a) Threats to  
coastal and  
marine  
biodiversity

b) Pollution of the  
sea

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## 4. Sustainable Tourism

Developing full potential of the Region in terms of innovative, sustainable, responsible and quality tourism

Diversified tourism offer  
(products and services)

Sustainable and responsible  
tourism management  
(innovation and quality)

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# Next steps

