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The Final AdriAquaNet Conference - Enhancing Innovation and Sustainability in Adriatic Aquaculture

June 20, 2022, 14.00 - 19.30, Aula Strassoldo, Università degli Studi di Udine, via Tomadini 30/A, Udine, Italy



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Final Conference of the AdriAquaNet project to improve sustainable aquaculture in the Adriatic Sea

in Udine on June 20, 2022 | 14.00 – 19:30

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In a public conference at the University of Udine, the scientific and industrial partners of the AdriAquaNet project will present the most relevant questions for sustainable aquaculture and some technological approaches tested to address them and the results of practical applications in the field.

The **AdriAquaNet Conference**, to be held at the Strassoldo Hall of the Economic-Legal Pole of the University of Udine in via Tomadini 30/A on 20 June 2022 from 14 to 19.30, will open with greetings from the local authorities, academics and **the INTERREG VA Italy-Croatia 2014-2020 cross-border cooperation program**, which financed the project.

This will be followed by the interventions of **Pier Antonio Salvador and Andrea Fabris, first the president and second the director of the Italian Fish Farmers Association**, which brings together almost all of the national production companies, and the main category interested in the technological innovations developed by the project.

The professor. Marco Galeotti of the University of Udine, coordinator of the project, will summarize the great objectives of this project and the operational structure that made it possible to achieve them in just three and a half years of work, thanks to the technical-scientific synergies of the research partners and the decisive involvement of partner companies in field tests.

There was no lack of timely information activities, carried out as part of the **communication program of the project, as reported by prof. Sabina Passamonti of the University of Trieste.**

The Conference will continue **with the presentations of the working groups** on the three main themes of the project. The first group is entitled "**Improving the environmental sustainability of fish farms**", through new approaches to feeding fish, managing wastewater from plants and the use of renewable energy. The second is "**Improving animal health and welfare on farms**", through the development of new vaccines and innovative therapies based on natural substances, and a practical and efficient tool for monitoring the welfare of farmed fish. The third, on the other hand, is the "**Improvement of the quality and healthiness of fresh and processed fish**", through the characterization of the nutritional qualities of farmed fish, the proposal of innovative packaging methods, the development of new products for the market, and, finally, an effective marketing strategy aimed at overcoming consumer prejudices with respect to

farmed fish. Observations by two independent aquaculture experts, **Massimo Caggiano and Vasilis Bakopoulos** will follow.

The **Councilor for agri-food, forestry, fish and mountain resources of Friuli Venezia Giulia, Stefano Zannier, will conclude and close the conference.**

With this Conference, the project achieves one of its ultimate goals, **the delivery of the results of this cross-border cooperation experience to citizens, business associations and public authorities** of both states.

To facilitate their involvement in Croatia, **a twin Conference was held in Zadar on 2 June**, where the spokesperson of the **Ministry of Agriculture of Croatia, Tatjana Boroša Pecigoš**, director of the Aquaculture Service of the Fisheries Directorate, stressed that the objectives of the national aquaculture development plan for the programming period 2021-2027 are "to increase productivity, its resilience to climate change, and increase the competitiveness of the sector, encouraging innovation".

The AdriAquaNet project closes its activities with **the desire to continue the path of cross-border cooperation to strengthen technological innovation** and therefore support companies in providing the market with healthy and high nutritional value foods.

The event obtained a patronage of Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies.

The details of the project

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