

## PROJECT TITLE

*“Support measures for small-scale fishing pilot project -  
Actions aimed to enhance the participatory role of  
Mediterranean small-scale fishing in the decision making  
and advisory processes at national and EU level”*

**CALL:** *MARE/2014/04*

**START DATE:** 1.1.2016

**END DATE:** 31.3.2017

**PARTNERS:** Unimar (Italy), MEDAC



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## THE CALL

The project is funded under the **Call for proposals MARE/2014/04**, published in July 2015 by **DG MARE**, a pilot project within the meaning of Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council. It is published under Commission decision C(2014) 6313 final, which approved funding for this and a number of other pilot projects.

The pilot project finances **support measures** designed to:

- ▶ 1. identify and reinforce the degree of involvement of the small-scale fishing sector in **industry organisations**;
- ▶ 2. facilitate the involvement of the small-scale fishing sector in setting up new **Advisory Councils**;
- ▶ 3. promote the **exchange of good practices** that will further increase the participation of the small-scale fishing sector in the advisory and decision-making processes.

*“Small-scale coastal fishing’ means fishing carried out by fishing vessels of an overall length of less than 12 metres and not using towed fishing gear as listed in Table 3 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EC) No 26/2004”*

Reg. (EU) 508/2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF), Art. 3

## THE PROJECT PARTNERSHIP



- Project coordination and management
- Mapping of the organizations
- Analysis of the SSF representation within the MEDAC
- Case Studies implementation
- Network setting up
- Reporting



- Support to data collection
- Support to the establishment of links with members and focal points
- Case Studies events organization





## THE PARTNERSHIP - WHO IS UNIMAR

- ▶ **UNIMAR** is an Italian scientific institute created in 1994 by the **professional organizations** that represent the fishing cooperative enterprises. Its main peculiarities are a **privileged link with the fishing sector** and the **capillary presence along the whole Italian coastline**, established through a **network of experts** that allows to build up relationships between researchers and stakeholders, in order to carry out scientific and data collection **participatory activities**.
- ▶ UNIMAR **expertise** is the result of several programs carried out in more than 20 years within national and international contexts about scientific research, socioeconomic issues, dissemination of good practices, technical assistance. European Union, ICCAT, Italian Government, local Administrations, are the main promoters/partners of the Unimar activities.

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*“States and other parties should enhance the capacity of small-scale fishing communities in order to enable them to participate in decision-making processes”.*

FAO Voluntary guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries. 2015

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### Objectives:

- ▶ to contribute to strengthen the **participation** of small-scale fishery into the decision-making and advisory process, in particular within the Mediterranean Advisory Council (MEDAC) and the participation of small-scale fishing in national and local professional associations
- ▶ to contribute to enhance the **exchange of information** among the stakeholders, in order to increase the participation of small-scale fishing sector in advisory and decision-making processes

*“Networking and exchange of experiences and best practices between stakeholders, including among organisations promoting equal opportunities between men and women, promoting the role of women in fishing communities and promoting under-represented groups involved in small-scale coastal fishing or in on-foot fishing”*

Reg. (EU) 508/2014 on the EMFF, Art. 29

## PROJECT SUMMARY

### Description of the action:

- ▶ In order to achieve the project objectives, the activities were planned to be carried out through **4 phases**: the methodology to be followed is described for each phase in the next slides.
- ▶ The general project activities are addressed to all **the Mediterranean UE countries**
- ▶ The local action and the direct involvement of the stakeholders will be implemented through three **Case Studies**, in three countries chosen according to the DG recommendations: Italy, Slovenia and Croatia

*“Small-scale fisheries stakeholders should promote collaboration among their professional associations, including fisheries cooperatives and CSOs. They should establish networks and platforms for the exchange of experiences and information and to facilitate their involvement in policy- and decisionmaking processes relevant to small-scale fishing communities.”*

FAO Voluntary guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries. 2015

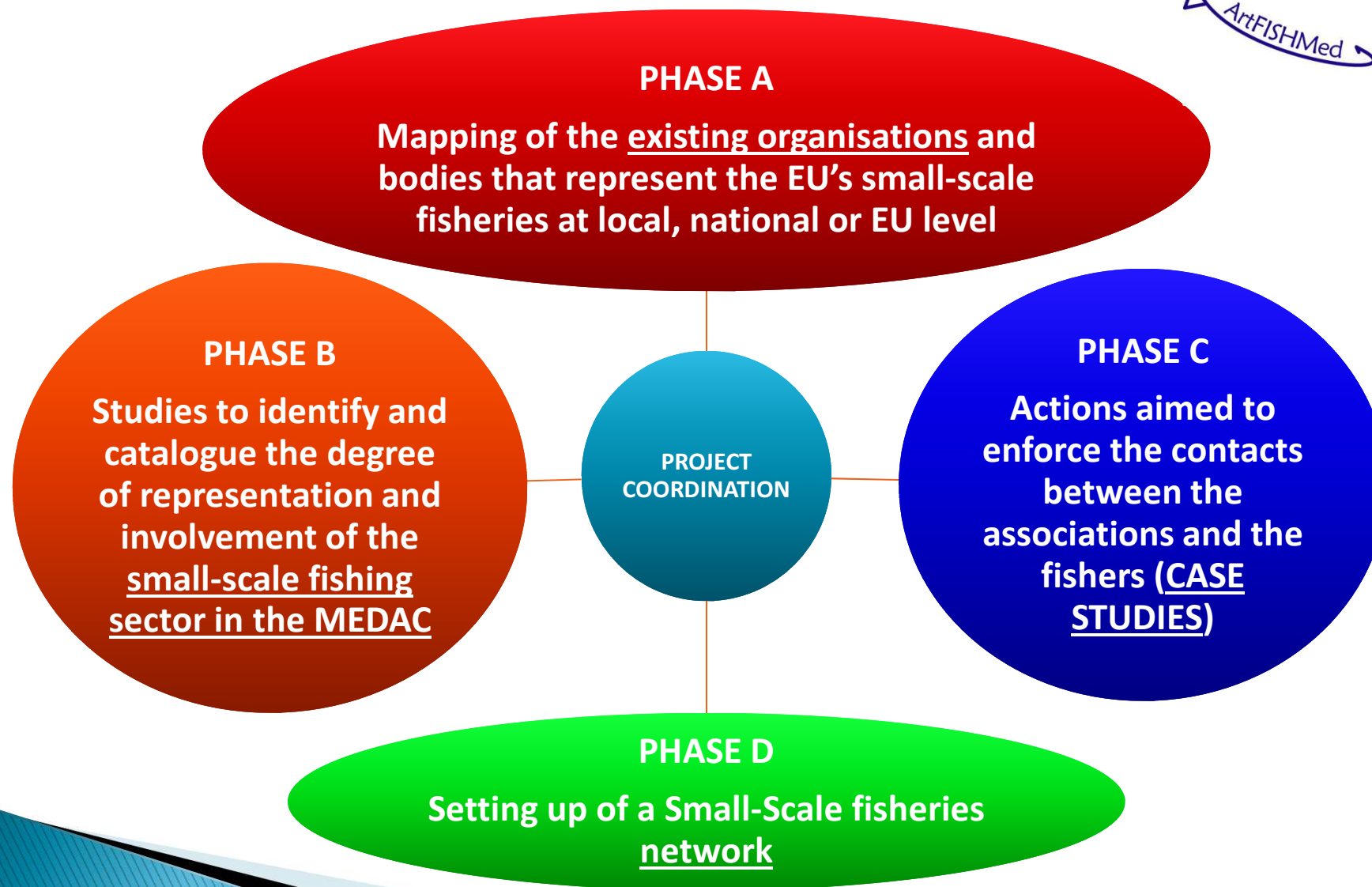
## THE IMPLEMENTATION AREA



*"All parties should recognize small-scale fishing communities as holders, providers and receivers of knowledge."*

FAO Voluntary guidelines for Securing Sustainable Small-Scale Fisheries. 2015

## THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES





# THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**PHASE A**  
Mapping of the existing organisations and bodies that represent the EU's small-scale fisheries at local, national or EU level

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<u>Phase A</u>															
Phase B															
Phase C															
Phase D															



## THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES



### PHASE A

## ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- ▶ **Interviews** with associations' representatives, MEDAC representatives and other experts at a national and local level, through phone, Internet contact, questionnaires and web search, in order to collect a complete information on the Mediterranean framework of the entities interested in SSF
- ▶ Set up of a **register** of the associations and enterprises representing SSF at a national and local level
- ▶ Set up of a SSF **fleet** Mediterranean database

# THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**PHASE B**  
Studies to identify and catalogue the degree of representation and involvement of the small-scale fishing sector in the MEDAC

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## THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES



### PHASE B

## ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

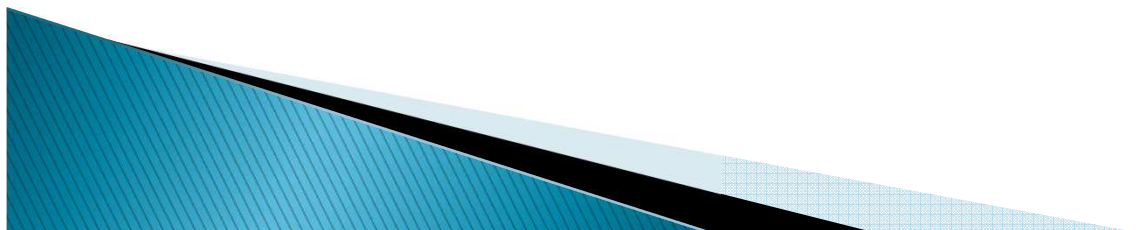
Identification and description of the degree of representation within the MEDAC :

- ▶ **Interviews** with the MEDAC staff and members, through face-to-face, phone and Internet contact, questionnaires, collection of papers and MEDAC documents regarding SSF related issues
- ▶ **Data analysis and reporting**

# THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

**PHASE C**  
**Actions aimed to enforce the contacts  
 between the associations and the fishers  
 (CASE STUDIES)**

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## THE PROJECT ACTIVITIES

PHASE C

## THE CASE STUDIES



In order to implement the Case Studies, the following activities will be carried out →



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## PHASE C

### ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

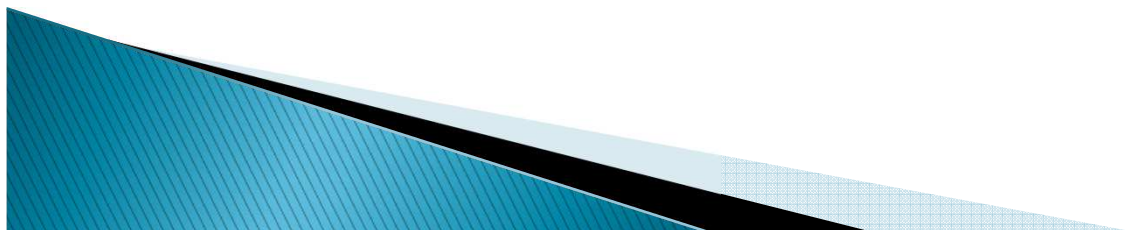
Setting up of actions aimed to enforce the contacts between the associations and the fishers, including the independent ones, in order to try to involve them in the advisory processes, in three **CASE STUDIES**, identified in **Italy**, **Slovenia** and **Croatia** as requested by the Commission

- ▶ Training of the **facilitators** (national and local representatives of the associations)
- ▶ Building of the **network**: a link among all the potentially interested entities will be set up, through contacts and dissemination of information
- ▶ Setting up of **tools for collection of experience and information sharing**: semi-structured interviews, best practices
- ▶ 1 mutual learning **Event** for awareness-rising of the stakeholders in each of the three Case Studies
- ▶ Actions to **enforce the involvement into the MEDAC**
- ▶ **Reporting and modelling**

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

**PHASE D**  
**Setting up of a Small-Scale fisheries network**

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# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## PHASE D

### ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

- ▶ A pilot **Web Portal** on Mediterranean SSF with multiple aims will be set up:
  - on the Portal, the tools used for information sharing will be put at disposal of the users, such as the methodological toolbox and the models created in the Case Studies
  - public papers and documents about SSF will be collected and shared, as well as legal acts
  - at the same time, the Portal will be an instrument for the users to submit experiences and questions
  - the Portal will be the instrument to set up a Network of the Mediterranean stakeholders involved in SSF

## PROJECT OUTPUTS AND DELIVERABLES

- ▶ A **register of the organizations** representing SSF in the Mediterranean EU countries and the composition of the MEDAC partnership having interest in SSF
- ▶ A **leaflet** on Mediterranean EU SSF, including the methodological toolbox and best practices addressed to representatives and stakeholders, to be shared during the Case Studies events
- ▶ Reports/proceedings of the **Case Studies events**
- ▶ A **fleet database** on Mediterranean EU SSF
- ▶ Reports of the **management meetings**
- ▶ A pilot **Web Portal** on Mediterranean SSF, to be used to share general documents and the legal framework, to provide contributions and share project results and deliverables
- ▶ A **report** describing the representation of SSF in the Mediterranean context
- ▶ **Final report** on the project activities



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## LET'S START

- ▶ The **Phase A**, regarding the mapping of the organizations, started with a preliminary bibliographic screening of the existent state of the art.
- ▶ The project activities will go on collecting of information with the aid of the MEDAC members: a short **questionnaire** is going to be distributed to the General Assembly participants in order to gather preliminary information about the SSF representation in every involved country. All the organizations/associations/institutions dealing in some way with SSF are kindly asked to fulfil the questionnaire providing the information and opinions required. The questionnaire is addressed to the professional SSF issues, but any contribution is well accepted from every other stakeholder.
- ▶ In the next phases of the project, your collaboration would be appreciated to gather **more detailed information and contributions**.

*"(...) within the 12 nautical mile zones (...), Member States should endeavour to give preferential access for small-scale, artisanal or coastal fishermen."*  
Reg. (EU) 1380/2013 on the CFP

## CONTACTS

- ▶ All the information and the state of the art of the project will be shared through your email addresses you will provide on the questionnaire
- ▶ Don't hesitate to contact us for any questions and contributions

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