

# Progress and challenges in Albania in having an ICZM

National progress and potential transboundary collaboration

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# Albanian Management of the Coast

The Albanian coast has been considered very important and its management has gone into several phases (after the communist regime):

- The Coastal Area Management Program in Albania is very old and one of the first to be implemented (1993 – 1996 – *dealing with the Ishëm – Erzen coastal area, touristic capacities, GIS mapping etc.*)
- Albania Coastal Zone Management Plan (*prepared in 1997*)
- Approval for the Plan “Administration of the Coastal Area” (*approved in 2002*)
- Approval of Policies for the Development of the Integrated Management and Cleaning of the Coastal Area (*2005 and paving the way for the ICZMCP project*)
- ICSP Coast (in 2016 and to be detailed below)



**V E N D I M**  
Nr. 364, datë 18.7.2002

**PËR MIRATIMIN E PLANIT "ADMINISTRIMI I ZONËS BREGDETARE"**

Në mbështetje të nenit 100 të Kushtetutës dhe të nenit 52 të ligjit nr.7664, datë 21.1.1993 "Për mbrojtjen e mjedisit", me propozimin e Ministrit të Mjedisit, Këshilli i Ministrave

**V E N D O S I:**

**V E N D I M**  
Nr.242, datë 21.4.2005

**PËR MIRATIMIN E DOKUMENTIT TË POLITIKAVE TË ZHVILLIMIT, PËR PROGRAMIN E MENAXHIMIT TË INTEGRUAR DHE TË PASTRIMIT TË ZONËS BREGDETARE**

Në mbështetje të nenit 100 të Kushtetutës, me propozimin e Ministrit të Rregullimit të Territorit dhe të Turizmit, Këshilli i Ministrave

**V E N D O S I:**

Miratimin e dokumentit të politikave të zhvillimit, për programin e menaxhimit të integruar dhe të pastrimit të zonës bregdetare, që i bashkëlidhet këtij vendimi.

Ky vendim hyn në fuqi menjëherë.

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**LËNDA: DOKUMENTI I POLITIKAVE TË ZHVILLIMIT, PËR PROGRAMIN E MENAXHIMIT TË INTEGRUAR DHE PASTRIMIT TË ZONËS BREGDETARE**

**1. Hyrje**

Ky dokument është hartuar nga qeveria shqiptare në lidhje me Programin e Menaxhimit të Integruar dhe Pastrimit të Zonës Bregdetare (më poshtë: Programi) dhe ka për qëllim zhvillimin e qëndrueshëm të turizmit në zonën bregdetare të vendit.



# The Albanian Integrated Cross-sectoral Plan for the Coast

Led by the

**Ministry of Urban Development**

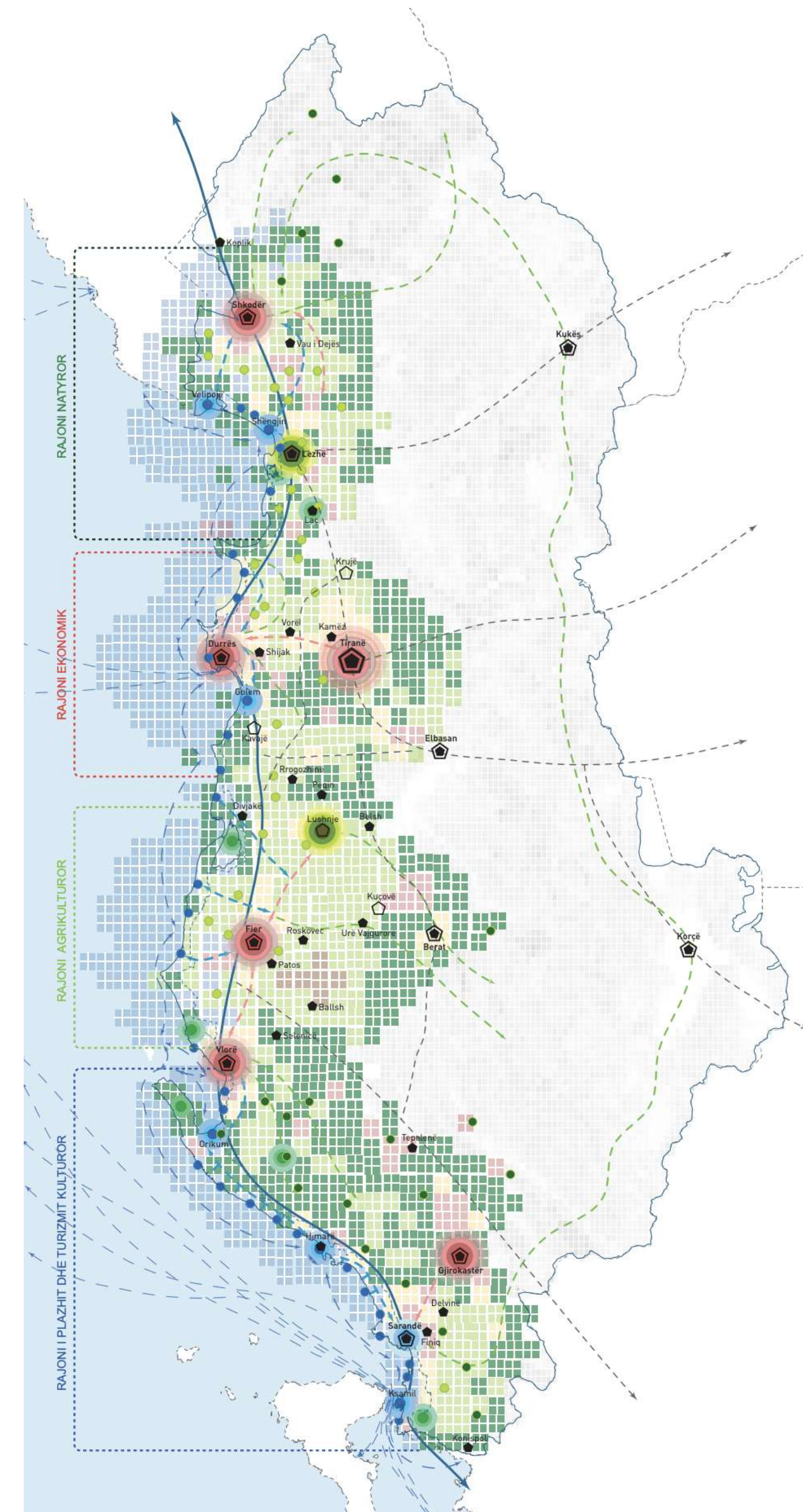
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# ICSP Coast

## Key Sectors

- 1. Transport, energy and infrastructure
- 2. Economy
- 3. Culture
- 4. Tourism
- 5. Sport





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## International Legal Framework

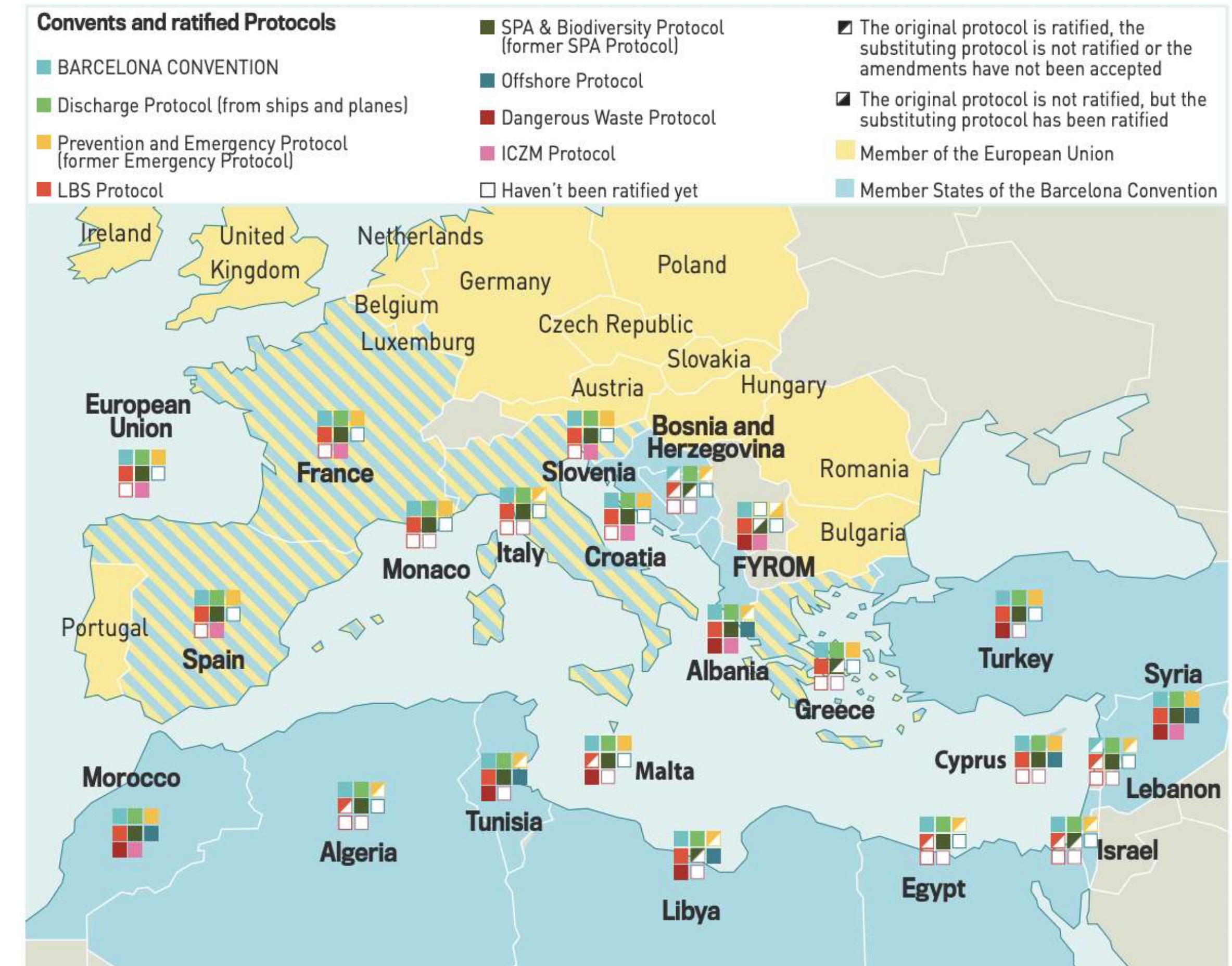
### 1. On Ports

### 2. On pollution

### 3. Marine environment

- On the adherence of the Republic of Albania in the Convention “On protection of the marine environment and the coastal region of the Mediterranean, (Barcelona Convention)”
- Law no. 8950, date 06/06/2002 “On protection of marine environment from pollution and damage”, 2002, as amended; - On the adherence in the Paris Memorandum of Understanding “On the port state control”

### 4. On heritage



Map 1.2 Ratifying status of the Barcelona Convention and its Protocols  
(UNEP Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP))



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Correlated ICSP objectives with the aforementioned international objectives

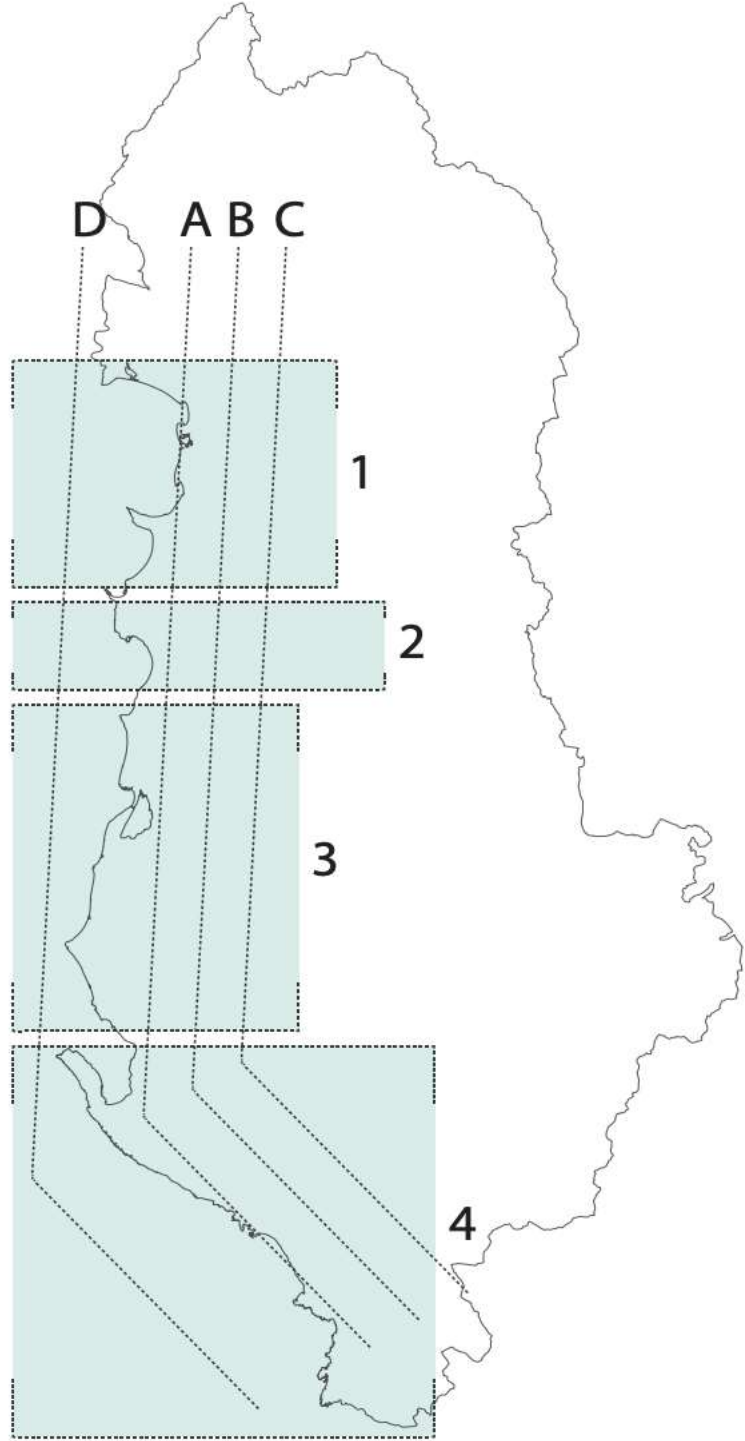
- **Environmental protection** in general and biodiversity in specific
- **Protection and promotion of cultural heritage** and its interaction as an important asset in developing the tourism sector
- **Growing institutional capacities**, in order to achieve sustainable and effective territorial management;
- **Determining the detailed strategy/ies** on managing the coastal zone/s;
- **Territorial structuring** based on the specific natural and socio-cultural characteristics

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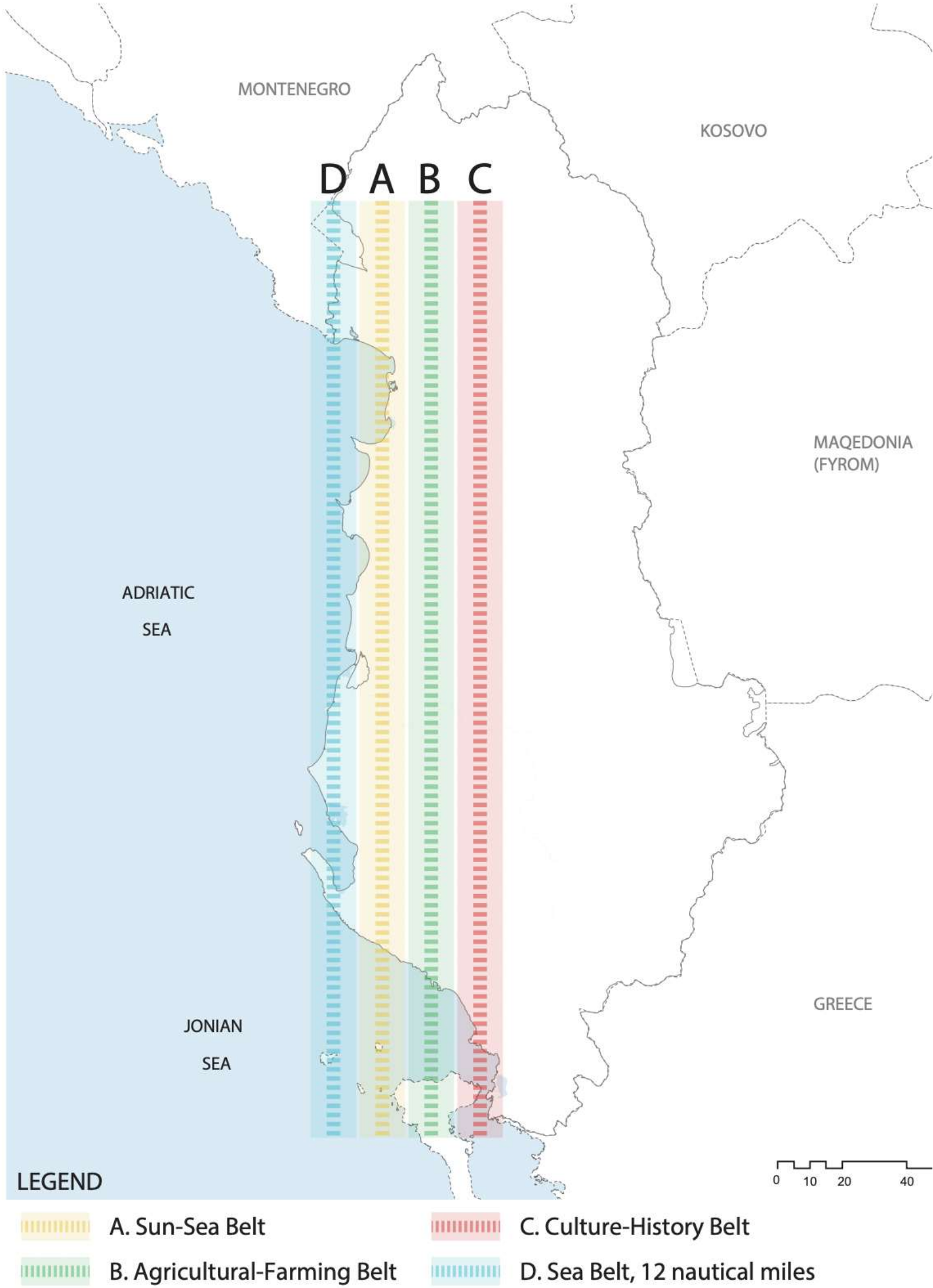


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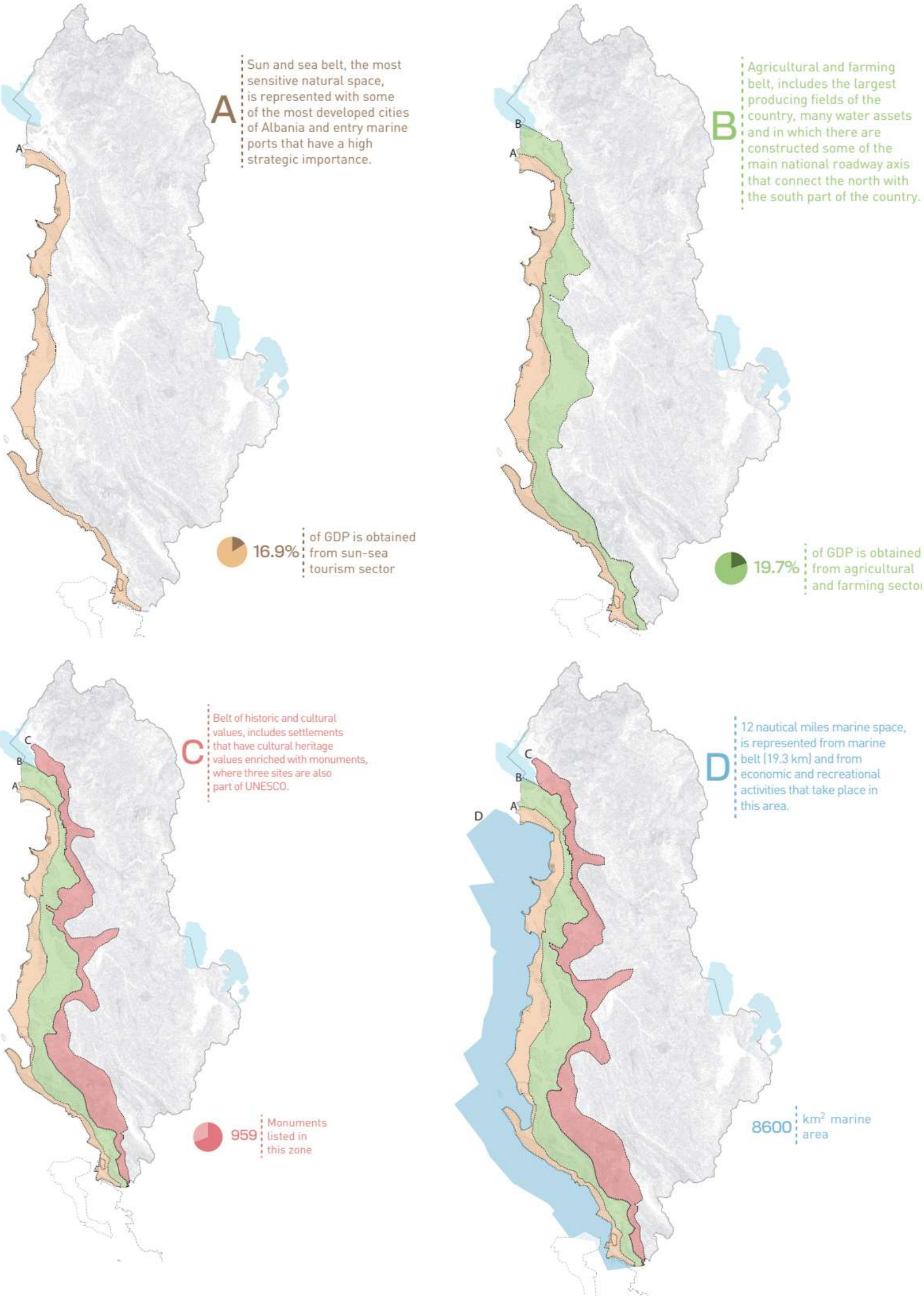
## Coastal Zones and Regions



Map 5.3 Four poles of regional development in the coastline



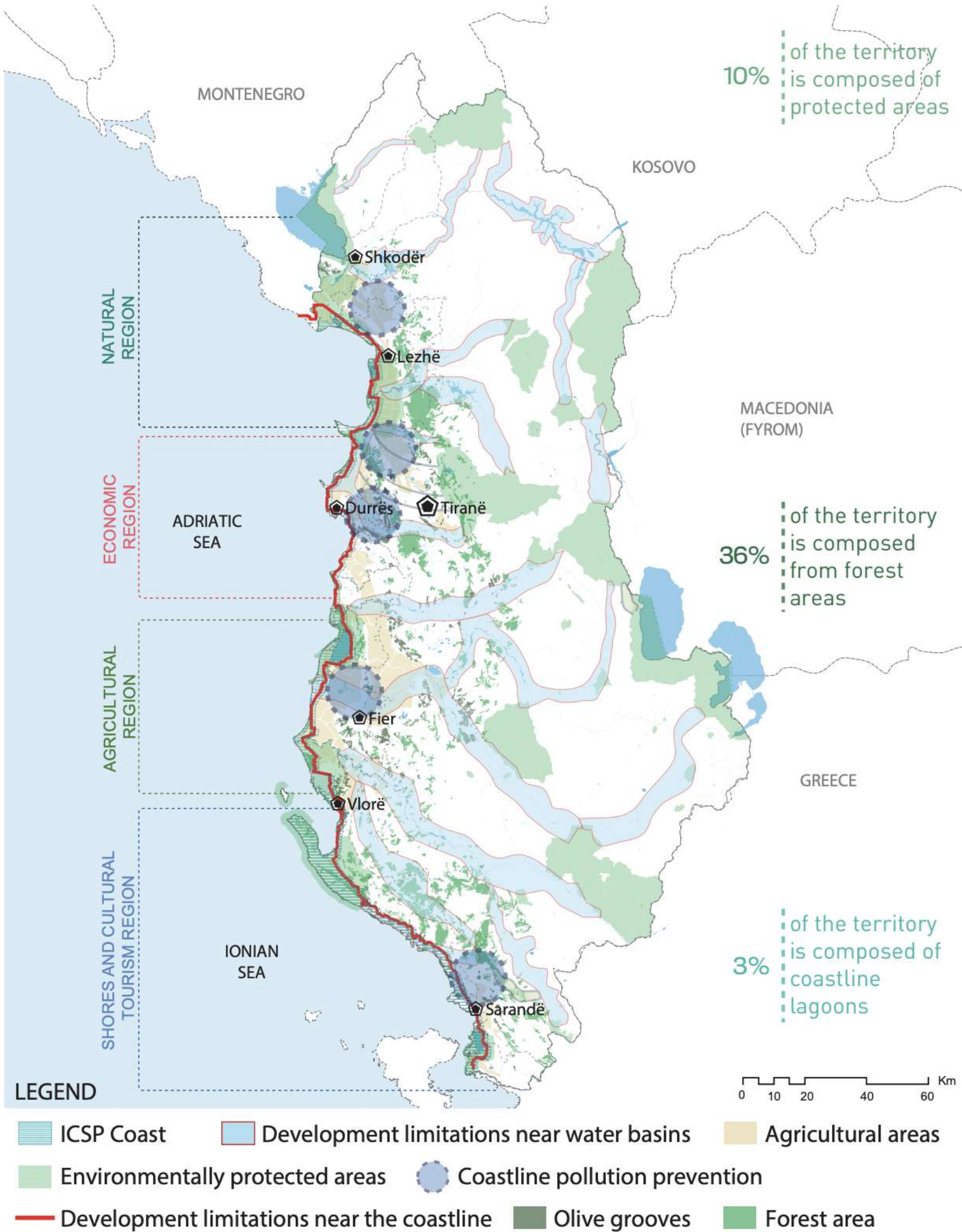
Map 2.5 Coastal zones



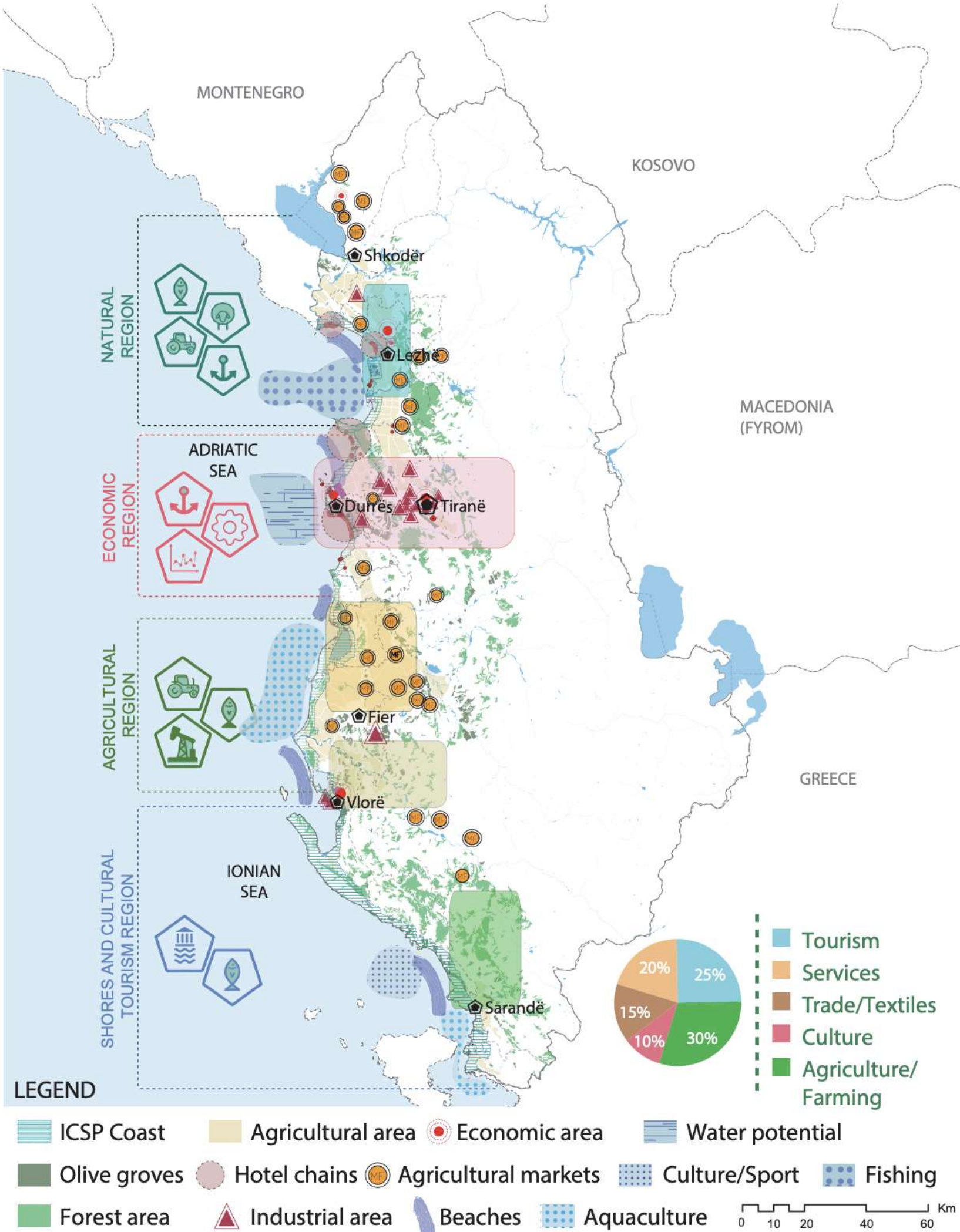
Map 5.2 Coastal, agricultural, historical/cultural and maritime belt



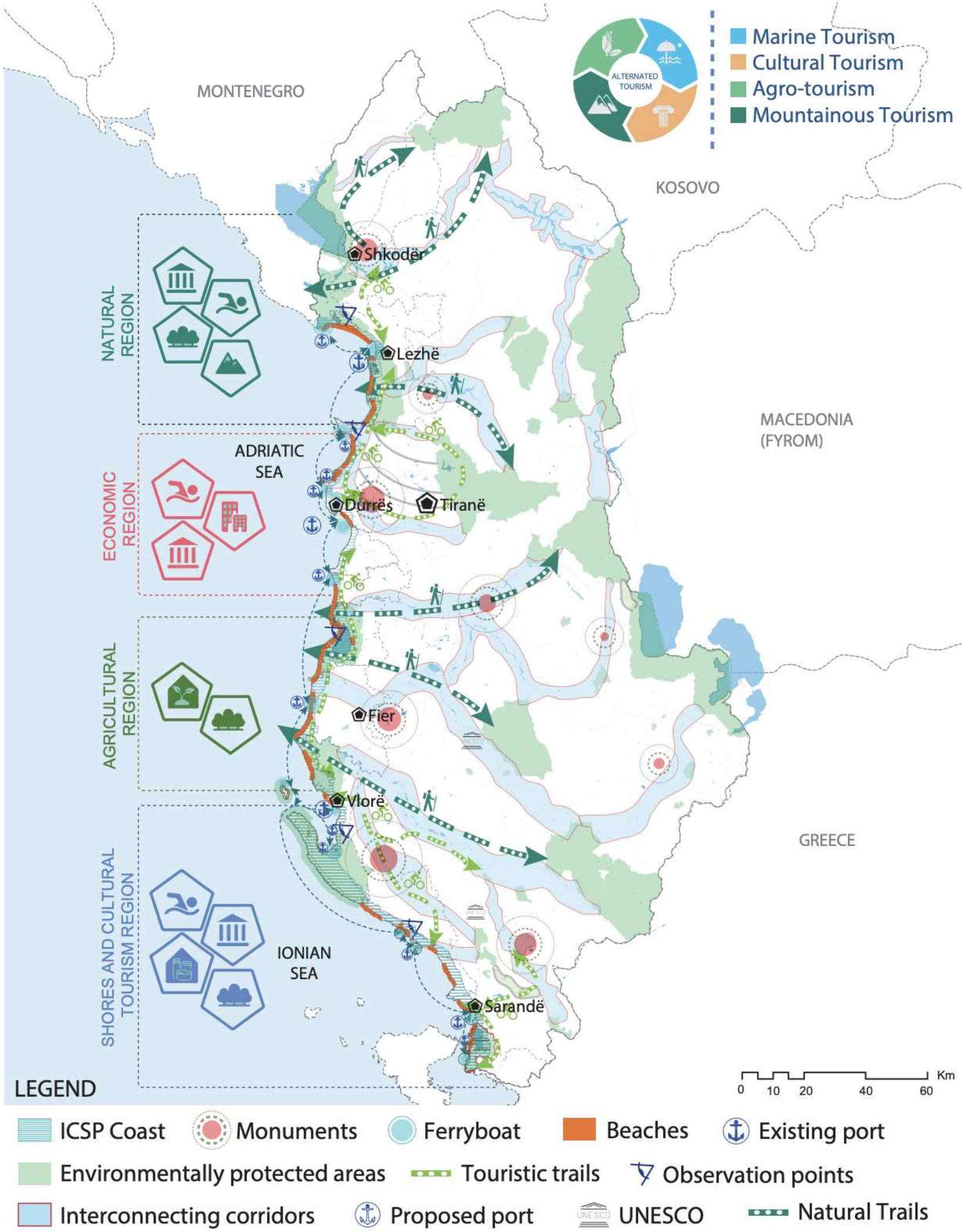
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Map 5.5 Environment



Map 5.6 Economy



Map 5.10 Tourism



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## 4<sup>th</sup> Region – Vlora Tourism Map and Regulation

Types of coastline tourism development (Zone 4)						
Name of zone/Code	System	Tourism sectors	Tourism typologies	Target groups	Exclusions	Priorities
- Zvernec (N16)	- Natural	- Rural - Natural - Sun-Sea - Adventurous	- Gastronomy - Eco-tourism - Sailing - Monuments tourism	- Family - Exploring - Day-trippers	- Urban development - Permanent accommodation structures	- Increasing local capacities
- Vlora-Orikum (U4)	-Urban	- Services - Sun-Sea - Adventurous - Nautical - Historic/ Cultural	- Education, cultural events and entertainment - Sailing - Monuments and archaeology - Typology A Beaches	- Tourist groups - Day-trippers	-	- Infrastructure - Increasing local capacities
- Orikum-Dukat (B6)	-Bujqësor	- Rural - Natural	- Gastronomy - Eco-tourism	- Day-tripper	- Urban development	- Infrastructure - Increasing local capacities
- Sazan (N17)	- Natural	- Natural - Adventurous - Nautical - Historic/ Cultural	- Eco-tourism - Jogging in the nature - Protected areas - Cruises - Monuments and archaeology	- Environmentalist - Individual - Explorer - Day-tripper	- Urban development - Permanent accommodation structures	- Promotion - Information infrastructure
- Karaburun 1 (N18)	- Natural	- Natural - Sun-Sea - Adventurous - Nautical	- Eco-tourism - Cruiser - Typology AB beaches	- Environmentalist - Individual - Explorer - Day-tripper	- Urban development - Permanent accommodation structures	- Promotion - Information infrastructure
- Karaburun 2 (N19)	- Natural	- Natural - Adventurous - Nautical	- Eco-tourism - Jogging in the nature - Protected areas - Sailing	- Environmentalist - Individual - Explorer - Day-tripper	- Urban development - Permanent accommodation structures	- Promotion - Information infrastructure
- Palasa (N20)	- Natural	- Natural - Sun-Sea	- Eco-tourism - Sailing - Kayaking - Typology A beach	- Individual	- Urban development - Permanent accommodation structures	- Promotion - Information infrastructure



Map 5.9 Types of tourism for the fourth zone



# ICZM in Albania (*focusing on Vlora region*)

## Challenges

- There is a large increase of the tourism activity in Albania (*now is the second most important sector after agriculture*)
- The area is quite important regarding biodiversity
- Several institutions are responsible for the activities in the area
- There are still gaps in the proper environmental management systems (integrated waste management, integrated water management)
- Lack of proper monitoring and quality data to better understand the conditions of the coast and of the sea
- Climate change effects are especially affecting these areas

## Regional Cooperation

- Our neighbouring countries (Italy and Greece) have similar issues and also dealt with these much earlier than Albania
- They have several practices and approaches that can serve as case study and as good/bad examples for future developments
- They are both in the EU so they can explain the difficulties encountered during the “entrance in the EU system”
- Technical know how and financial support to keep up with the latest developments



# Thank you!

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