

**1st Joint Annual Conference
Fora of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities
Split 16-18 October 2018**

The 1st Joint Conference of the Fora of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities: "ROOTS and PATHS - Past, Present and Future for the Adriatic-Ionian Region" took place from the 16th until the 18th of October in Split (Croatia) in the framework of the AI-NURECC initiative. It aims to represent an important step forward in building and consolidating the relationships between civil societies, local, regional, national and European institutions.

The Conference brought together more than 120 Institutions from the 3 civil society networks in the Adriatic-Ionian Region – Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities – with the aim of strengthening connectivity networks and creating greater prosperity in the Region, through work on areas of mutual interest identified in the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR).

The participation to this event represented a productive opportunity to promote BEAT project objectives and create interesting relationship with international stakeholders of the maritime and shipbuilding sector.

