
DRAFT AGENDA

(Speakers to be confirmed)

Working languages: English, Croatian, Italian

SEA AND COAST: AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION

AI-NURECC PLUS Side-Event

27 October, 2021

Venue: Split, Croatia

Mode of delivery: mixed (onsite and online)

The Adriatic and Ionian seas and their coastline represent a central and underdeveloped resource for the whole macro-region. This event brings together public and private stakeholders from the region to discuss strategies for a sustainable growth of maritime and coastal areas. In line with EUSAIR's Pillar 1 on Blue Growth, the event aims at sharing best practices and ideas on how to improve sea basin governance and promote research, innovation and business opportunities in blue economy sectors.

The agenda of the event comprises an opening session and two subsequent panels. The first panel discussion will be held on the topic of underwater and coastal preservation; the second one on the topic of harbour infrastructures and sea basin governance. Among the invited speakers are local government officials, researchers and academics, regional environmental officers, representatives of port authorities, chambers of commerce and companies from the Adriatic and Ionian countries.

Moderator: Ms Sandra Barčot, journalist

09:45-10:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

10:00-10:45 OPENING SESSION: “AI-NURECC PLUS AS A PLATFORM FOR COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING A BLUE GROWTH STRATEGY FOR THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN REGION”

- Welcome Speech by **Joze Tomaš**, President of the Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, President of Split Chamber of Economy - AI-NURECC Plus Partner
- **Ivica Puljak**, Mayor of Split
- **Blaženko Boban**, Prefect of Split-Dalmatia County
- **Stavros Kalognomos**, Executive Secretary of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission (BBSC), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) - AI-NURECC PLUS Coordinator
- **Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco**, Head of the Permanent Secretariat of the Adriatic and Ionian Initiative
- **Eleni Hatziyanni**, Policy Officer EU Commission - DG Mare Unit A3 | Sea-basin Strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation & Maritime Security

10:45-12:00 PANEL 1: “PRESERVATION OF THE SEA AND THE COAST IN THE CONTEXT OF THE EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY FOR 2030: ACHIEVING THE 30% TARGET OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION”

- **Petra Radić**, Mayor of the Municipality of Podgora (Croatia)
- **Matea Dorčić**, Head of the Administrative Department of Tourism and Maritime Affairs of the Split-Dalmatia County (Croatia)
- **Andrej Sovinc**, Founder of NaravaNarave (Slovenia)
- **Francesco Regoli**, Italian Delegate for the EU Mission “Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Water” and Director of the Department of Life and Environmental Sciences, Marche Polytechnic University (Italy)
- **Aleksandar Joksimović**, Director of the Institute of Marine Biology, Kotor (Montenegro)
- **Jelena Kurtović Mrčelić**, Senior Advisor in the Public Institution Sea and Karst (Croatia)

12:00-13:15 PANEL 2: “HARBOUR INFRASTRUCTURES AND SEA BASIN GOVERNANCE: TOWARDS ADRIATIC-IONIAN GREEN/SMART PORT HUBS AND MULTI-MODAL CORRIDORS”

- Representative of the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure (Croatia) [tbc]
- **Domagoj Maroević**, Director of the Port Authority of the Split-Dalmatia County (Croatia)

- **Pierluigi Coppola**, EUSAIR Pillar 2, Transport Coordinator (Italy)
- Representative of the Durres Port Authority (Albania)
- **Mirjana Čagalj**, Vice-President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy for Construction, Transport and Communications (Croatia)
- **Giuseppe Ranalli**, President of the Small Industries Regional Committee of Confindustria Abruzzo (Italy)
- **Guido Vettorel**, Head of Unit at Central Adriatic Ports Authority, Ancona, Italy – ADRION Thematic Cluster on Multimodal, Sustainable Water and Land Transport (Italy)

13:15-13:30 **FINAL REMARKS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

13:30-15:00 **LUNCH**

15:00-16:00 **GUIDED TOUR OF THE HYDROTECHNICAL LABORATORY**