



## [Aap 2020 – newsletter 1 \(July 2003\)](#)

Dear friends of Aap2020, here it is the first newsletter of our project. It is edited with a temporary look, 'cause it's just waiting for a definitive editing. But it contains some news for the Aap's start up, and it seemed important to us that each partner must be well acquainted with it before the extreme vacation's black-out.

The SEA (*Sharing the Environment in the Adriatic region*) web platform created for the Aap project ([www.aap2020.net](http://www.aap2020.net)) will be definitively operative in the next September. In the meanwhile you can take a look with the temporary version here: <http://www.adriatic-ionic.net/sito/start.htm>.

So you are warmly invited to present any communication, or documentation, or anything you think that can be useful for our project, for its publication on the website and/or on the next newsletter.

Thank you.

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## **1. Outcomes from the first Aap meeting (Ancona, 27th and 28th of June) and formal situation of the project**

The kick-off meeting was held in Ancona the last 27th-28th of June, with the participation of 24 partners ("justified" absents: Koper, Xativa and Mogliano Veneto). The meeting agenda, the complete list of the participants and the opening speeches by Piero Remitti (technical matter of the project) and Patrizia Ruffini (financial matter), already sent to all partners, will be available on the SEA web platform at the beginning of September.

Many Local Administrators from the partner cities attended the meeting: as the Mayor (Fabio Sturani) and the Deputy Mayor for Environment (Emilio D'Alessio) of Ancona, who opened the meeting as "author" of the original proposal that gave rise to the elaboration of Aap2020, the Mayors of Bar (Anka Vojvodic) and Split (Slobodan Beros), and the Deputy Mayors of Venice (Paolo Cacciari), S. Benedetto del Tronto (Ruggero Latini), Pescara (Massimo Luciani), Molfetta (Luigi Panunzio) and Casarano (Claudio Pedone).

The meeting of Ancona, developed in a friendly and "summer" atmosphere, pointed out, as well as the degree of motivation and technical know-how of the partners, the large "bio-diversity" of Aap2020, both from the geographic and the technical-administrative points of view. Each partner had the opportunity to present its own local

situation, getting in touch directly with all the other situations. Those interested in ecology know that a high level of diversity warrants for the strength of a system, and above all for its resilience to possible harmful agents. We hope that this will be also a basic feature of Aap2020.

A few days after the meeting of Ancona the Interreg Secretariat communicated to the Lead Partner (Ancona) the definitive approval of Aap2020 Application and Clarification Forms, as defined after the variations requested by the Secretariat during the evaluation of the project. AF e CF had been e-mailed the last 8th of July by the Lead Partner to all partners as a formal communication (as requested by the Interreg Secretariat), and now they are the basic documentation for the definition of the financial and operative conditions of the project.

At this stage we are waiting for the definition and signature of the Subsidy Contract between the Managing Authority and the Lead Partner, which should be concluded by the end of July. Owing to this, as announced in the previous communication, we will send to all partners the draft of the Cooperation Agreement. The draft can be modified or integrated before the beginning of September, to be signed and sent back in the following days.

## **2. Draft calendar of Aap2020 training workshops and forum**

Following the indications and the proposals given by all the partners present in Ancona, and also some "necessary" changes and integrations coming from the Lead Partner, we will suggest to the attention of all partners a schedule for next Aap project

meetings. Please tell us if you agree on the proposed dates and reply by the end of September (please, contact Piero Remitti by email or phone). Otherwise this calendar will be considered accepted and definitive.

When	Meetings	Where
1 - 2003 (may - aug)	kick-off meeting and SC/EG – 27/28 June	Ancona
2 - 2003 (sept - dec)	training workshop	Casarano-Tricase-Alessano
	training workshop	Brindisi - Molfetta - Bari Pr.
	first meeting of the Adriatic forum and SC – 24/25 October	Rijeka
1 - 2004 (jan - jun)	training workshop – SC	Bristol and/or UBC
	training workshop – EG	Lower Austria
2 - 2004 (jul - dec)	training workshop	Ravenna - Ravenna Pr.
	training workshop	Shkoder
	second meeting of the Adriatic forum – SC	Venezia
1 - 2005 (jan - jun)	international meeting for the monitoring of the operation - SC	ITC (and/or Lloret and Xativa)
	training workshop – EG	Split
	training workshop	Koper
2 - 2005 (jul - dec)	training workshop – SC	Corfu
	training workshop	Bar
1 - 2006 (jan -apr)	international meeting for the presentation of the results	S.Benedetto/Marche/Pesaro
	last meeting of the Adriatic Forum (shipping meeting)	Aap2020 ferry

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SC = Steering Committee

EG = Expert Group

### 3. Expert group: composition, first meeting's results and tasks

During the Ancona meeting took also place the first meeting of the Aap2020 Expert Group, the technical commission established to define the Aap methodology and to elaborate the guide-lines for the implementation of the project in each local situation. The Expert Group (EG) is composed by:

Piero Remitti Ancona  
 Ian McCormack Bristol  
 Christian Schrefel Lower Austria pr.  
 Risto Veivo Union of Baltic Cities  
 Josep Capelà Lloret Futur  
 Raquel F. Horcajada Ist.Tec. Canarias  
 Antonio Minetti Marche Region  
 Mania Cantalamessa S.Benedetto  
 Angela Vistoli Ravenna  
 Andrea Del Mercato Venezia

The topics discussed in the first meeting were particularly related to the following matter:

**a. Definition of the set of indicators for the Aap2020 project** - assuming the best practices already implemented in the European context, like the Quality of Life index of Bristol, or the ECI (European Common Indicators) set, ([www.a21italy.it/indicatori1.htm](http://www.a21italy.it/indicatori1.htm)), the Aap EG will define an ACI (Adriatic Common Indicators) set, including a limited number of indicators (10), able to "express" the peculiarity of the Adriatic Region. The set of indicators must be easy to access and use in relation to the availability and the elaboration of data, suitable for a simple and wide communication, but also for the technical support to the activities of the technicians of local bodies and governments. The indicators must be referred to the whole field of analysis and activities included in the concept of Local Sustainable Development (LSD) as defined by the Johannesburg Summit, and therefore they have to facilitate evaluations and decision-making in environmental, social and economic fields.

The EG will elaborate a specific handbook for their utilization in the local situations of the Adriatic Region, containing technical specifications and detailed rules for the calculation of each indicator, as well as the definition of their function in the decision-making processes of the local governments, from the Environmental and Social Reporting, to the Integrated Sustainability

Accounting. The elaboration and the diffusion of the ACI set will be supported by the SEA web platform, that will facilitate the in-progress integration of the info-systems currently used by the single partners, starting from the cartography and the alphanumeric data-bases.

**b. the role of the EG and its working methodology** – the EG, planned to meet at least three times during the Aap implementation, working frequently on-line supported by the SEA platform, could also have more tasks, supporting directly the collection and elaboration of data at local level. The EG could support the single partners with a coordinating function, or managing directly the acquisition and elaboration activities. On the other side, (i.e. in the case of limitation of the EG functions to the definition of the methodology and to the final validation of the datas), the acquisition and elaboration of the datas at the single local level could be done by local experts and consultants, and/or by a project consultant experienced in the field of the sustainability indicators. About this topic the EG has to define a proposal (also containing operative elements), to be submitted to the Aap2020 Steering Committee in the next meeting in Rijeka (see forward item 6). The proposal must also consider the necessities of a specific budget for the EG's activities, obviously related to the role played by the group, to the presence (or not) of local experts and to the available quote within the whole Aap budget.

## 4. News from the partners 1: Brindisi

The City of Brindisi proposes to host one of the Aap2020 training workshop in Brindisi next december 2003 about the specific topic "sustainability in harbour areas". The TW will be useful also to set up a possible participation to the next Interreg programs (Cadses, Italy – Adriatic, Italy –

Albany/Greece/Slovenia, etc.). G. Antelmi points out to us also the various many articles about Aap2020 printed on the local press and provides a useful link ([www.brindisi21.it](http://www.brindisi21.it)). You will find more details on the SEA platform.

## 5. News from the partners 2: Split

The Mayor of Split, Mr. Slobodan Beros, kindly sent to us the text of his speech pronounced in Ancona during the first

Aap2020 meeting, reporting some operative proposals with a strong connection to the Aap2020 activities. Further you can find the croatian version of the speech, on the SEA platform in September we will provide also the english and italian ones.

*«Grad Split je 1700 godina star grad, ponosan na svoje nasljeđe i na svoju prošlost a grad je od prvog kamena ugrađenog u Dioklecijanovu palaču, od kojeg su počele i prve urbanističke vizije grada. Zanimljivo je da grad već 1700 godina prima vodu preko Dioklecijanova akvedukta kojeg grad Split još koristi od tog doba.*

*Sadašnji trenutak Splita karakterizira razmišljanje o održivom razvoju utemeljenom na korištenju prirodnih gradskih resursa. Tako je planirani razvoj grada temeljen na strategiji razvoja brodograđevne industrije kao najdulje industrijske tradicije. U splitskom brodogradilištu se u gradnji tankova, cruisera, brodova specijalne namjene postigla visoka razina kvalitete i postignute su reference na koje se strategija razvoja s pravom oslanja.*

*Drugo strateško opredjeljenje je razvoj turizma za koje je područje Splita posebno povoljno zbog prirodne ljepote, dvaju luka (sjeverne i južne), dviju rijeka (Jadro i Žrnovnica), park-šumom Marjan, otocima Bračem, Šoltom i Čiovom, te mnoštvom kulturnih sadržaja. Za razvoj obaju smjerova grad angažira znatna stimulacijska sredstva jer očekuje rađanje mnoštva malih i srednjih poduzetničkih tvrtki vezanih uz brodograđevnu industriju i turizam. Malo i srednje poduzetništvo ima dobar kadrovski resurs i za razvoj produkata visokih tehnologija zbog aktivnosti sveučilišta i veleučilišta u Splitu. Stoga nije slučajno da su najveće investicije u gradu već sada u infrastrukturnim programima jer vjerujemo da su*

*infrastrukturni projekti prava potpora prema planiranom razvoju.*

*Projektom EKO-kaštelanski zaljev, podržanim kreditom EBRD-a, predviđa se skupljanje svih otpadnih voda u širem gradskom području od grada Trogira do grada Omiša. Taj projekt objektivno već u svojoj prvoj fazi realizacije koja obuhvaća mehaničku obradu otpadnih voda pokazuje izvanredne rezultate pa je more u cijelom području čisto na razini kriterija za dobivanje plave zastave. Kako se predviđa ulazak i u projekt biološke prerade otpadnih voda, to ovaj najveći ekološki projekt u Hrvatskoj i na Mediteranu omogućava očuvanje naših prirodnih resursa i planirani razvoj turizma.*

*Sanacija odlagališta gradskog komunalnog otpada će omogućiti povrat 360 ha dragocjene površine na poluotoku, a novi Centar za gospodarenje otpadom će riješiti probleme divljih deponija u gradskom okružju i na otocima.*

*Sagledavajući more i morske resurse kao temelj ekološki održivog razvoja grada, valja ponovo istaknuti potrebu za organiziranom zaštitom zajedničkog jadranskog mora. Jadransko more valja zaštititi od naftnog i zagađenja od industrijskih i otpadnih voda, zaštititi ihtiološke resurse donošenjem i provođenjem pravila ribarenja, a također zbog povijesnih istraživanja valja posebice brinuti o zaštiti arheoloških lokaliteta u podmorju.*

*Stoga predlažem podržavanje inicijative i deklaracije donesene na zajedničkoj sjednici Gradskih vijeća Ancone i Splita održane u Splitu 5. travnja 2003. godine, u kojoj se predlaže Forumu jadransko-jonskih gradova da podrži pokrenutu inicijativu za osnivanjem posebne Komisije za Jadransko more od strane vlada država koje oplakuje ovo more. Komisija za Jadransko more brinula bi o svim pitanjima od interesa za zaštitu Jadrana, a bila bi ustrojena po uzoru na Komisiju za Baltičko more, koja je pokazala izvrsne rezultate u brizi za Baltičko more.»*

**Slobodan Beros, Mayor of Split**

## 6. VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!

### The next Aap forum will be held in Rijeka on 24th-25th October 2003

The first Aap2020 **forum** will be held in Rijeka the next 24th and 25th October. Rijeka will also host in the same days the annual session of the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities and Towns, who can be considered as the "birthplace" of Aap2020. So it will be a big opportunity for Aap2020 to get in touch with a "basin" of Adriatic cities broader than the group of project partner cities. The Rijeka meeting will offer a first opportunity to implement and test the tools and procedures of "sustainable governance" which are a pillar of Aap2020. The forum of Rijeka will be of great significance for a good start up of our project, and the attendance of all partners is absolutely necessary.

In September you will receive the definitive timetable and agenda of the two forums and the practical informations to take part to our forum. The occasion is particularly important for those partners who don't have previous direct experiences about participation tools (Agenda 21 etc.). Anyway it is highly important to define in anticipation a qualified participation, possibly including the presence of local stakeholders, particularly for the Adriatic partners. For any further information please contact directly the Aap secretariat or Mrs. Doris Sosic in Rijeka ([doris.sosic@grad-rijeka.tel.hr](mailto:doris.sosic@grad-rijeka.tel.hr)).

## Project's crumbs

### Crumb 1

Probably you already know that it is available a format for the Aap2020 email that you can use also as stationery paper. You can see it in our recent communication, and also in the heading of this newsletter. If you have some problems in using it (printing or something else), please contact Zorana Radetic.

### Crumb2

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