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CAPS2 RELEVANT DATA

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Aquaculture production and Safety surveillance
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CAPS2 IS...

a project co-financed by the European Union, through the IPA Adriatic Cross Border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013. The project follows a previous experience of cooperation among Italian and Croatian laboratories, which created the Croatian Centre for the Production and Safety of Aquaculture Sector (CAPS). CAPS2 extends its results encouraging **networking and cooperation** among countries bordering the Adriatic Sea: **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Montenegro, Italy and Croatia.**

CAPS2 project aims to provide specific technologies and capabilities to the laboratories of the bordering countries, which cooperate each other to share knowledge, compare technologies and expertises on **safety and surveillance of fish, shellfish and aquaculture sectors** in the Adriatic Area.



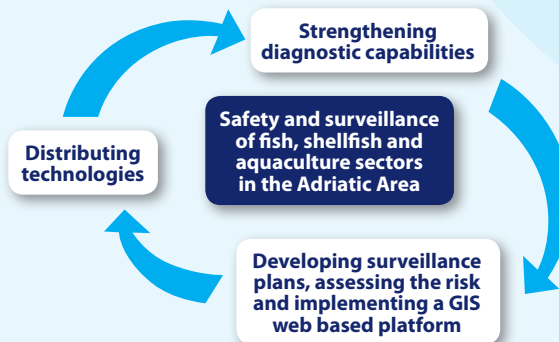
CAPS2 MISSION IS...

to promote and improve the surveillance of fish and shellfish safety conditions, contributing in improving the **general quality and safety of the fishery products** in the Adriatic Area.

CAPS2 PARTNERS ACT...

in cooperation and constant dialogue in order to achieve project objectives. The Lead Beneficiary coordinates the whole execution process; a Steering Committee, where all beneficiaries are represented, monitors, approves and redirects projects actions.

CAPS2 OBJECTIVES ARE...



- To **strengthen diagnostic capabilities** and know-how of the partner laboratories in relation to contaminants of biological and chemical origin, virus and food pathogens on fish and shellfish produced in Adriatic Sea;
- To **distribute diagnostic technologies** in function to different levels of preparedness and existing basic know-how;
- To **develop surveillance plans** for standardising surveillance and controls in the Adriatic Area;
- To establish a networking structure for **assessing the sectorial risk**, adopting a GIS web based platform used to process, analyse and manage data on contaminants and virus collected and stored by partners.

CAPS2 ACTIVITIES...

Strengthening of diagnostic services

CAPS2 aims at strengthening diagnostic capabilities and know-how of partner laboratories as concerns contamination of fish and shellfish in the Adriatic Area. Improvements in terms of equipment and knowledge transfer, skills and capacities are promoted. Training activities on appropriate technologies and official methods for identification of contaminants (heavy metals, benzopyrene and other PAH, food contaminants and biotoxins) and diagnosis of fish and shellfish diseases are core tasks of CAPS2, following the assessment of technological and training needs of partner laboratories.

GIS application development

One of CAPS2 specific objective is to establish a **network structure to assess risks** in fishery and aquaculture sectors by using a **GIS platform**. The GIS platforms are extended to Competent Authorities of project partner countries to collect and manage relevant epidemiological data. A supranational web GIS application is also developed within CAPS2 to collect and analyse relevant data concerning the situation in the Adriatic Sea with reference to the safety of seafood products.

National Surveillance Plans preparation

CAPS2 encourages the development of National Surveillance Plans in partner countries to progressively achieve the EU standards and comply with the specific EU legislation in this field. The aim is to contribute to the **harmonization** of policies of surveillance and control in the fish sector of the Adriatic Area.

Risk assessment

The level of consumers exposure to contaminants in the consumption of fish and shellfish products in the Adriatic Area of reference is evaluated thanks to a risk assessment study. This activity is linked with the web GIS application functioning, data retrieval and proper analysis. The risk assessment study provides relevant information for decision makers on risks of contamination and prevention and mitigation strategies.