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Introduction

D 2.4.7 – Participation to IT-HR/EU public events. Participation on IT-HR/European Institution public events, mainly in joint events organized in cooperation with other IT-HR projects funded under S.O.3.3 in order to promote the respective achieved results. (T.V.: 4; DATE: 31.06.2021).

Eusair Conference

Dubrovnik Neretva Region as a WP2 leader (along with MS. Antonella Penna and Mr. Luigi Bolognini) participated 6th annual EUSAIR Forum where WATERCARE was presented. There were 219 registered people that attended this Side event of the Forum.

Organisation of several public events throughout the project lifetime is essential for the involvement of key local actors within the PPs area. They will be also opened and important for reaching stakeholders across Europe and from IT-HR Programme Area. All relevant target groups will be identified (citizens, technical experts, journalists, institutional stakeholders) and each group will be addressed through dedicated communication events such as meetings, ad-hoc seminars, conferences, focus groups, press releases.

At least 1 high level event involving relevant policy makers, presence of ESI funds’ MA, ETC Program’s MA and Macro-regional strategies’ GB and members of EUSAIR TSG for Pillar 3 (checking project results’ compliance with EUSAIR priorities) will be organized and regarding this WATERCARE project was a participant and presenter within 6th annual EUSAIR Forum.

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The Forum was organized by Slovenian Presidency and WATERCARE project was a presenter at All-Fora Side-Event “Saline intrusion: a potential risk for coastal aquifer management in a changing climate” which was held on Monday, May 10 from 10:00 to 12:00.

The Event was a part of the three All-Fora online Side-Events within the VI EUSAIR Forum, organized by the Fora of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, Cities and Universities in collaboration with Adriatic and Ionian Initiative - Chairmanship of the Republic of Slovenia. The webinars analyzed and discussed three main topics: Climate Change, Blue Economy and Circular Economy.

Adriatic and Ionian coastal regions need improved protection of freshwater aquifers to saline intrusion through a sustainable management of water resources. There are common challenges to tackle: expected climate change impacts on sea level rise and precipitation rates; water supply essential for sustainability of coastal societies and ecosystems; increased consumption for human activities, including agriculture, increasing the risk of seawater intrusion towards freshwater aquifers. The Event, organized in cooperation with the Municipality of Fano and University of Urbino, opened a discussion among different stakeholders engaged in this specific field, and ASTERIS and WATERCARE projects were shown as good practices.



6th Forum

of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region
Along the coasts of the shared sea
Izola, 11-12 May 2021



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Monitoring of the quality of the bathing sea water in Croatia

Bathing water quality in 2020:

- Total number of bathing waters: 941
- Excellent quality: 97,90%

Regulation on Sea bathing water quality (OG 73/08) issues **no sea sampling during heavy rains, strong winds, high waves, or proliferation of macroalgae / phytoplankton**. All samples are sampled during good metrological conditions.

Project Objectives

Improving the bathing water quality by:


- reducing the risk of microbial contamination;
- through the use of innovative tools for the treatment and management of coastal waters.

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Conference on River Basin Management and Protection – October 2021

UNIURB (Prof. A. Penna) requested to attend the ICRBMP 2021, i.e. the **23rd International Conference on River Basin Management and Protection** to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia, in October 04-05, 2021.

The positive answer, exploited by an official invitation, was sent to Prof. Penna on the 25th of June 2021. The payment and sending of the necessary documents to attend the conference were made within the 31st of August.



INVITATION LETTER

June 25, 2021

Prof. Dr. Antonella Penna
University of Urbino
Italy

Herewith, the international scientific committee is pleased to invite you for oral presentation at ICRBMP 2021 : 23th International Conference on River Basin Management and Protection to be held in Dubrovnik, Croatia during Oct 04-05, 2021. The high-impact conference papers will also be considered for publication in the special journal issues at <https://www.waset.org/publications>.

Conference Registration and Writing Formatted Paper:

1. Conference registration documents should be submitted to: <https://www.waset.org/apply/2021/10/04/brovnik/ICRBMP2021>
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You are strongly urged to submit your proof of payment document to conference registration secretariat as soon as Aug 31 2021 at the very latest.

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We look forward to your participation in the ICRBMP 2021 : 23th International Conference on River Basin Management and Protection.

Sincerely,
International Scientific Committee
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<https://www.waset.org/apply/2021/10/04/brovnik/ICRBMP>

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Conference Title (ICRBMP 2021 : 23th Int. Conf. on River Basin Management and Protection)			
Papers to be coded (For Authors Only)	1	2	100059
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Paper Title : A Strategic Approach to Improve Adriatic Bathing Waters: The Water Quality Integrated System			

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Yours Sincerely,

Date: Urbino, 25/06/2021

UNIURB was invited to present the paper **“A strategic approach to improve Adriatic bathing waters: the Water Quality Integrated System”**, written by A. Penna, E. Baldrighi, M. Betti, J. Bilić, L. Bolognini, M. Bućan, A. Campanelli, S. Capellacci, S. Casabianca, C. Ferrarin, F. Grilli, L.

Iagnemma, I. Kristovic, M. Krzelj, E. Manini, N. Marinchel, M. Marini, F. Moro, M. Ordulj, P. Penna, F. Ricci, M. Šikoronja, V. Spada.

According to the paper's abstract: *In the Adriatic Sea, massive rainfall events are causing flooding of rivers and streams, with severe consequences on the environment. The consequent bacterial contamination of bathing water poses public health risks besides damaging tourism and economy. This study was conducted in the framework of WATERCARE, an EU Interreg Italy-Croatia Project, which aims at reducing the impact of microbial contamination on Adriatic bathing water due to heavy rainfall events drained in the local sewage network and; enhancing the quality of local waters; and providing support for the decision-making processes regarding the management of bathing water in line with EU regulations. The study involved the development of an innovative water quality integrated system that helps meeting these objectives. It consists of four components: a real-time hydro-meteorological monitoring system; an auto-sampler to collect freshwater samples during and after significant rainfall events; a forecast system to simulate the dispersion of pollutants in seawater; and a real-time alert system that can predict the potential ecological risk from the microbial contamination of seawater.*

A finite element hydrodynamic model was applied to the studied areas, which differ in hydrological, urban and morphological characteristics. Modules for transport-diffusion and microbial decay were used in order to study the distribution of Escherichia coli during significant raining events. The model results were validated against data acquired on field (water level, temperature, salinity and microbial concentrations) demonstrating the ability of the modeling suite to simulate the circulation in the coastal areas of the Adriatic Sea. Furthermore, the model simulates the main dynamics of transport and diffusion, such as fluvial and polluted waters dispersion.

The modeling suite and all results obtained will serve to develop guidelines for urban wastewater and coastal system quality assessments to contribute developing policy actions and final governance decisions as required by the EU Bathing Water Directive.

The paper has been reviewed by the WORLD ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY but it has not been selected among the best 15 choices to be published in one of the annual issues.

The conference was run online on the basis of 2 consecutive days. The first day (4/10), Prof. A. Penna was invited to present the WATERCARE groups research during the session “ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH”, chaired by Marita Pięłowska.

DAY 2: PERTINENT READING

Digital program consists of an e-book of relevant studies to download for future reading on October 5, 2021.

Digital Program consists of the e-proceedings book which is available online-only and includes the conference communications (proceedings abstracts and papers). Registered participants can access the digitally available conference proceedings (and certificates) by visiting their profile pages.

ENGINEERING AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH

Chair: Marita Pięłowska

The Impact of PM-Based Regulations on the Concentration and Sources of Fine Organic Carbon in the Los Angeles Basin from 2005 to 2015	Abdulmalik Altuwayjiri, Milad Pirhadi, Sina Taghvaei, Constantinos Sioutas University of Southern California, United States
A Strategic Approach to Improve Adriatic Bathing Waters: The Water Quality Integrated System	A. Penna, E. Baldrighi, M. Betti, J. Bilic, L. Bolognini, M. Bucan, A. Campanelli, S. Capellacci, S. Casabianca, C. Ferrarin, F. Grilli, L. Iagnemma, I. Kristovic, M. Krzelj, E. Manini, N. Marinchel, M. Marini, F. Moro, M. Ordulj, P. Penna, F. Ricci, M. Sikoronja, V. Spada University of Urbino, Italy

A detailed overview of the programme and the participants is provided by the following link: <https://waset.org/river-basin-management-and-protection-conference-in-october-2021-in-dubrovnik>

Both the slides with the whole programme and some slides of the live presentation are reported here.



XV. International River Basin Management and Protection Conference October 04-05, 2021 Dubrovnik, Croatia

XV. International River Basin Management and Protection is the premier interdisciplinary forum for the presentation of new advanced research results in the fields of Environmental and Ecological Engineering.

Today more than ever before it is extremely important to stay abreast of the changing landscapes of the Environmental and Ecological Engineering world. The multidisciplinary focus of this event aims to bring together presenters and attendees from different fields with expertise in various areas of Environmental and Ecological Engineering, providing an excellent opportunity to participate in the international exchange of ideas, current strategies, concepts and best practices, collaborations, and cooperation, offering a broader perspective and more enriching experience.

The program includes time allocated for networking, peer-to-peer discussions, and exploring the host city.

We invite the participation of leading academic scientists, researchers and scholars in the domain of interest from around the world to submit original research contributions relating to all aspects of:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • River basin management • Water resources management • Flood risk management • Ecological and environmental impact • Erosion and sediment transport • Hydrological modelling • River restoration and rehabilitation • Hydropower issues and development • River and watershed management • Management of floods on the river deltas • Estimation of delta vulnerability • Morphological changes of deltas • Adaptation measures in view of climate change • Impact of sea level rise for deltas • Water quality issues • Organic contamination management 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural pollution • Transboundary water issues • Estuaries and deltas • Climate change • Water quality and health • Socio-economic issues • Water governance and policies • Data acquisition, management and analysis • Remote sensing • Hydraulic structures • Experimental measurements • Rain water management • Water energy nexus • Drought assessment and management • Ecosystem services
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Goals of WATERCARE Project:

- ✓ Developing an innovative *Water Quality Integrated System (WQIS)* and a Real-time Alert System to preventively identify potential ecological risk from faecal contamination of coastal waters.
- ✓ Improving the *quality of bathing and coastal waters* by reducing the microbial contamination derived from the insufficient and inadequate sewage systems.
- ✓ Supporting the *decision-making process* of governance on bathing water management in accordance with the EU Directive (Bathing Water Directive 2006/7/UE).




PRELIMINARY RESULTS

1. FOM - Forecasting Operational Model
 - Hydrodynamic model applied to five different areas in the Adriatic Sea.
 - Module for transport diffusion and microbial decay during raining events.
 - Validation of model on field data (water level, temperature, salinity and microbial concentrations) demonstrating the ability of the modeling suite to simulate the Adriatic circulation.
2. ALERT TOOL - Forecasting Model
 - Supporting governance decision making on bathing water regulation.
 - Correspondence relationships when the occurrence of an event triggers notifications to recipients/factors through a communication channel.

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