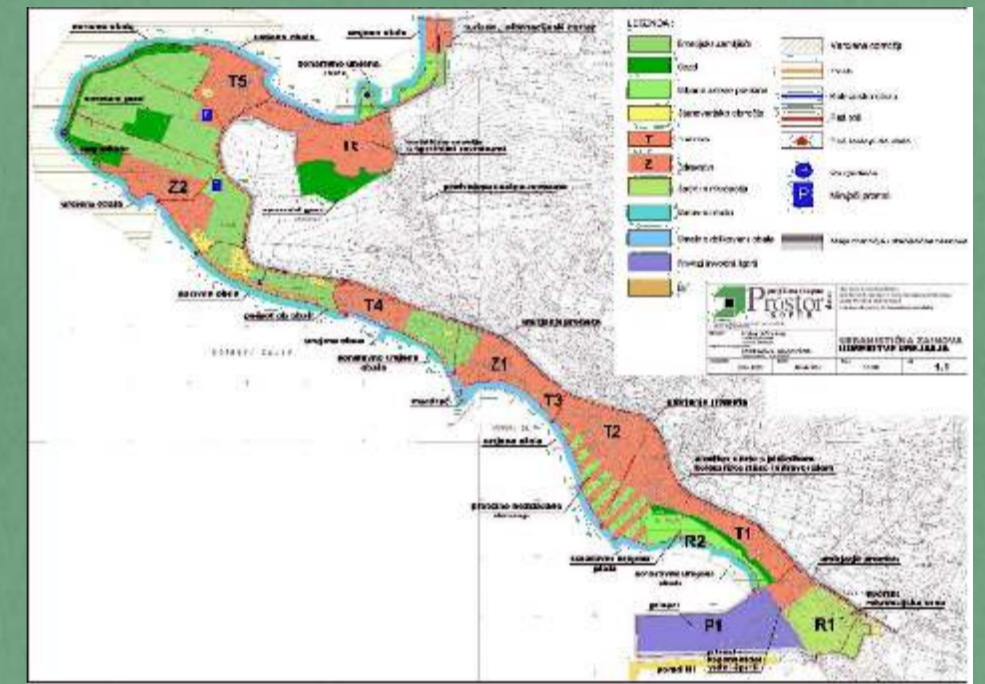


SPATIAL PLANNING SYSTEMS IN THE ADRIATIC

The Adriatic Sea is the part of the Mediterranean Sea separating the Apennine peninsula from the Balkan peninsula. The Western Adriatic belongs to Italy while the Eastern coast runs along Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania.

The Adriatic Sea is in many ways one of the most valuable inland seas of the world. A place of outstanding natural beauty, attracting millions of tourists a year, a desirable place to live and work for migrants from other regions and a busy economic centre. All this results in a very crowded space, both on the land but also increasingly on the water. Off-shore uses such as transports, energy generation, aquaculture and nature protection are expanding.



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Summary of Spatial Planning Systems in the Adriatic Region

	I	Slo	Cro	BiH	Mng	Alb
Responsible Ministry for Coastal Planning	Some different Ministries	Ministry of Environm. and Spatial Planning	7-8 Different Ministries	Neretva Cantonal Ministry for Civil Engineering and Physical Planning		1. Environm., Forestry and Water Administration 2. Public Affairs, Transport and Telecomm.
Planning Level Responsible for Coastal Planning	State Region Local	State Inter-local Local	State Local	State Canton	State Local	State Local
Basis for ICZM	Regional Coastal Plan	Conception of Spatial Development of South Primorska	Governmental Regulation on Development and Protection of Coastal Protected Area	No	Law on Maritime Domain, National ICZM Strategy	National ICZM Strategy (under preparation)
Maritime Planning	Sectoral plans	Yes- optional for state authorities	No, maritime activities co-ordinated by different sectors	No	Yes, but not influential on decision making except for ports.	No



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Major Issues in the Aquatic and Terrestrial Zones of Adriatic: the Pressure and the Urgency

	I	Slo	Cro	BiH	Mng	Alb
Terrestrial Zones						
Urbanisation/Littoralisation	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+
Tourism	+++	++	+++	++	++	++
Infrastructure	++	++	+	++	+++	++
Fresh Water Management	++	++	+	+	+	+
Agriculture	++	++	+	++	+	++
Nature Protection	+++	++	+++	+	+	+++
Landscape	++	++	+++	+++	+++	+
Erosion	++					+++
Aquatic Zones						
Nautical Tourism	+	+	++		+++	
Maritime Transport	+++	+++	+		+	
Fishery	++	+	++	+		++
Mariculture	++	++	++	+	+	
Water Quality	+++	+	+	+++	+	+++
Energy Generation	+++	+++	+++			
Military Uses						

+=Low; ++=Medium; +++=High



As a PlanCoast partner, PAP/RAC is introducing a completely new field of spatial planning in the framework of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), i.e. Marine Spatial Planning (MSP), which is promoted by the EU through its Integrated Maritime Policy.

This is undoubtedly an emerging issue in many countries due to the increasing demands for the use of the marine space such as maritime traffic, aquaculture, ports, fishing, energy, transports in general, recreation, nature protection, military activities, etc.

From a transnational perspective it is obvious that it is only a matter of time when space conflicts in the Adriatic Sea will escalate to the point when major conflicts are inevitable. In particular it is the economic development through energy extraction, commercial maritime traffic and aquaculture which collides with the sustainable vision of the region as a naturally intact tourist destination.

Currently, the legal framework related to spatial planning and marine spatial planning in particular vary to a great extent among Adriatic countries. Long-term sustainable development intentions and a holistic approach are incorporated at least nominally, in quite a number of national laws, strategies and other documents.



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