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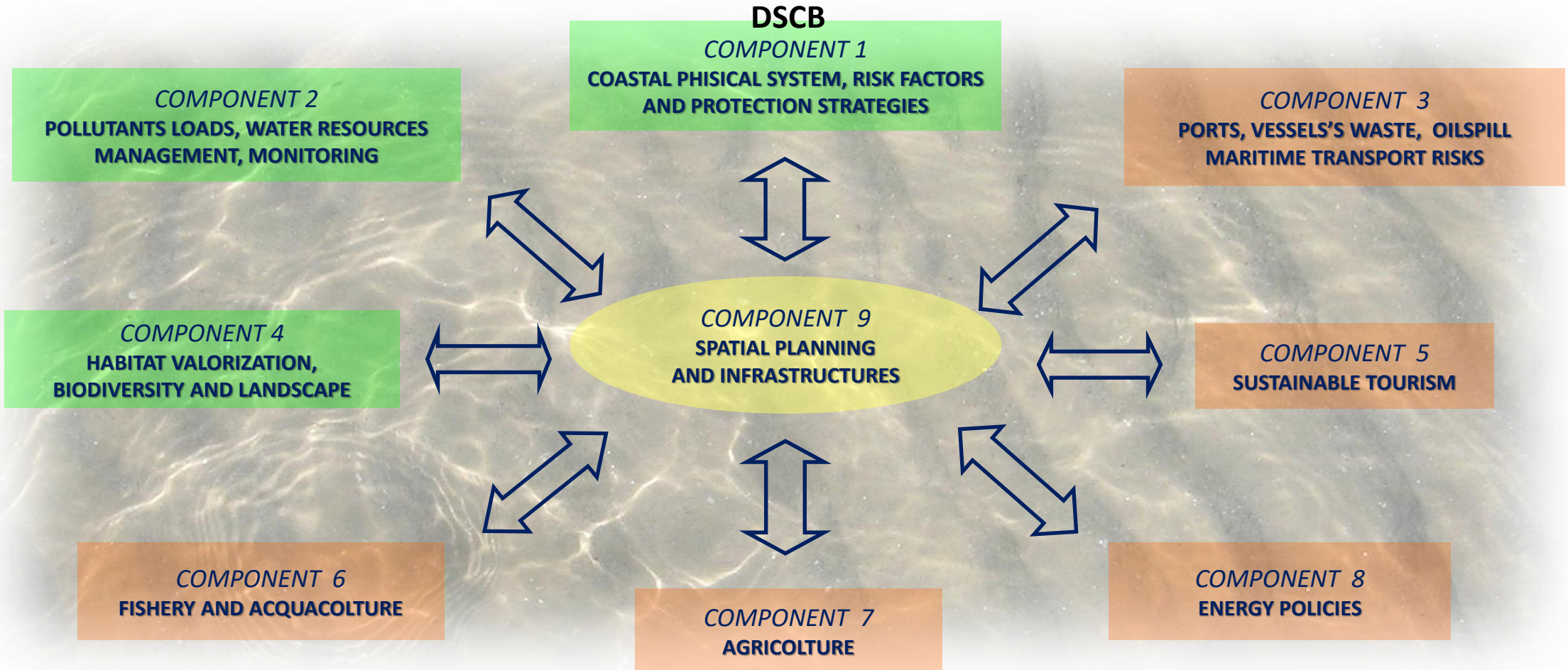
ROLE OF THE REGIONAL SERVICE for the Coast Protection and Management

Soil and Coast Protection and Land Reclamation Service (DSCB)

- ▶ **REGIONAL POLICY AND STRATEGY FOR COASTAL PROTECTION** REGIONAL GUIDELINES ICZM - COMPONENT 1 Responsible
- ▶ **PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING OF MANAGEMENT & COASTAL WORKS**
- ▶ **KNOWLEDGE INSTRUMENTS SUPPORTING LITTORAL MANAGEMENT**
- ▶ **NATIONAL COMMITMENTS** (direct involvement in Ministerial Boards on COASTAL EROSION and FLOOD RISKS Directive, collaboration on MSP and MARINE STRATEGY)
- ▶ **EUROPEAN COMMITMENTS** (CPMR-IMC, projects and initiatives as Co-Evolve project, the BolognaCHARTER Eu Coastal Regions initiative, BLUEMED SR&I Agenda, MedCoast4BlueGrowth UfM labeled project)

THE REGIONAL ICZM STRATEGY (DCR 645/2005)

ICZM GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE 14 COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES A 4 PROVINCES, IN SPATIAL PLANNING AND URBANISTIC TOOLS





THE REGIONAL ICZM STRATEGY (DCR 645/2005)

Structure, boards and process development

- **Institutional Committee – Policy** (6 Regional Ministers, 4 Provinces Presidents, 14 Municipalities Mayors)
- **Board of Directors – Management** (Environment, Soil/Coast protection, Industry, Tourism, Spatial Planning, Transport, Agriculture)
- **10 Working Groups – Development** (about 200 among experts, regional officers, scientists and stakeholders representatives)

Timeline

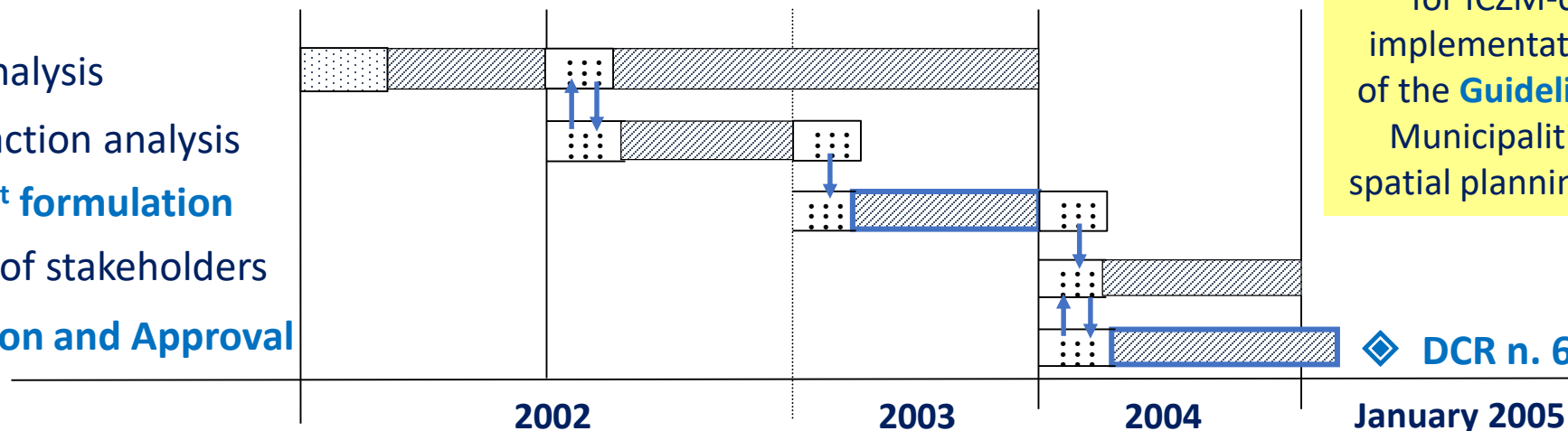
Sate-of-Art analysis

Sectors interaction analysis

Guidelines 1st formulation

Consultation of stakeholders

2nd formulation and Approval



2006-2010 financing period (8 M€) for ICZM-compliant projects implementation and for adoption of the **Guidelines** by the 14 coastal Municipalities and 4 Provinces, in spatial planning and urbanistic tools

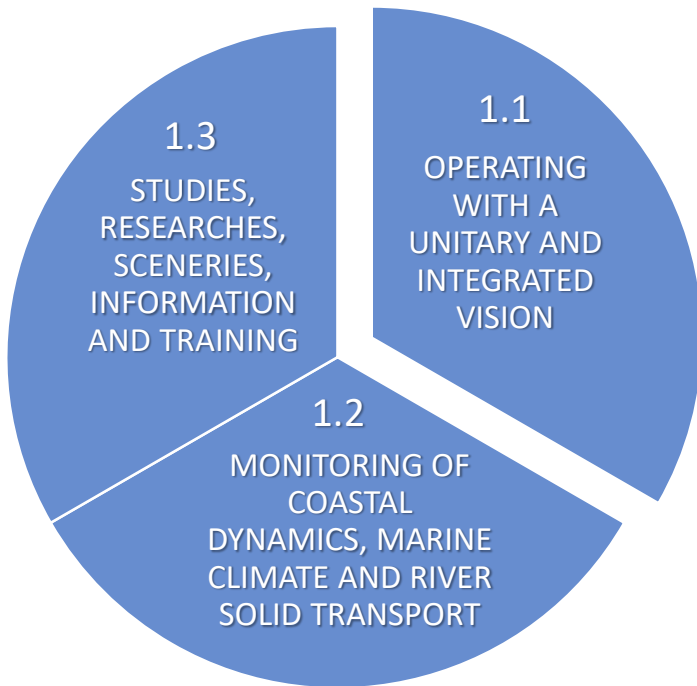
◆ **DCR n. 645/2005**

THE REGIONAL ICZM STRATEGY

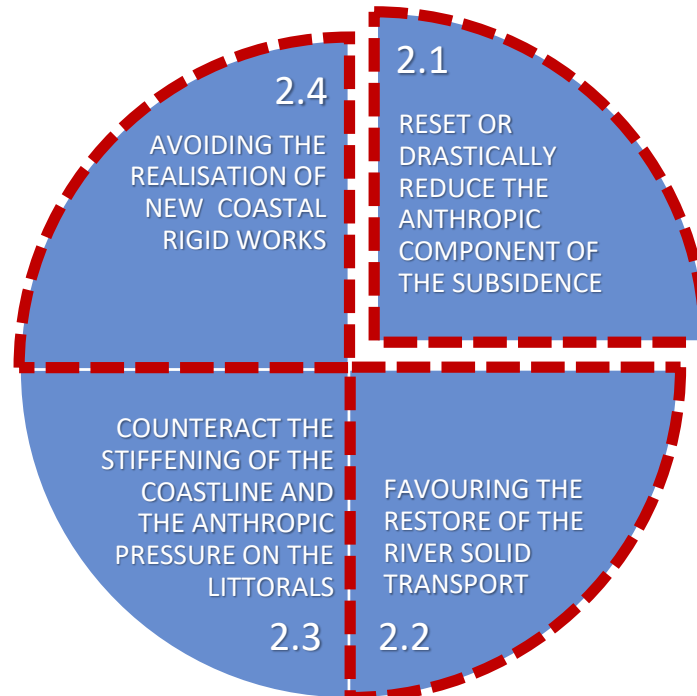
DSCB COMPONENT 1

COASTAL PHYSICAL SYSTEM, RISK FACTORS AND PROTECTION STRATEGIES: 3 Scopes, 11 Themes, 37 Action lines

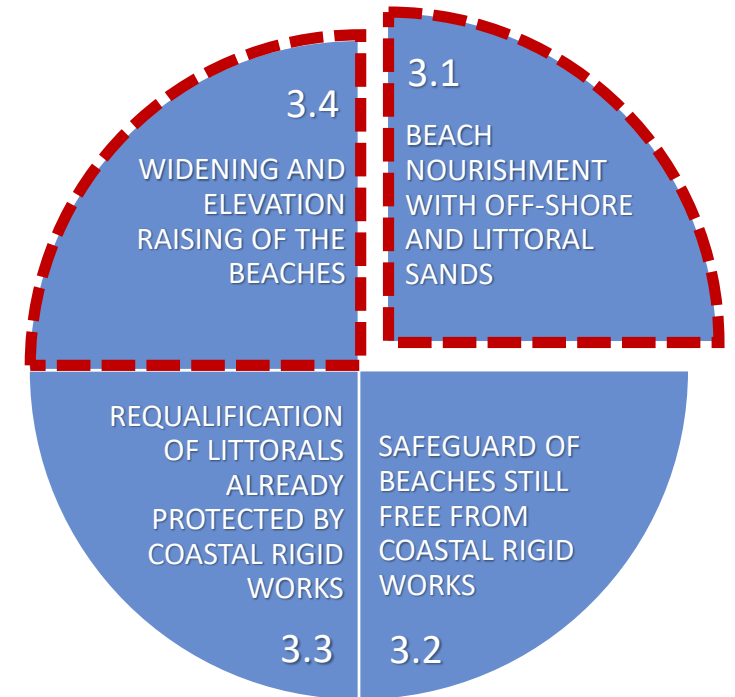
1. INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF THE LITTORALS AND SYSTEMATIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE



2. REMOVAL OR MITIGATION OF THE CAUSES OF EROSION AND REDUCTION OF MARINE INGRESSION RISK



3. PROTECTION AND REQUALIFICATION OF LITTORALS AND BEACHES



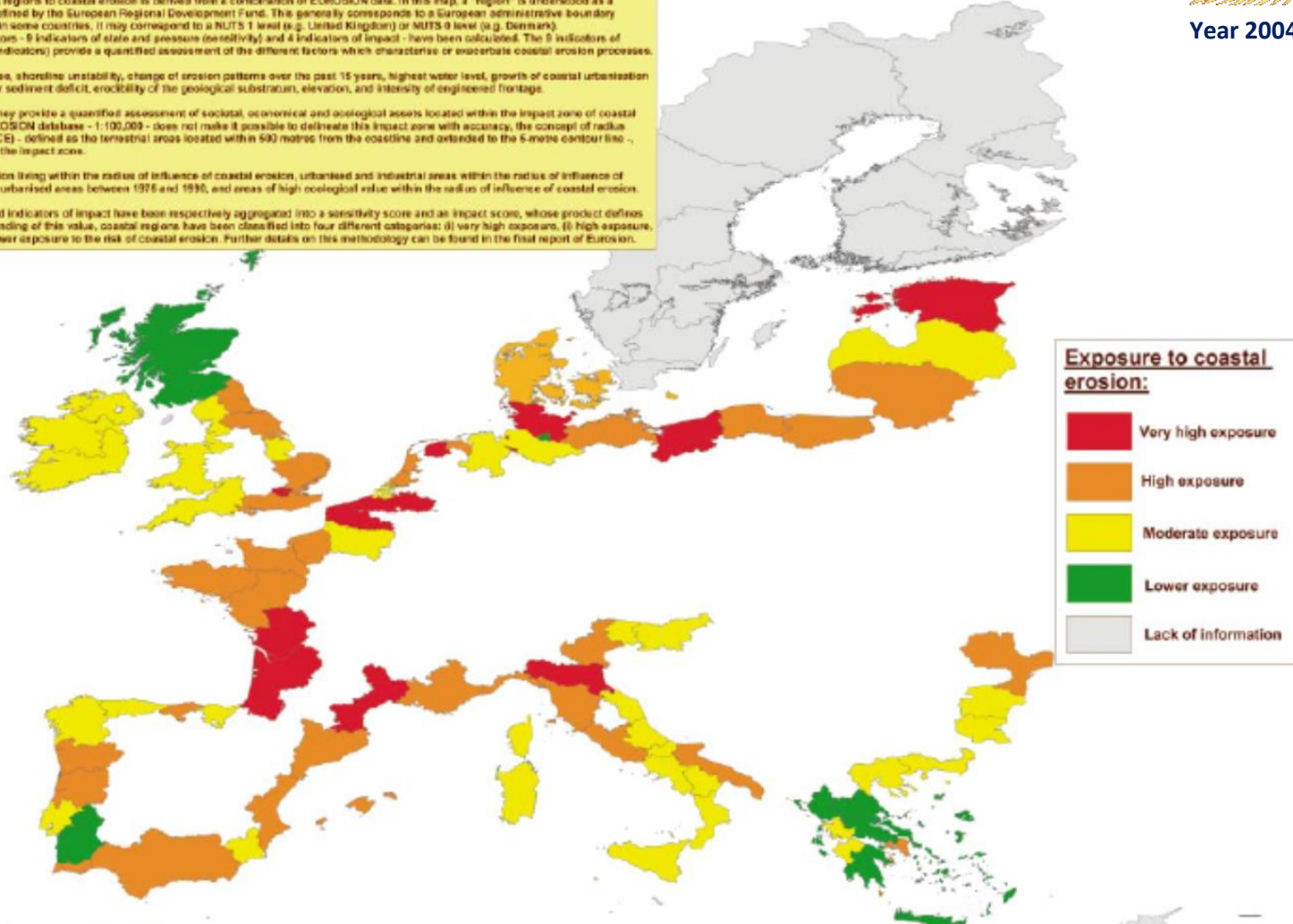
Erosion and sediment management: a common issue in EU

Exposure of European regions to coastal erosion

<http://www.euroasion.org/>



This map of exposure of European regions to coastal erosion is derived from a combination of EUROSION data. In this map, a "region" is understood as a regional administrative entity as defined by the European Regional Development Fund. This generally corresponds to a European administrative boundary of level 2 (NUTS2 level); however, in some countries, it may correspond to a NUTS 1 level (e.g. United Kingdom) or NUTS 0 level (e.g. Denmark). For each region, a set of 13 indicators - 5 indicators of state and pressure (sensitivity) and 4 indicators of impact - have been calculated. The 5 indicators of state and pressure (or sensitivity indicators) provide a quantified assessment of the different factors which characterise or exacerbate coastal erosion processes. These factors include: sea level rise, shoreline instability, change of erosion patterns over the past 15 years, highest water level, growth of coastal urbanisation areas between 1975 and 1990, river sediment deficit, erodibility of the geological substratum, elevation, and intensity of engineered frontage. As for the 4 indicators of impact, they provide a quantified assessment of societal, economical and ecological assets located within the impact zone of coastal erosion. Because the scale of EUROSION database - 1:100,000 - does not make it possible to delineate this impact zone with accuracy, the concept of radius of influence of coastal erosion (RICE) - defined as the terrestrial areas located within 500 metres from the coastline and extended to the 5-metre contour line - has been introduced as a proxy of the impact zone. Impact indicators include: population living within the radius of influence of coastal erosion, urbanised and industrial areas within the radius of influence of coastal erosion, growth of coastal urbanised areas between 1975 and 1990, and areas of high ecological value within the radius of influence of coastal erosion. In turn, indicators of sensitivity and indicators of impact have been respectively aggregated into a sensitivity score and an impact score, whose product defines the "Risk of coastal erosion". Depending of this value, coastal regions have been classified into four different categories: (i) very high exposure, (ii) high exposure, (iii) moderate exposure, and (iv) lower exposure to the risk of coastal erosion. Further details on this methodology can be found in the final report of Euroasion.



Data source - Sources des données : EUROSION

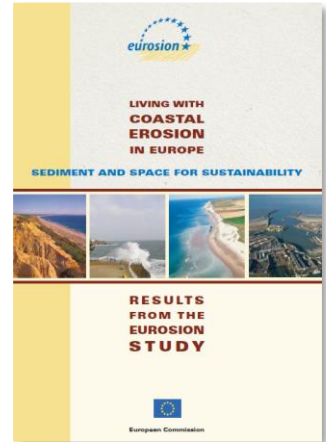
Scale - Echelle : 1:20 000 000

- Exposure identified by 9 indicators:**
- Sea Level Rise
 - Shoreline instability
 - Change of erosion pattern last 15 years
 - Highest water level
 - Growth of coastal urbanisation '75-'90
 - River sediment deficit
 - Erodibility of geological substratum
 - Elevation
 - Intensity of engineered frontage

driving elements for a correct littoral and sediment management



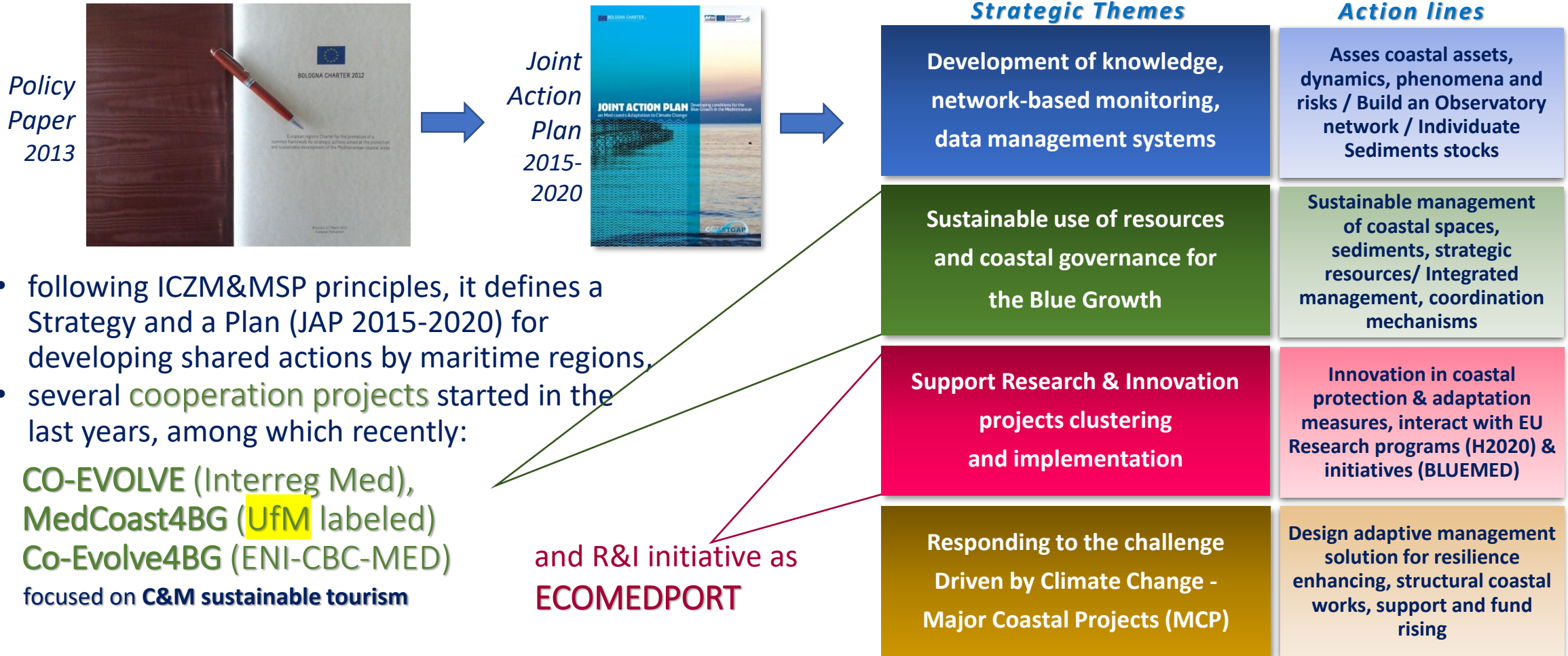
1. **Increase coastal resilience by restoring the sediment balance and providing space for coastal processes**
 - (a) restoring the sediment balance;
 - (b) allocating space necessary to accommodate natural erosion and coastal sediment processes and
 - (c) designation of strategic sediment reservoirs.
2. **Internalize coastal erosion cost and risk in planning and investment decisions (through existing instruments)**
 1. Environmental Assessment;
 2. Financial instruments;
 3. Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM).
3. **Make responses to coastal erosion accountable**
 - Operating within an **integrated and planned approach** based upon accountability principles;
 - Consider the **optimization of investment costs** against values at risk;
 - Consider the **social acceptability** of actions and keep options for the future.
4. **Strengthen the knowledge base of coastal erosion management and planning**
 - development of information governance strategies;
 - information on 'best practice', also including learning from failures;
 - proactive approach to data and information management and for an institutional leadership at the regional level



<http://www.euroSION.org/>

The Bologna Charter initiative

Med maritime regions initiative aimed at the sustainable development, integrated management and protection of the coastal areas - involves today up to 29 MED coastal regions and the IMC-CPMR, www.bolognacharter.eu

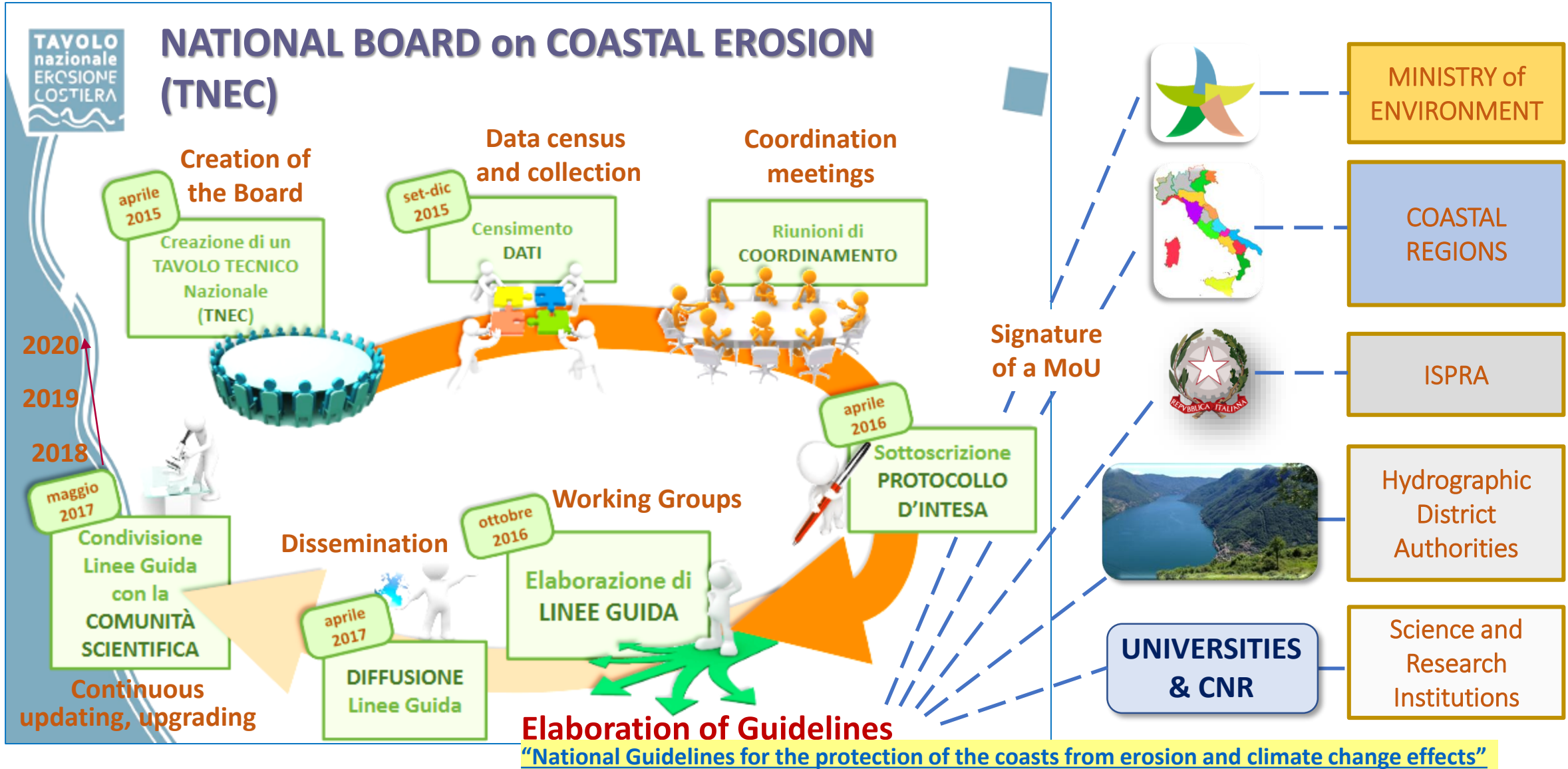


- following ICZM&MSP principles, it defines a Strategy and a Plan (JAP 2015-2020) for developing shared actions by maritime regions.
- several cooperation projects started in the last years, among which recently:

CO-EVOLVE (Interreg Med),
 MedCoast4BG (UfM labeled)
 Co-Evolve4BG (ENI-CBC-MED)
 focused on C&M sustainable tourism

The National Framework

...sharing best practices, collaboration and synergies between PAs, added values of the TNEC experience





Good Practices in Littoral and Sediment Management

...some basic concepts

- ✓ **beach** ⇒ first «**protection structure**» of the inland from marine ingression phenomena
- ✓ **sediments** ⇒ «**strategic resource**» for beach nourishment and coastline management (identification of strategic reservoirs, offshore deposits, littoral accumulations, etc.)
- ✓ **2 main ambits of action** for the management of littoral systems:
 - ⇒ **reducing losses from the littoral system** (e.g. correct management and balance of beach sediments, mitigation of anthropic component of subsidence, work, etc.)
 - ⇒ **feeding of the littoral system and stretches in erosion** (using external and internal sediment resources, within the littoral system, external as inland or offshore sources)

TNEC guidelines - Good Practices in Littoral and Sediment Management

REDUCTION OF LOSSES

	AMBITS OF ACTION	POSSIBLE ACTIONS / MEASURES
RP - REDUCTION OF COASTAL SEDIMENT LOSSES FROM THE SYSTEM	RP-1 Managing beach sediments	RP-1.1 Beach cleaning operation
		RP-1.2 Construction of wind traps
		RP-1.3 Construction of winter embankment defense works
	RP-2 Reduction of subsidence	RP-2.1 Reduction in groundwater withdrawals, water supply infrastructures
		RP-2.2 Hydrocarbon Extraction Control, regulation
		RP-2.3 Mitigation measures, regulation
	RP-3 works to reduce losses and retreating of the coastline	RP-3.1 Interventions and works to reduce the energy of incident waves
		RP-3.2 Interventions and works for the reduction of coastal sediment transport

SCHEME FOR AN INTEGRATED APPROACH IN COASTAL PROTECTION MANAGEMENT

To deal with coastal erosion in a overall integrated strategy, 2 set of practices and policy measures are considered :

- 1. feed the coastal system** and the critical coastal stretches, through inputs from out of the system and through a correct management of littoral sediments, the diversification of sources of sediments and the optimization of sampling and nourishment practices;
- 2. integrate the management strategy** with all those good practices, actions, measures, interventions and works, aimed at reducing sediment losses from the coastal systems.

<http://www.erosionecostiera.isprambiente.it/>

FEEDING THE SYSTEM

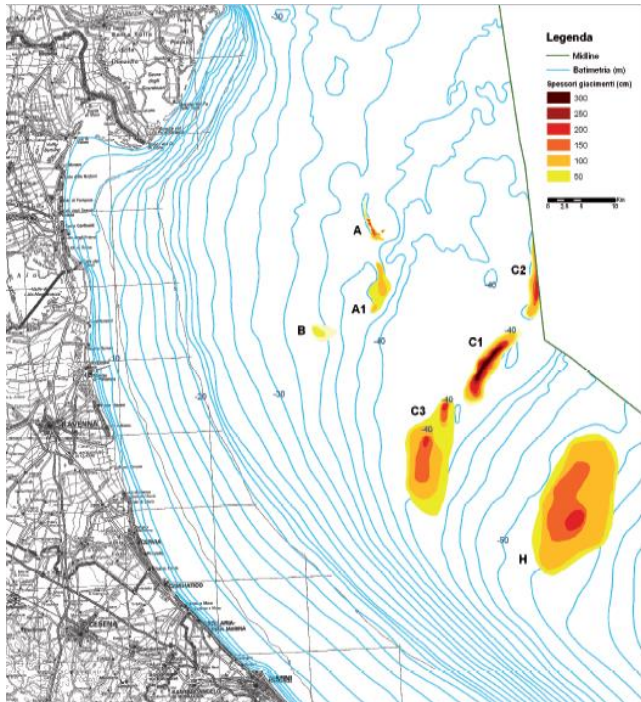
	AMBITS OF ACTION	POSSIBLE SOURCES / MEASURES
AS - COASTAL SYSTEM NOURISHMENT	AS-1 Contributions from external sediments to nourish the coastal system	AS-1.1 Offshore Deposits management and cultivation for beach nourishment
		AS-1.2 River sediment transport enhancement (actions aimed at restoring) for natural beach nourishment
		AS-1.3 Excavations in the coastal hinterland, using sediments for nourishment
AS-2 Contributions from internal sediments to the coastal system <i>(Management of coastal sediment accumulations)</i>		AS-2.1 Surface Coastal Deposits along the littorals of the coastal system
		AS-2.2 Submerged coastal Deposits, submerged fans, accumulation nearby coastal protection works or harbor works
		AS-2.3 Hydraulic management, dredging for and navigation safety

Offshore sediments exploitation (2002-2016)

Offshore sand deposits exploration between 1984 and 2008:

Former Idroser, today ARPAE, in collaboration with ISMAR-CNR in Bologna, realised several research and survey campaigns (also with EU projects) on the Adriatic sea bottom off-shore of Emilia-Romagna region

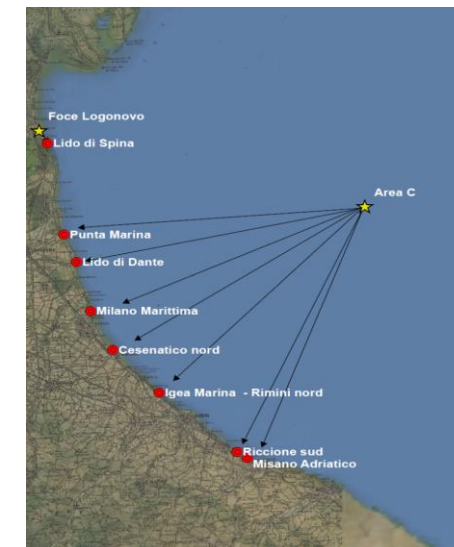
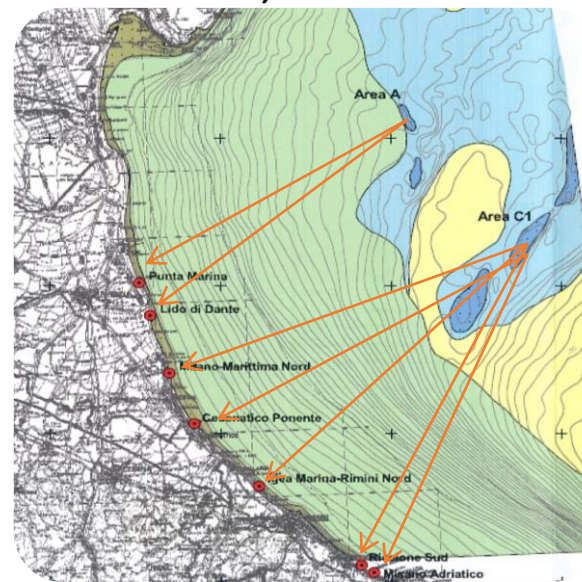
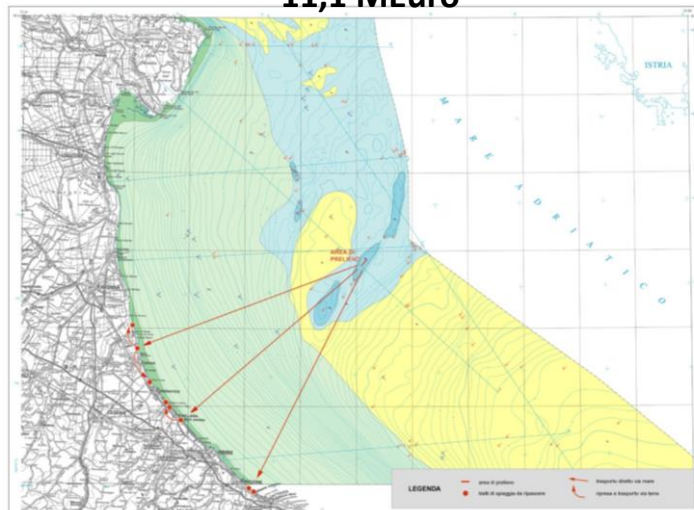
identified 7 sandy bodies offshore to the regional coasts (relict beaches 10-12.000 y. a.)
about 300 Mm³ overall volume of sand (of which 150 Mm³ of very fine sand)
about 220 Mm³ of “useful volume” of sand



Year 2002: 1st intervention
880.000 m³ of sand
on 8 sites overall 9 km
11,1 MEuro

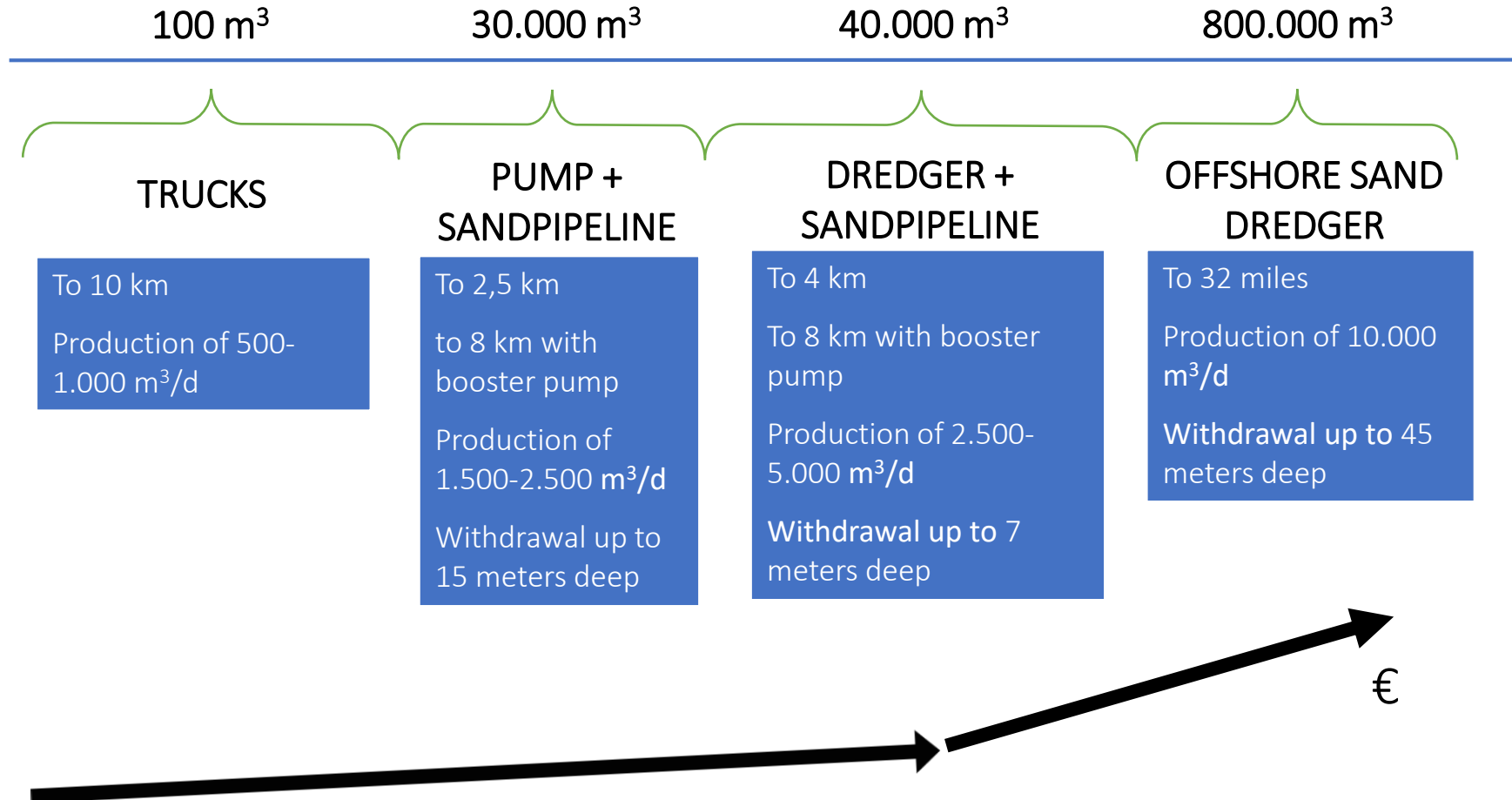
Year 2007: 2nd intervention
815.000 m³ of sand
on 7 sites overall 9,5 km
13,5 MEuro

Year 2016: 3rd intervention
1.400.00 m³ of sand
on 8 sites overall 11 km
20 MEuro

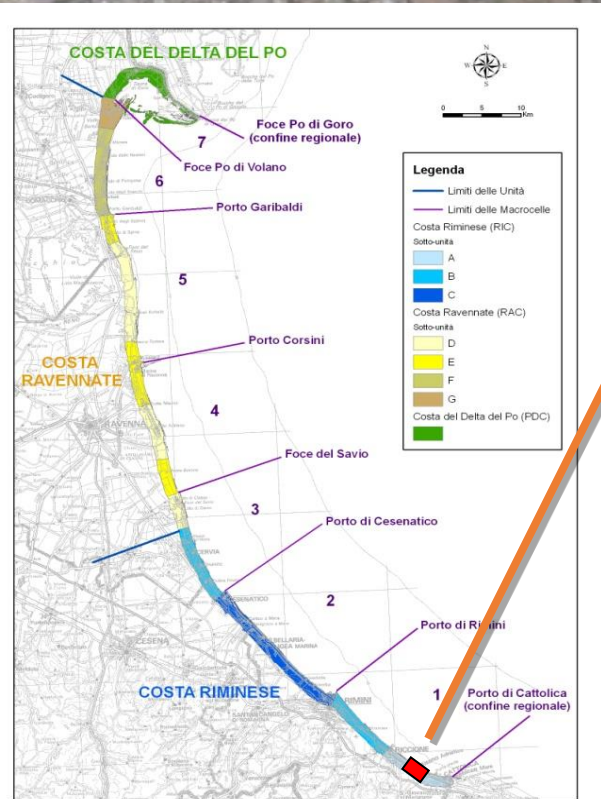


Beach nourishment with internal or external sand sources

Minimum volumes to optimize provisioning costs to the intervention site, in relation to volumes concerned, distance, and type of sand transport



The Littoral sediments management system - SICELL



**130 km coastiline, 118 Cells,
7 Macro Cells**

From general to detailed analysis

Cell: littoral stretch characterized by homogeneous asset and evolution of the backshore and shoreface, differently from adjacent cells

Sedimentary balance

Eroded/Accumulated V in considered period

Variation of sediment volumes

Coastline trend in the period (AV - advanced, SB - stable, AR - recession)

Hard defence works

Presence of hard defence works

Hard defence typology

Works realised in considered period

Maintenance in the considered period

Nourishment

Volumes in the considered period

Withdrawals

Sand withdrawals in the period

General information

Cell number

Denomination

Cell typology

Physical delimitation

Belonging Macro Cell

Geomorphologic unit and sub-unit

Extension

Morphological elements

Along shore transport

Subsidence rate in the considered period

Medium Width of emerged beach

Medium slope gradient of emerged beach

Medium slope gradient of submerged beach

Medium width of submerged beach

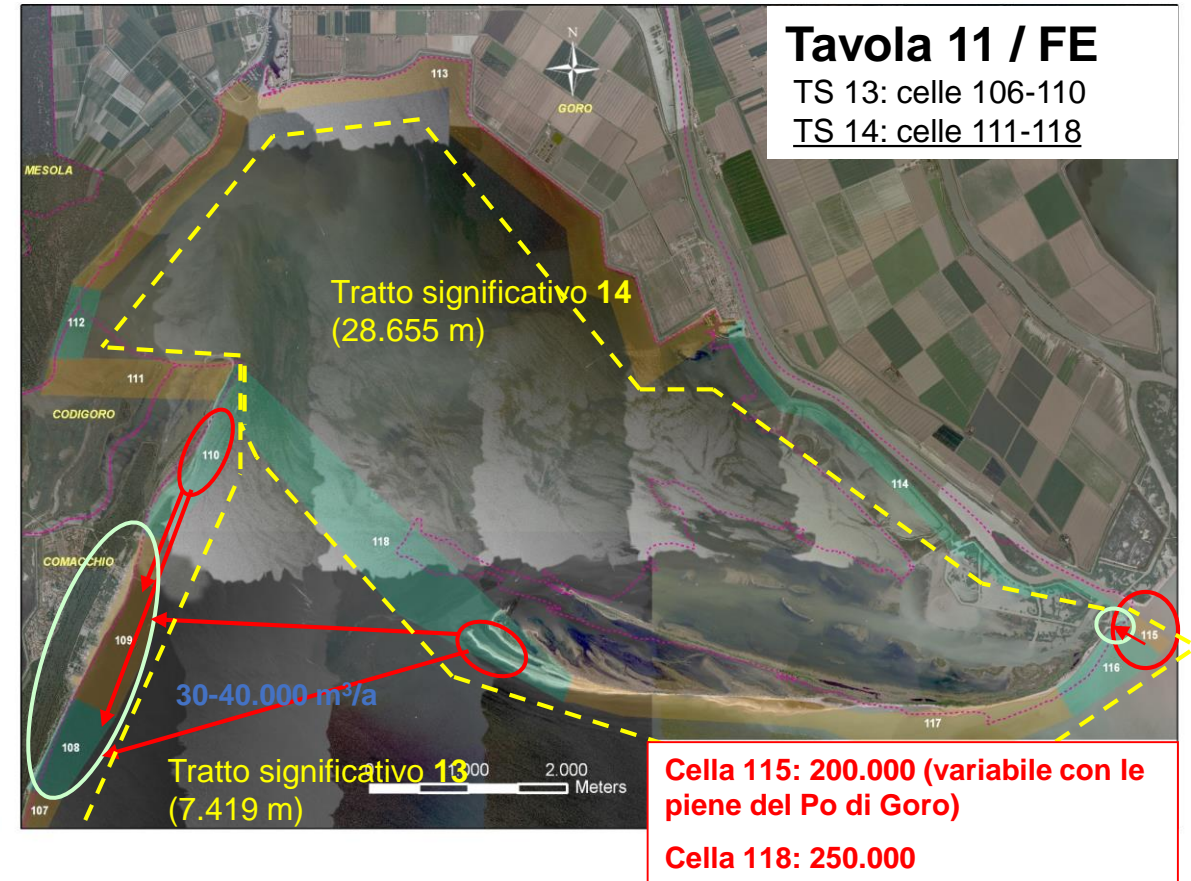
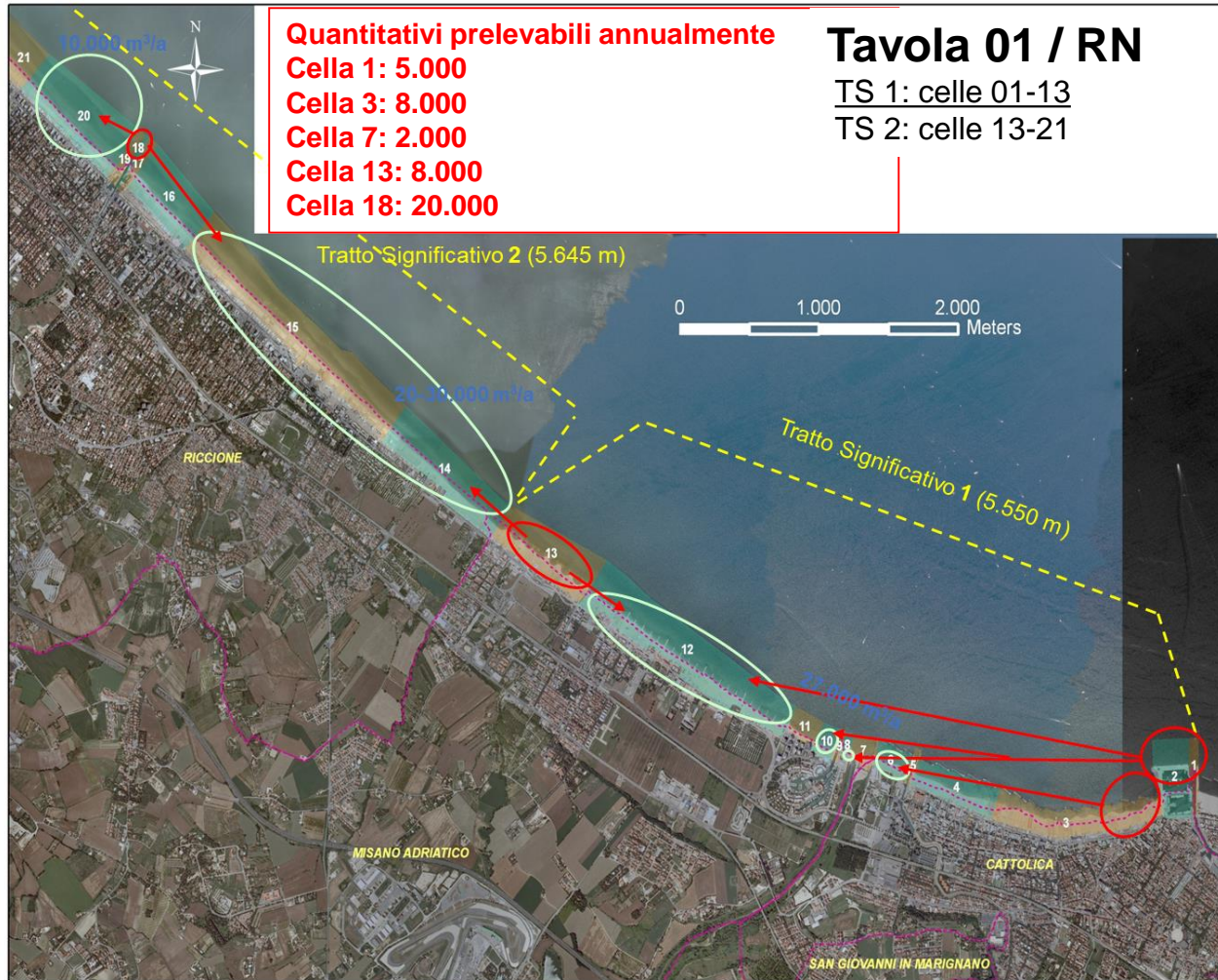
Dunes presence

Bathing structures presence

Back-beach urbanisation

The Littoral sediments management system - SICELL

14 “Significant stretches” for ordinary management aims



Port dredging sediments management dimension

The competence on authorization procedure for dredged port sediments disposal in off-shore perimetrated areas passed from the Region to ARPAE beginning 2016. In a 15 years period till 2015, about **606.000 m³** of sediments were disposed in those areas **from the regional ports** or river's mouth having silting problems. With costs in a range of about **8,00 to 11,00 €/m³** depending on local situation, period of dredging, etc.

Cesenatico (2005) = **24.800 m³**

Bellaria (2001-2002) 59.906 + (2005-2015) 159.040 = **218.946 m³**

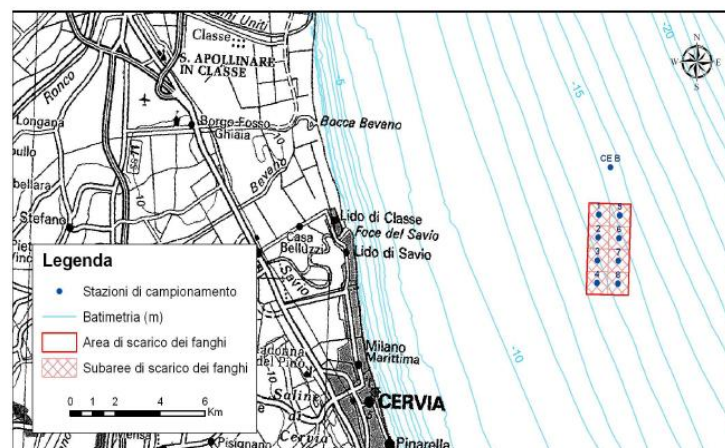
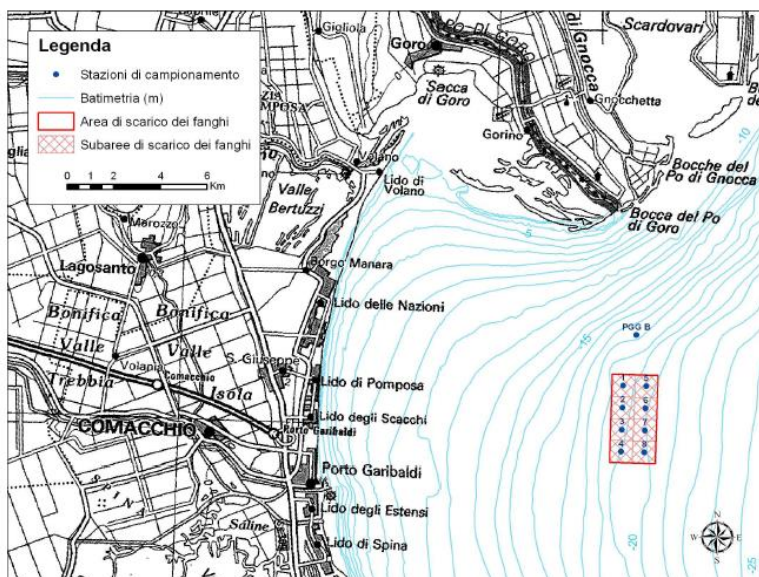
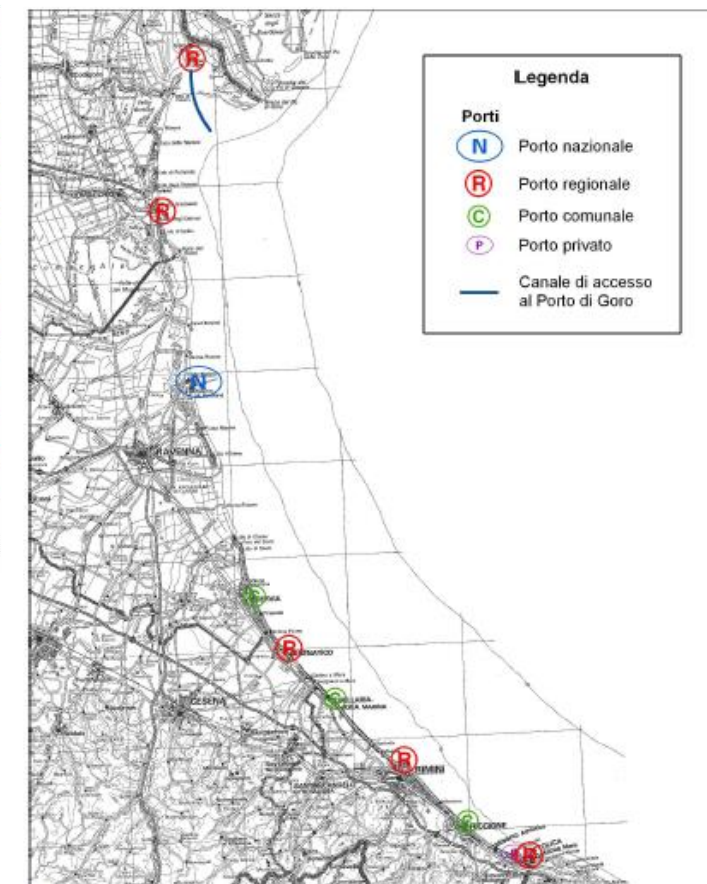
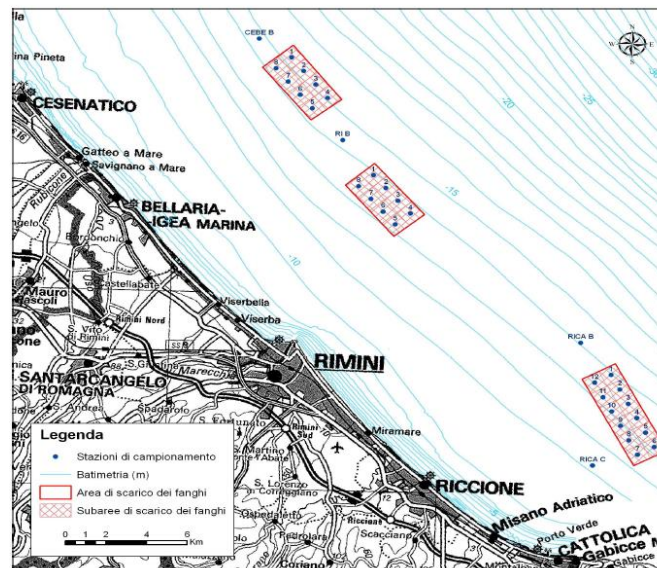
Rimini (2001) 49.330 + (2008) 1.625 = **60.505 m³**

Riccione (2005-2015) 28.645 + (1999-2003) 24.150 = **52.795 m³**

T. Ventena (1999-2003) 42.890 + (2008-2014) 82.858 = **125.748 m³**

Cattolica (1999-2003) 52.990 + (2004-2015) 70.990 = **123.980 m³**

+ Ravenna national port (2002-2017) = **1.020.000 m³**



Examples of application of sediments management on RER coasts

the permanent sand pipeline in Riccione (RN) - 2013

The plant consists of two systems of underground pipelines on average deep of 0.95 m below the ground surface of the beach, for a length of 3.300 m southward from Riccione port and 550 m northward, completed by 25 cockpit of derivation/inspection



Examples of application sediments management on RER coasts

the temporary sand pipeline in Goro (FE) - 2014

Up to 6 hectares of the sandbank top was dredged (124.000 m³) and the mixture of sand-water nourished, by a marine pipeline (4,5 km) and land pipeline (3,5 km), a stretch of 2.500m beach in Lido di Volano.



The **Goro sandbank** is the biggest littoral sand deposit in Emilia-Romagna region; it's nourished by the Po river south branches it moving westward of **240.000 m³/y**.



Examples of application sediments management on RER coasts

the permanent bypass of Porto Garibaldi (FE) - 2015

Sand pipeline under the port channel bed, realized with HCD technology (horizontal controlled drilling)

Maximum depth 5 m under seabed, pipeline in PEAD 315 mm

Substituting the former pipeline of 280 mm laying on the seabed, installed in 2004 e removed during the enlarging of the port channel

Feeding the northern beaches affected by erosion with sands from the accumulation beach zone southward of the port



THANKS FOR YOUR ATTENTION!...

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