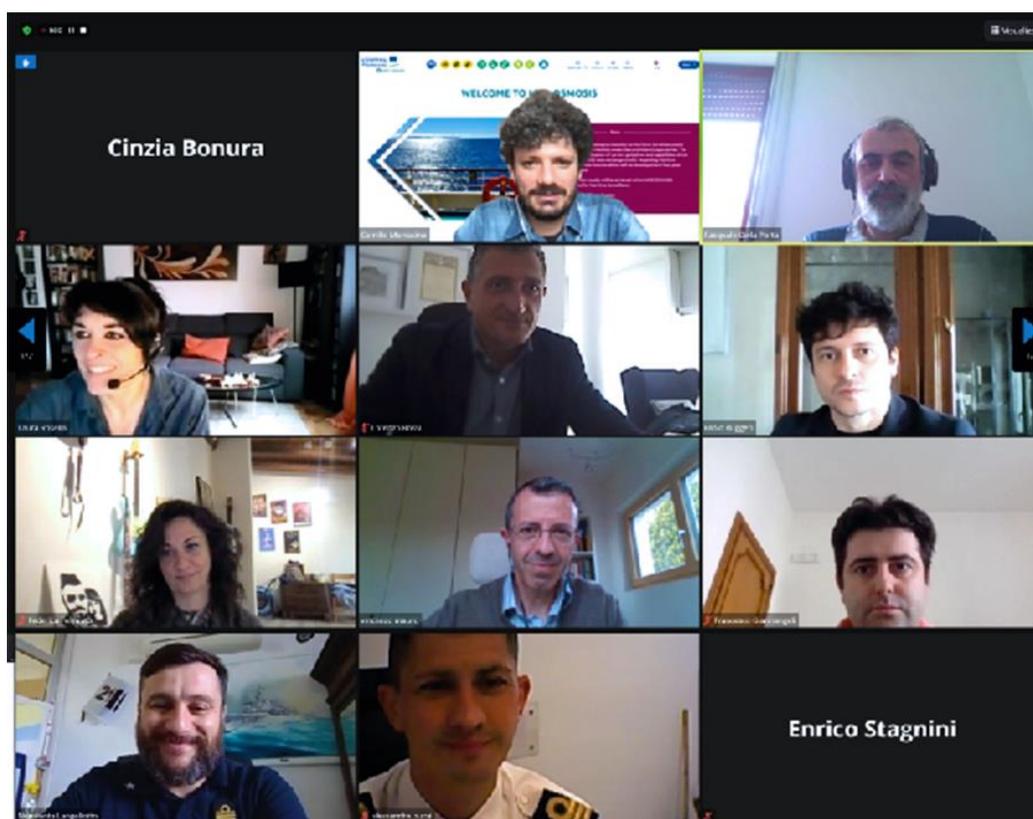


Abruzzo Region. Stakeholder workshop to share and discuss about maritime safety

Developing a number of modules and applications on **Maritime Surveillance** and facilitating the exchange of information for the purpose of further developing interoperable systems at transnational level, in order to **ensure map sharing** in the Mediterranean macro-region. This is the key goal of the Interreg MED Programme-funded project OSMoSIS, in which the Abruzzo Region is responsible for Work Package 6 “Capitalisation”, under the coordination of Ms. Paola Di Salvatore.

In order to contribute to the global report about the governance of maritime surveillance that the entire MED OSMoSIS partnership has to deliver, each participating country was called to administer a survey and draw up an analysis to thresh out how the governance of maritime surveillance is conducted and managed across the Mediterranean, and to what extent data and information exchange on the matter among the stakeholders participating in the MED OSMoSIS is enabled.

In view of **finalizing the country report for Italy**, on April 29th, 2021, the Abruzzo Region work team organized an on-line stakeholder workshop for the purpose of outlining the survey findings, integrating and discussing the content of the country report for Italy, and validating the incorporated information with the contribution of the involved stakeholders.



The discussion triggered was of great relevance and very interesting since **organizations from different sectors**, such as private, public and non-governmental organizations, had the chance to share their diverging perspectives on dealing with the governance of maritime surveillance directly and indirectly, and on using geodata, thus highlighting how important interoperability and easy access to mapping databases are to allow for thorough sharing and satisfactory use of the available data.

The Italian legislation limits access to data in many cases, and does not define standard data formats to ensure interoperability. The latter is an actual issue to be solved not only at the level of the ICT infrastructure used by national organizations, but also beyond the State's borders, and at EU level.

Interesting was also the focus on the **web geodata platforms** mostly used in Italy by the stakeholders involved, which are two:

- The [National Catalogue for Spatial Data \(RNDT\)](#) is the national geodata catalogue gathering territorial metadata from all Italian Public Administrations implemented by AgID, the Italian Agency for Digitisation; access is granted to all, while only accredited public administrations can manage metadata;
- The [National Geoportal](#) gathers territorial and environmental information provided by the Ministry of the Environment and the Protection of the Territory and the Sea, the body implementing the portal; maps can be consulted and also customized via visualization and download services.

Both platforms were implemented in compliance with the [EU Directive INSPIRE](#) and are interlinked.

The workshop was an excellent **opportunity for networking and sharing** about the topic of governance of maritime surveillance in Italy on the part of both those organizations that are directly or indirectly involved in using and/or producing data.

The stakeholders attending the workshop **delivered extremely relevant inputs** to integrate in the country report, thus helping substantially improve the final output.