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# AAP and EU

## a joint venture

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The AAP2020 engine is reaching full gear. The technical workshops held in Bari, Casarano and Bristol focused on innovative tools and produced the first draft of the Adriatic common set of indicators, one of the Local Sustainable Development tools. The Steering Committee had his first meeting in Ancona and appreciated the work in progress.

In the meanwhile the Interreg secretariat asked us to present the AAP 2020 project in front of a huge crowd of applicants at the Partner Search Forum held in Berlin last march. The invitation was very rewarding, since our project was among the restricted group of four chosen as good practices and the only one from the East zone.

As we finally get into action the first difficulties are emerging. We knew from the beginning the ambitions of the AAP project. The number of partners involved, the peculiarities of the Adriatic region and the apprenticeship of many of our partner cities in the EU project "idioms" are at the same time our strength and our weakness. If these factors force us to a hard work, particularly in the beginning, they also represent the reason why the project is being considered so innovative and interesting.

## AAP guidelines and M&C toolkits soon available

All the partners will join in a short time the Aap guidelines and the related Marketing and Communication toolkit. These tools, strictly connected with the utilities that will be soon implemented on the SEA, will give to all partners any kind of technical and operative support for the local activities of data collection and elaboration, aimed to the full implementation of Aap procedures (the LSD set). In other words, also the local Aap activities are starting, thanks to the availability of common tools and procedures, aimed to the full involvement of the local governments with all their bodies, sectors and agencies, and of all the local stakeholders, that is a very important step to the definition of the Adriatic Action Plan. Attached to the guidelines you will also find a set of Aap communication tools (logo, newsletter, brochure, headed paper, invitation cards and programs, gadgets, etc.) to be used in any future Aap event, from the local to the Adriatic and EU level. Since the communication activities are probably the most important part of our project, and given the difficulty for each partner to produce by itself the same materials and documentation, it's of extreme importance the availability and the use of this kind of technical support for our communication needs. So, please, pay attention to our SEA to be soon well-known about the availability and the way to use the Aap toolkit, and contact our Aap Agency for any further request.



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the location: Adriatic sea, the junction between East, West, North and South of the world.  
the mission: to define and practice an Adriatic sustainable way-of-life, starting from the local level

## Rijeka's Forum and Aapulia meetings

After the kick-off held in Ancona, the Aap operation is fully entered in its operative dimension. On 24-25 of October 2003 in Rijeka (Croatia) the first Adriatic Forum took place, and on 23-24 of January 2004 also the first Aap TWs (technical workshops) were held in Bari and Casarano, in Puglia region (Apulia is the ancient name of the same region), extreme south of Italy. Everybody can have a trip (swimming in our SEA website's reports) inside the detailed presentations about their local "starting point" provided in Rijeka by ITC, UBC, Bristol, Venice, Koper and Rijeka itself, in Bari by Shkoder, Bar, Pescara, Molfetta, Alessano, Corfou and the Province of Bari itself, and also those presented in Casarano by Salvador Suarez (ITC) and Christian Shrefel (Lower Austria) about the use of renewable energies in their specific situations. Wide participation in all the events, with 20 partners in Rijeka, 14 in Bari and 11 in Casarano. The three initiatives were very different on the technical point of view, and offered to the project the opportunity to test three different kinds of activities: - in Rijeka we tried to gather for the first time the Adriatic Forum, the real place for the elaboration of the Adriatic Action Plan, in a parallel session with the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities and Towns (the voluntary network in which the Aap's originary idea was born).

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That first session, very useful for the technical contents expressed by some partners, put on evidence the necessity to train and transfer to all Adriatic partners precise indications about role, tasks and targets of an Adriatic Forum, that must be composed by Adriatic stakeholders. Next appointment for this kind of activity in Venice, december 2004. - in Bari, after a detailed and wide survey of some partners, we had the first presentation of a draft version of the Adriatic Common Indicators, a

specific tool dedicated to all Adriatic partner.

It means a limited set of environmental, social and economic indicators to be used in LSD set, for reporting and evaluation of local situations.

The final version of ACI set will be defined in Bristol TW, on March, after the elaboration of all surveys compiled by each Adriatic partner. - in Casarano, following the specific request of the City of Casarano and Alessano, the TW was dedicated to a survey about the renewable

energy's good practices, particularly focused on Canaria's and Austrian experience.

In other words, that was the first time in which the Aap ope-

ration offered a technical contribution aimed to satisfy some specific local needs, but also with an Adriatic dimension.

For this reason we had at the workshop less partners, but more (30 ca.) local technicians and administrators, coming from all the nearby cities, governments and agencies.

Thanks to these three meetings the Aap's bases are laid: please, let's go on this way.



## The 2004 Aap meetings: Baden, Venice, Ravenna and Skodher

The next Aap meetings are scheduled in the following table. Please note that the 2004 meetings are already defined, at least as reference period. For the next TW (Baden) also subjects and programs are detailed, and available on our SEA:

-The Baden (Lower Austria) meeting will be dedicated to a first approach to the world of Environmental Management Systems (EMS) for the pilot partners who will be engaged in a

preliminary implementation of this kind of tools in the next years: Bar, Rijeka, Venice, S.Benedetto and Molfetta, as well as the Lead Partner Ancona, will be fully committed in the preliminary presentation of the specific field choiced for this kind of activity (energy, mobility, waste, tourism, SME and local government), supported and introduced to the EMAS procedure by the strong experience of UBC and Lower Austria. All the Aap partners are welcome to this

TW, but only the five pilot partners must be present. A related survey (n.2) specifically dedicated to these issues will be compiled by the five pilot partners before the TW.

-The Venice forum, foreseen by September 2004, will be a fundamental step for the Aap development, as the first occasion for the involvement of local stakeholders

SC = Steering Committee  
EG = Expert Group  
TW = Training Workshop

for the elaboration and proposal of the Adriatic Action Plan, before the final and shipping forum (april 2006, end of the project). Operative guidelines for all the Adriatic partners to manage this kind of activity will be provided inside the Aap guidelines, soon available on our SEA.

-For the two TWs of Ravenna (October) and Shkoder (November), the hosting partners are defining subjects and programs.

Period	Meetings	Where and when
1 – 2003	Kick-off meeting + EG	Ancona, 27/28 Jun
2 – 2003	First meeting of the Adriatic forum + EG TW: the LSD set of tools TW: renewable energies in the Adriatic region	Rijeka, 23/24 Oct Bari, 23 Jan Casarano, 24 Jan
1 – 2004	TW: the ACI set (Adriatic Common indicators) + EG SC: first updating of the project TW: approach to Environmental Management Systems	Bristol, 4/5 Mar Ancona, 19 Mar Baden, 13/16 May
2 – 2004	Second meeting of the Adriatic forum + SC TW: TW:	Venezia, 17/18 Sept Ravenna, 8/9 Oct Shkoder, ...Nov
1 – 2005 (jan - jun)	International meeting + EG TW TW	Split ITC (Canarias) Koper
2 – 2005 (jul - dec)	TW TW + SC	Corfu Bar
1 – 2006 (jan -apr)	International meeting for the presentation of the results Last meeting of the Adriatic Forum (shipping meeting)	S.Benedetto/Marche/Pesaro Aap2020 ferry



## 5. Last minute: ACI set was born

Last 4-5 March in Bristol (UK) the Aap Expert Group has approved the sustainability indicators which will be used by all the Adriatic partners in the next activities. The whole documentation of the Bristol's days is now available on [www.aap2020.net](http://www.aap2020.net), starting from the results on Survey n.1 on local situations, elaborated by Pedro Unamunzaga (ITC) e Ian McCormack (Bristol). The ACI (Adriatic Common indicators) set includes the following indicators:

1. **Water**
  - 1.1 *surface water quality (EBI or SACA index)*
  - 1.2 *marine water quality (trophic index)*
  - 1.3 *consumption (l/pc/day)*
  - 1.4 *water management (% of treated water)*
2. **Biodiversity**
  - 2.1 *number of species (birds) in my garden (parks, green areas)*
  - 2.2 *number of species (birds) in the region/province/shoreline*
3. **Climate change and air quality**
  - 3.1 *CO2 emissions by sectors*
  - 3.2 *24 hours average of concentration of PM10*
4. **Land use patterns**
  - 4.1 *% of urbanized areas*
  - 4.2 *% of derelict lands*
  - 4.3 *% of contaminated lands*
  - 4.4 *% of natural conservation areas*
  - 4.5 *% of cultural conservation areas*
5. **Local mobility system**
  - 5.1 *daily number of trips per citizen by mode of transport*
6. **Waste management**
  - 6.1 *kg/pc/day of municipal wastes by type of disposal*
  - 6.2 *% of recycled wastes*
7. **Availability of local public spaces and services**
  - 7.1 *people living within a 300 mt. distance from the area/service*
8. **Population, education, safety**
  - 8.1 *density of population*
  - 8.2 *average of members for each family*
  - 8.3 *achievement at secondary school*
  - 8.4 *average life expectancy*
  - 8.5 *total reported crimes*
9. **Contacts and relationships**
  - 9.1 *public and private places for social, cultural, leisure activities*
  - 9.2 *how often people attend public social and cultural events*
  - 9.3 *quality of the internet connection of the public administration*
  - 9.4 *% of people who have access to internet*
10. **Employment and enterprises**
  - 10.1 *% of employed people by sectors and gender (when possible)*
  - 10.2 *number of enterprises (large, SME and crafts) by sectors*
  - 10.3 *number of tourists per year*

The definition of the ACI set means the definitive start-up of the first Aap action, i.e. the elaboration of local sustainability reports, based on common indicators. Each Adriatic partners must provide a Reporting Plan by the 15 May 2004, and must ultimate the data collection by the 30 June 2005. In the next months the EG will support the single partners with a coordination function for the acquisition and elaboration of the datas at local level, or (when requested) managing directly the acquisition and elaboration activities. The Adriatic partners have to indicate their specific necessities about this items and actions, in order to plan and manage in the best way the next EG activities.

## Steering Committee: first meeting in Ancona

The Aap Steering Committee (SC) met for the first time on 19 of March 04 in Ancona, with a very demanding Agenda, including the examination, both on technical and financial points of views, of the first 10 months of the Aap's operations, as well as the discussion and approval of the next Aap's activities, with particular reference to:

- ACI set and Aap technical guidelines
- Venice forum and stakeholders involvement at local level (M&C plan of activities)
- Aap budget approval

The meeting of Ancona pointed out the necessity to provide technical supporting to all partners in the reporting activities, with the final aim to produce standardized and homogeneous reports (not only charts), useful for local technicians and administrators, but also with a simplified version straightly directed to citizens and visitors. The Aap SC underscored

also the importance to well design the timetable of the next Venice forum, 17/18 Sept. 2004 in order to facilitate the possibility of participation by all the cities taking part to the annual assembly of the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities and Towns, that will be held in Chioggia. The SC is actually composed as follows:

**Emilio D'Alessio** (President)  
*Deputy Major for Mobility and Environment, City of Ancona, Italy*

**Anka Vojvodic**  
*Major of Bar, Montenegro*

**Arton Haxi**  
*Major of Shkoder, Albania*

**Miroslav Bulicic**  
*Major of Split, Croatia*

**Alberto Scheriani**  
*Vice Major of Koper, Slovenia*

**Paolo Cacciari**  
*Deputy Major for Environment, City of Venice, Italy*

**Claudio Pedone**  
*Deputy Major for Culture, City of Casarano, Italy*

## Financial news

by Anna Laura Lacerra

The implementation phase of the project (May – October 2003) has been dedicated to the definition of the budget sharing among the partners and the common expenditures necessary to carry out the project activities and to define the procedures for the financial reporting.

In the same time the Lead Partner staff predisposed some monitoring procedures and models which aim is to control the monitoring of the payment level made by each partner, in order to respect the spending level and the deadlines agreed with the Managing Authority.

In the first period may-august 2003 the payment level was very low (only 1.9%) because many partners have not reported their costs in due time. This was due to the change of same policy makers and technicians initially incharged in the project.

In the second period (September 2003 –December 2003) all the

U.E. partners have reported their costs and payments. The spending level growth thanks to the definition of the procedures and the start up of many activities and reached the average of 17.5% of the total budget.

The medium average of spending, seven months after the start up of the project (first and second report) was 19.4% instead of 23.7% of the estimated level.

This new trend, started after the signment of the Cooperation Agreement(October 2003), may enable the realization of the project within the estimated time. It may also consent to avoid the reduction of the European grant applied in the case of underspending.

A positive note also in financial sense is represented by the concession of the communitary grant of 12.000\_ to the partner Slovenia from the January 2004 date of the entry of the Slovenia country in the EU.



## AAP's crumbs

1. Our Aap operation had been invited by the Interreg Secretariat to be presented as "Individual Project" during the "Showcase session" of the Interreg 3c Partner Search Forum of Berlin, 8-9 March 04 (<http://www.interreg3c.net/psf/berlinpsfmarch04>).

Emilio D'Alessio (Deputy Mayor of the City of Ancona) presented Aap in that very important event, with the specific target to involve more and more partners in our present and future operations.

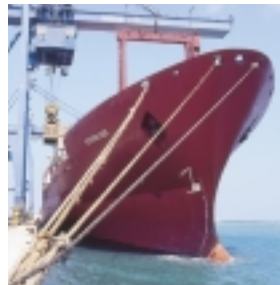
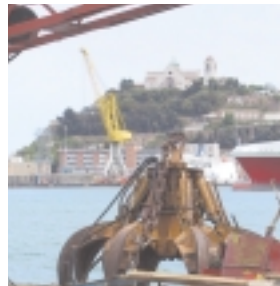
2. Our Aap operation had also been invited for a presentation during the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative Session held in Portoroz (Slovenia) on 29 and 30 of March. Piero Remitti, with the support of Alberto Scheriani, Vice-Mayor of Koper, attended that meeting, with the opportunity to develop important partnerships, starting from REMPEC and many other agencies and institutions involved in the implementation of the Mediterranean Action Plan. Following to this participation, a specific contribution from MAP will be organized in the next Aap TW.

3. One more invitation for Aap operation arrived from the International Meeting "Sustainable Communities 2004" that will be held in Burlington, Vermont (USA) the next 14-18 July 04 ([www.global-community.biz/conference/](http://www.global-community.biz/conference/)). Unfortunately, no budget is available for such a transfer, out of EU....

4. Last, but not least, the Aap Secretariat had just proposed a specific contribution for its presentation during the "mother" of all sustainability events foreseen in 2004, the Aalborg+10 convention (9-10 June 04, [www.aalborgplus10.dk](http://www.aalborgplus10.dk)), dedicated to the review of 10 years of local sustainability action (from the Aalborg Charter) and, above all, to the definition of the Aalborg Commitments, "...a set of shared commitments to be jointly implemented by local governments across Europe." We are now waiting for the answer by the Aalborg+10 Secretariat, but in any case this convention will represent the richest occasion and a "must" for each Aap partner and for the whole Aap operation.

5. Just in time to edit the present newsletter, the Interact Secretariat announced the approval of our IONAS project. Many of Aap partners are involved also in this operation with Venice as Lead Partner, regarding the creation of a network, by mean of know-how transferring activities, between Cities and Port areas of Adriatic and Ionian region, with a specific action aimed to the implementation of EMAS in Port Authorities and Areas. The IONAS project will provide a further opportunity of shared action at local level towards a "sustainable Adriatic", strictly linked with our Aap operation. For any further information, please contact Roberta Rebesani, City of Venice, San Polo, Riva del Vin 1098, 30125 Venezia, tel. +39 041 2700811, fax +39 041 2700890 [relazioni.internazionali@comune.venezia.it](mailto:relazioni.internazionali@comune.venezia.it) <http://www.comune.venezia.it/nelmondo>

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### The Aap Adriatic partners are:

**Albania:** Shkoder  
**Croatia:** Rijeka, Split  
**Greece:** Corfu  
**Italy:** Ancona (lead partner)  
 Alessano  
 Bari (Province)  
 Brindisi  
 Casarano,  
 Marche (Region),  
 Mogliano Veneto,  
 Molfetta  
 Pesaro  
 Pescara,  
 Ravenna (City and Province),  
 San Benedetto del Tronto,  
 Tricase  
 Venezia.  
**Slovenia:** Koper  
**Yugoslavia-Montenegro:** Bar

### The Aap technical partners are:

**UK:** Bristol  
**Austria:** Lower Austria (Region)  
**Spain:** Lloret de Mar, Xativa, Instituto Tecnológico de Canarias  
**Baltic Countries:** Union of Baltic Cities



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All partners 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.