

## The Programme Interreg V-A Greece-Italy

**AI SMART Project** is funded by the **Interreg V-A Greece-Italy Programme 2014-2020**, a European Territorial Cooperation Programme that aims to help public institutions and local stakeholders to **develop cross-border projects and pilot actions and to create new policy, products and services**, with the final goal to improve the **citizens' quality of life**. Strategically, the Programme will enhance innovation in a number of fields such as blue growth, tourism and culture, agro food and cultural and creative industries. AI SMART belongs to **Priority Axis 3 - Multimodal Sustainable Transport System** which aims to develop a **sustainable transport system** for regional and cross-border connections in the Programme Area, including inland waterways and maritime transport, ports, multimodal links and airport infrastructure.

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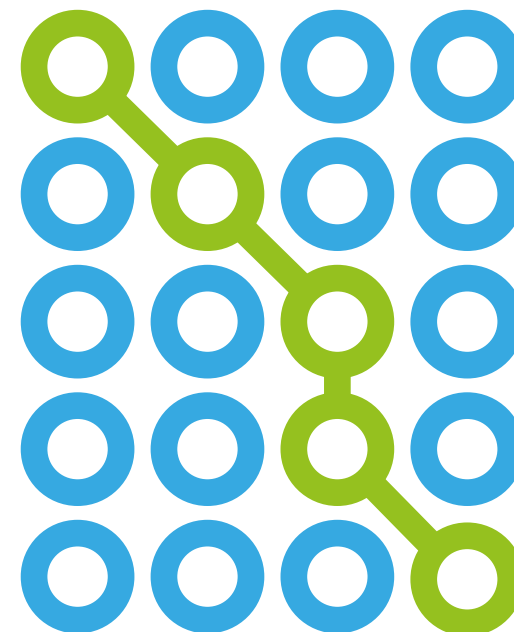
### GREEN LINE

Mola di Bari / Otranto  
Mytikas / Nydri / Nafpaktos

Project partners



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# AI SMART

## Adriatic Ionian Small Port Network



Multimodal Sustainable  
Transport System

## AI Smart Project

AI SMART Project aims to develop a common port network in the Adriatic-Ionian area based on the concept of "intelligent, green and integrated ports" enabling setting of new green routes and connecting regional small ports of the cross-border countries involved in a unique "sustainable corridor". The project promotes the potentiality of the short sea routes, as integral and complementary part of intermodal TEN-T corridors, for a sustainable and inclusive transport services, in accordance with the objectives of the European 2030 Strategy for intelligent growth based on the valorization of the natural and landscape resources of both coasts and hinterland.

€ TOTAL BUDGET  
€ 17.250.000

🕒 PROJECT DURATION  
01.07.2019 - 10.07.2023

## Specific objectives

The project will increase the competitiveness of the regions involved, working on four directions:

- **Raise the quality of port services** provided to users
- **Create supplementary and advance tourist services** that focus on high quality
- **Set up common port networks** for "green, inclusive and sustainable" short-sea corridors
- **Enhance awareness of the protection of the local port network** in support of the maritime sector

## Main outputs

- **Inventory/mapping of port services/facilities** and their networking in a virtual cross-border Platform
- **Inventory/Mapping of land transport services** and the connections between them and the port hubs
- **AI SMART Port Facility Platform** including land-sea-air info realized by public entities and managed by private and public stakeholders of the multimodal transport services
- **N.5 pilot infrastructural interventions** aimed to overcome existing imbalances in the infrastructure's facilities for tourist and fishery ports
- **Quality Indicators and Standards for Short-Sea Corridors** in Adriatic-Ionian area provided with "fully facilities"
- **Joint trans-border-tourist services system** (subway of sea for regional port connections, fast cross-border lines)
- **Priority Matrix Intervention and a Common Plan** for long-term exploitation of tourist port network potentiality
- **Training tools** for port managers and maritime experts
- **Sea-Tourist itineraries** for improving inland territorial identity
- **Monitoring activities** in the area interested by pilot actions

## Partnership

The AI SMART project involves four partners, one in Italy and three in Greece:

**Apulia Region - Department of Mobility (Italy)**  
**Region of Western Greece (Greece)**  
**Region of Ionian Islands (Greece)**  
**Region of Epirus (Greece)**

## Expected results

- **Networking in a "sustainable corridor" of ports and port services** in the cross-border area through advanced ICT tools and multifaceted mapping actions (mapping ports, mapping port services, mapping infrastructural transport nets)
- **Set-up, population and maintenance of ICT Platform Services** for real time exchange information on multimodal transport services at cross-border level
- **Definition of set of indicators and high quality objectives** (standards) for "green, sustainable and inclusive" transport services to be adopted by ports and port infrastructures at cross-border level
- **Implementation of governance tools** useful for development of regional and transborder plans for green corridors in the cross-border area
- **Implementation of key-infrastructural interventions** for requalification of port areas functional to the new cross-border network (Mytikas, Nafpaktos, Nydri, Otranto, Mola di Bari)
- **Creation of tourist multimodal itineraries** for "green, inclusive and sustainable" tourism
- **Promotion, through pilot actions, of multimodal transport connections** able to exploit the potentiality of short-sea routes in the cross-border area
- **Implementation of a permanent monitoring protocol of coastal and port areas** addressing tourist pressure and monitoring tourism demand for short-sea connections