



WORKGROUP ON ENVIRONMENT

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Introduction

All the reports and presentations of the Workgroup on environment have proved to be extremely interesting and valuable and resulted in the elaboration of the following proposals:

Proposals

1. All the members of the Workgroup on environment agreed on the proposal of proclaiming the Adriatic Sea a particularly sensitive area (PSSA).
2. On the basis of this initiative, a proposal has been put forward to carry out a project aimed both at monitoring the sea quality in the Adriatic ports and exchanging the collected information. In order to make the project eligible for the IPA funds, the project proposal will be worked out by the Institute for oceanography and fishing of Split.
3. Improving the ports capacity of accepting waste is deemed necessary so as to ensure a more efficient protection of the sea. It is important to underline that the different types of waste produced on the ships (for their regular working, for passengers and goods transportation) need different disposal procedures, thus making this issue even more complex. Bearing this fact in mind, we suggest to identify a port in which it should be possible to observe and register the current situation, in terms of capacity and management of the disposal of all kinds of waste. This also applies to the development of new types of waste disposal according to which new guidelines will be defined.
4. The Workgroup will provide its support for the coordination of the activities of the different institutions and more specifically for the organization of the central monitoring of the potential causes of pollution.
5. The port offices of both Adriatic shores will be informed on the conclusions reached in this meeting in order to keep them up-to-date on the proposals put forward by this Workgroup.

Conclusions (agreed actions)

The permanent Workgroup will be tasked with promoting the joint participation of all relevant institutions and with coordinating all activities in order to ensure the implementation of the submitted projects.