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The European AdriAquaNet Project at 2022 *BLUES Summer School*

Friday 13 May 2022 from 11:00 to 13:00

Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI)

Kidričevo nabrežje 2, 6330 Piran/Pirano, Slovenia

The Italian-Croatian project AdriAquaNet will contribute to the final session of the ***International Summerschool FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE IN THE BLUE ECONOMY*** as part of the European project **The Jean Monnet Module: the Blue Economy and Sustainability - the EU and the Mediterranean**

The **International Summerschool FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE IN THE BLUE ECONOMY** is organized by the Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) of Piran in Slovenia, as part of the European project **The Jean Monnet Module: the Blue Economy and Sustainability - the EU and the Mediterranean**.

Summerschool is an interdisciplinary training opportunity lasting 5 days. It aims to examine the state of fisheries and aquaculture in the Mediterranean and in particular in the northern Adriatic. In addition, it will explore innovative challenges and opportunities in the capture fisheries and aquaculture sector. Finally, it will consider interactions with other sectors such as tourism, transport, and conservation. Environmental impact will be studied along with issues of employment, culture conservation, food security, gender, decarbonisation, traceability and technological advances.

On the final day, Summerschool will also involve the European **Interreg Italy Croatia AdriAquaNet project** which aims to strengthen innovation and sustainability of Adriatic aquaculture.

Prof. Sabina Passamonti of the University of Trieste and responsible for the **strategic communication of the project** will present the structure of the **AdriAquaNet project** which unites 12 partners, including research institutions and producers in the Italian-Croatian sector, and stands as a unique initiative of the Interreg Italy-Croatia program, which connects the world of research with that of production that operates throughout the **aquaculture supply chain**, from the management of production plants to the market for processed products and marketing.

Dr. Paola Sist, research fellow funded by the project, will present a technological innovation developed in the laboratories of the Department of Life Sciences and applied in the field at a partner company of the project, which allows to analyze a new indicator of fish welfare.



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This Summerschool is an important opportunity to capitalize large collaborative projects that address the challenge of improving the supply of food with high nutritional value, such as fish and shellfish, without damaging the marine and coastal ecosystem. In a historical phase in which drastic climatic and political changes put access to food and the protection of the environment at risk, the dialogue between researchers and the exchange of experiences could lead to the emergence of new solutions. In this sense, the AdriAquaNet project will present about twenty technological innovations achieved in just three years of joint work, a goal otherwise impossible to achieve.

The [Euro-Mediterranean University](#) (EMUNI) was founded in Slovenia in 2008. Through a vast network of over 130 universities from over 30 Euro-Mediterranean states, it stands as a platform for intercultural dialogue and scientific diplomacy to strengthen peace, security and prosperity in the Mediterranean. EMUNI is the leader of the project [The Jean Monnet Module: the Blue Economy and Sustainability - the EU and the Mediterranean](#), funded by the European Erasmus + program. This initiative is linked to the United Nations program, [The ocean decade](#).

[AdriAquaNet project](#), funded by the EU **Interreg V Italy-Croatia 2014-2020 Program**, it is coordinated by the **University of Udine** and brings together 12 partners including 7 research institutions, 4 companies in the sector operating in Italy and Croatia and the Association of Croatian fish farmers. This **technical-scientific cooperation** initiative involves about **100 experts**, with the aim of strengthening the innovation and sustainability of Adriatic aquaculture and transferring new technologies and advanced knowledge to the entire **aquaculture supply chain**.

Partners in Italy: UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI UDINE - Dipartimento di Scienze Agrarie, Alimentari, Ambientali e Animali. UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TRIESTE - Dipartimento di Scienze della Vita. ISTITUTO ZOOPROFILATICO SPERIMENTALE DELLE VENEZIE - IZSve, Padova. CONSIGLIO NAZIONALE DELLA RICERCA – Istituto di Chimica biomolecolare, Dipartimento di Scienze Chimiche e Tecnologia dei Materiali, Padova. ITTICA CALDOLI srl, Foggia. FRIULTROTA DI PIGHIN srl, San Daniele del Friuli.

Partners in Croatia: CROATIAN VETERINARY INSTITUTE, Zagreb. INSTITUTE OF OCEANOGRAPHY AND FISHERIES, Split. UNIVERSITY OF RIJEKA / FIUME - Faculty of tourism and hospitality management. KLASER MARIKULTURA - association of Croatian aquaculture breeders, Split. FRIŠKINA d.o.o., Split. ORADA ADRIATIC d.o.o., Cres.

[Project's details](#)

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