

3rd International Congress

AGE OF NEW ECONOMY AND NEW JOBS- BLUE ECONOMY AND BLUE INNOVATION

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| Work Package Title | Communication activities |
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ECOMAP' high level event took place in Split on 11th and 12th October 2021 under the title: 3rd International Congress – Age of New Economy and New Jobs - Blue Economy and Blue Innovation.

The Congress consisted of scientific and policy part with the participation of main stakeholders dealing with nautical and port management.

Monday, October 11

The event was inaugurated by Božen Živaljić, Head of Administrative Department of Spatial planning, Communal Affairs, and Environmental protection of Municipality of Podstrana, Andrea Russo, NGO Healthy City President, and Congress President, Tonči Glavina, State Secretary of Ministry of Tourism and Sport, Stipe Čogelja, County Prefect Deputy of Split-Dalmatia County, Alessandro Berton, President of “SIB UNIONMARE VENETO-CONFUTURISMO” on behalf of Veneto Region, Michele Polenta, Council Member for the Environment, Ancona.

During Plenary Session:

Two key speakers have presented their work:

- Joao Brandao from the National Institut of Health Dr. Ricardo Jorge, Lisabon presented what is new and what is next in bathing water regulation.

- Daria Povh Škugor from PAP-RAC presentation was about Environmental quality as a key for the Mediterranean blue economy.

and different speakers presented their Interreg projects:

- on behalf of the Lead Partner Municipality of Podstrana Ms. Andrijana Dedić presented the whole project ECOMAP.
- Ms. Natalija Dunić and Ms. Mira Morović from the Institut of Oceanography and fisheries represented project RESPONSE through two topics – Is global warming a hoax?, and Climat change and The Adriatic Sea ecosystem.
- Mr. Lewis Walsh presented project Blueprint, a local strategy for the circular economy, Interreg France – England.
- Helena Brčić, from PI RERA S.D, presented project ITACA-Innovative Tools to Increase the Competitiveness and sustainability of small pelagic Fisheries.

During the afternoon, the activities took place parallel in three halls.

FORUM-Ports and Planning for Resilience (11 participants + 7 presents) brought together experts and representatives of local, regional, and national authorities to discuss issues and common interests on sustainable coastal development and small ports.

Scientists and experts presented their papers on the two parallel sessions. Topics were Blue innovation, Blue economy, Sustainability and development, and Regional strategies and maritime cooperation.

After that, a Round table – Networking for future (12 participants) was held, as an informal event. Congress was an opportunity to meet new organizations and

experts. The aim was to get to know each other and connect for possible future cooperation.

Tuesday, October 12

On the second day, the activities were held in two parallel sessions. Topics were Sustainability and development, New carrier challenges and educational programs, Climate Changes and Blue Economy.

After the closing ceremony, it was held Ecomap partner & Steering Committee meeting

CONCLUSION:

Congress has gathered 133 participants, 6 local, regional, and national public authorities representatives (4 Croatians and 2 Italians), 1 regional development agency representative, 1 association agency representative, 41 universities and research institutes representatives, partners, students, and other guests.

Participants came from Greece, Finland, Norway, Poland, and England.

50 abstracts were submitted by 15 from project partners, and on behalf of the Lead Partner Municipality of Podstrana Andrijana Dedić presented the whole project ECOMAP on the Plenary Session.

Among scientific and professional papers, except ECOMAP, 8 other Interreg projects were presented, 4 Italy-Croatia, and Interreg France-England, Interreg Mediterranean, Interreg Central Baltic, and Interreg Adrion.

A 45 evaluation questionnaire was completed, and most respondents rated the congress as very successful (89,23%).

Sunday, October 10, 2021 – Welcome reception and registration



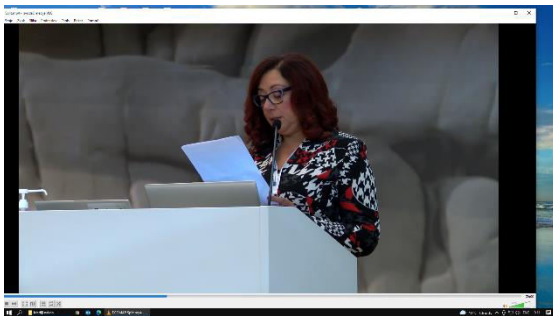


Monday, October 11, 2021 – Opening Speeches

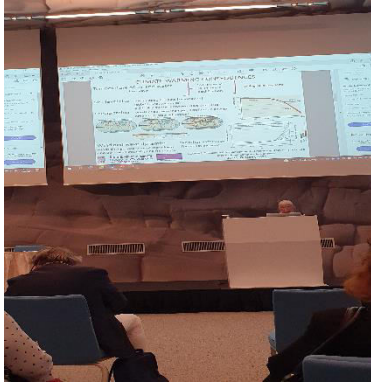




Monday, October 11, 2021 – Plenary session



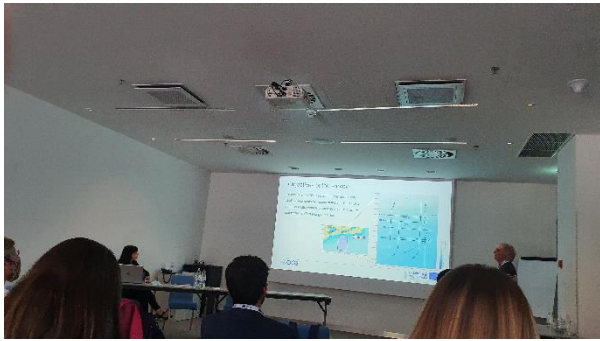




Monday, October 11, 2021 – Forum



Monday, October 11, 2021 - Parallel sessions



Tuesday, October 12, 2021 – Parallel sessions

