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Country:	Portugal		
Ecosystem Type:	Estuary and lagoon		
Social Characteristics:	Coastal community		
Scale of Study:	Regional - Local scale		
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Type of Initiative:	Government initiative		
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Summary:	The need for an integrated management for Ria de Aveiro Lagoon is not new. Back in the 90's the		

European Commission stated that, concerning the management of the coastal zones, there was a lack of coordination and concertation between the governmental institutions and the different sectors of activities. This circumstance was not related to the amount and quality of the management instruments and laws but due to the lack of coordination between the different stakeholders involved in this management process. This statement applied to the European space was perfectly adjusted to the Portuguese reality, in particular, to the estuary and coastal area of the Ria de Aveiro. The Aveiro lagoon is the target of several research projects as well as some action programmes. Firstly this study analyses two of the most important Portuguese research projects the MARIA and ESGIRA-MARiA that were in the scope of the LIFE Environment of the European Union. Secondly this study examines also the UNIR@RIA Spatial Plan, that was designed with a strong basis on an inter-municipality level and the POLIS LITORAL Ria de Aveiro Action Programme that appears as an environmental and financial opportunity to take into action some of the required measures for the study area. This paper analyses the previously mentioned Projects and Plans; comparing them; identifying their goals, their methodology; the involved stakeholders; pointing out their success actions and their weakness; establishing a coherent line between them; and enumerating the elements passed from the beginning of the studies stage to the actions plans of nowadays.