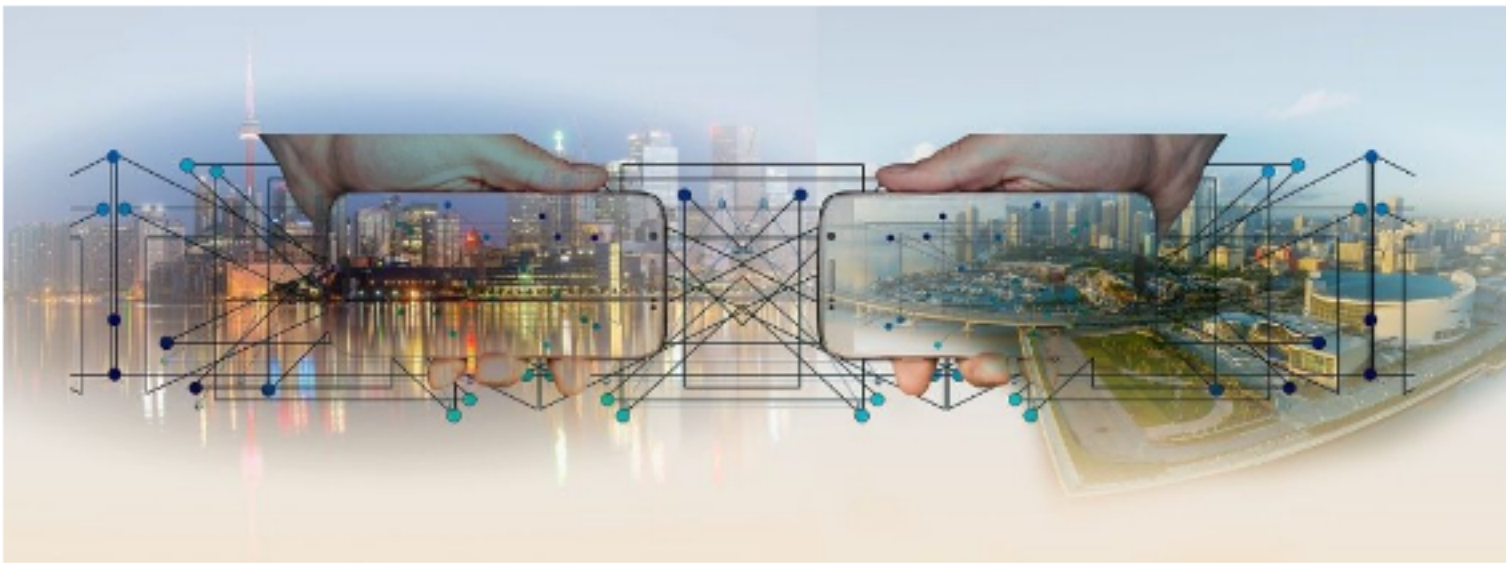




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A one-stop portal for small ports

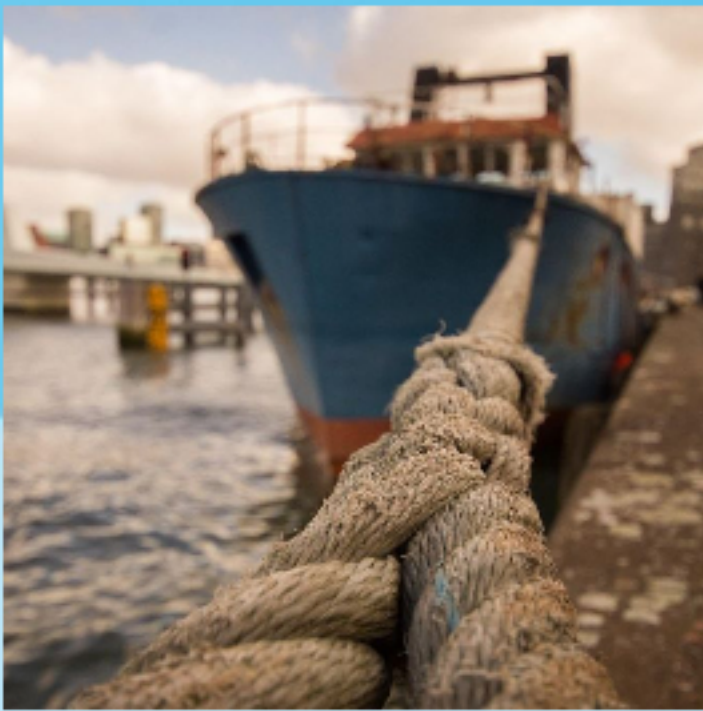
Designing an ICT platform collecting a full set of information on small ports, and making it available to stakeholders, thus supporting cross-border strategic dialogue and related decision process: this is one of the main aims of the Work Package "Framework strategy for the development of small ports".



In this initial phase, a strong commitment was addressed in defining the structure of **FRAMESPORT's** portal that will include all the relevant data concerning the phenomenon of small ports in the Adriatic basin. Its draft version has been shared with project partners to collect their feedback.

Moreover, some of the most important stakeholders in the small ports industry such as **Assonautica** and **Assomarinas** have been engaged and consulted to collect relevant comments and suggestions to define a suitable database to be filled with relevant data about the small port characteristics and available services.

Such data were synthesised in a questionnaire that is going to be submitted to a large sample of touristic port facilities on both sides of the Adriatic to gather information on technical and ancillary added-value services at ports and within their surrounding territory. Collected data will feed the **FRAMESPORT's** portal and, once processed, will allow to highlight priorities and needs of small port realities, thus supporting their future sustainable development by providing Decision Support System (DDS) for small ports and marinas of the Adriatic basin.



Again, data collection will allow to set a baseline scenario for the development of a brand-new European certification scheme for small ports, thus allowing the creation of an efficient, modern and sustainable network of marinas in the entire Programme area, while also guiding the principles to be used to define the strategic framework expected by the **FRAMESPORT** project.

In the upcoming months, further steps will be directed to finalise the portal's structure, thus allowing to launch a tender to select the IT company that will work on the realisation of the portal.

Over the past months the partnership has been working on two other main topics which also represent strategic goals of **FRAMESPORT** project: on the one hand, the assessment of the overall set of experiences coming from piloting initiatives will allow to spread the knowledge on concrete innovative solutions that small ports may put in place to boost their development. On the other hand, a comprehensive list of stakeholders will be consulted to share common understandings on the addressed main topics, as well as to target priorities to work on in a cooperative approach.

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