

ARCHAEOSAFE

Archaeological Safety and Risk Management
for Coastal and Underwater Heritage



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Duration

start date - end date

01.07.2025 / 31.12.2025

Main Goal

The project addresses the urgent need to protect coastal and underwater archaeological sites from climate-related hazards – particularly coastal erosion and sea-level rise – threatening irreplaceable cultural assets in the South Adriatic region.



Total budget

€ 1.154.076,87

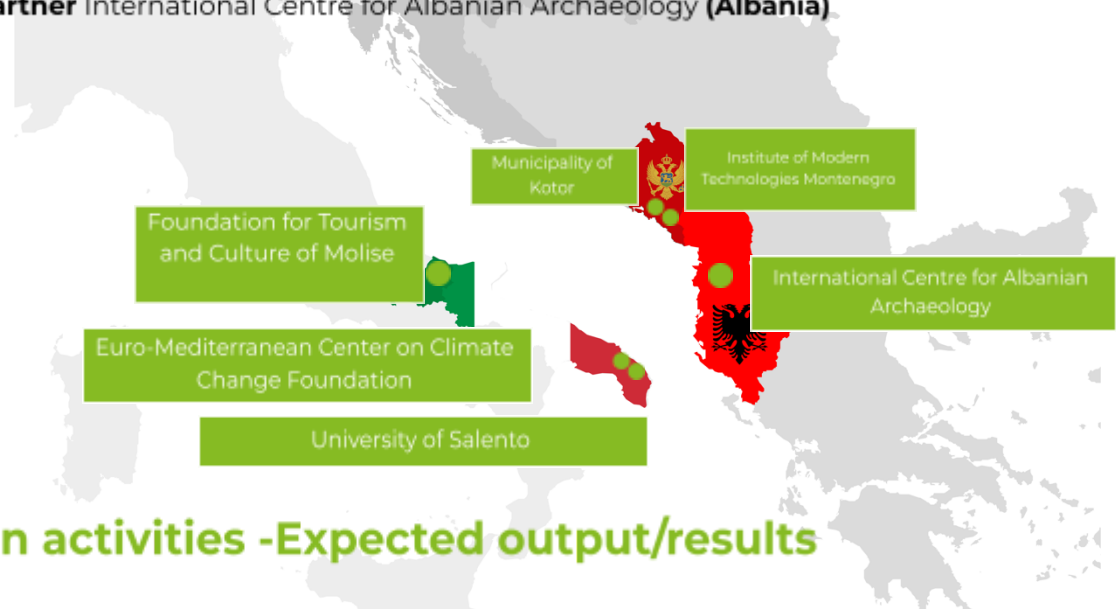


EU funding

€ 943.290,18

Project Partners

Lead Partner University of Salento (Italy)
Partner Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change Foundation (Italy)
Partner Foundation for Tourism and Culture of Molise (Italy)
Partner Institute of Modern Technologies Montenegro (Montenegro)
Partner Municipality of Kotor (Montenegro)
Partner International Centre for Albanian Archaeology (Albania)



Project main activities -Expected output/results

I. Capacity-building and coordination actions implemented in three countries – focused on strengthening the knowledge, technical skills, and institutional capacities of project partners and relevant stakeholders involved in the protection and management of coastal and underwater cultural heritage. These actions support cross-border cooperation, knowledge exchange, and the development of shared approaches to monitor climate-related risks, particularly coastal erosion and marine hazards, improving preparedness and coordinated responses at territorial and institutional levels.

II. Joint framework and technological system developed – the project involved the development of a comprehensive framework aimed at protecting archaeological heritage sites exposed to environmental degradation. This includes the creation of the Emergency Response ITC System for Cultural Sites' Safeguarding (ER4CSS System) integrating BIM-GIS technologies, risk assessment models, and early warning functionalities. The system supports the preparation of a Joint Emergency Response Plan for Cultural Heritage Sites at Risk of Environmental Degradation (JER-CS Plan). The process included territorial analyses of climate risks affecting coastal and underwater heritage sites, the definition of a shared methodological framework for risk monitoring and emergency response, and pilot testing activities to validate the proposed tools and procedures. Partners also commit to promoting, applying, and further developing the system and risk management strategies beyond the project duration.

III. Dissemination seminars organized in three countries – to present the developed technological system and the Joint Emergency Response Plan, share results of territorial analyses and pilot activities, and raise awareness among cultural heritage authorities, researchers, and local communities. These seminars facilitate knowledge transfer, encourage stakeholder engagement, and support the adoption of innovative monitoring and risk prevention practices for coastal and underwater archaeological heritage across the programme area.

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