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## Participation in the Annual event Interreg Italy-Croatia: “Our Shared Blue Basin”

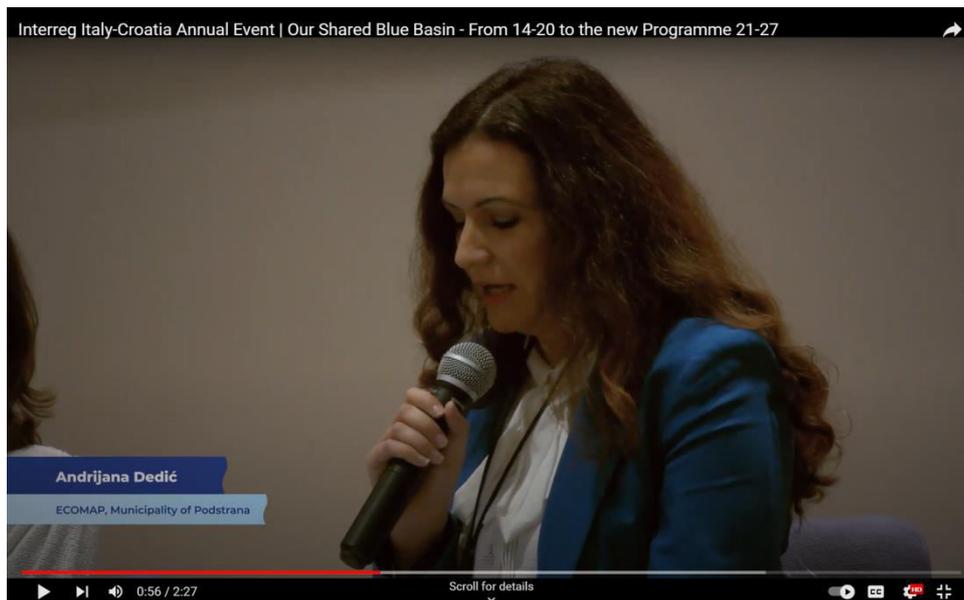
### ABOUT THE EVENT

Ms Andrijana Dedić, Municipality of Podstrana’s representative, has been invited by JS to present the good practice of ECOMAP project at the annual event of the Interreg Italy-Croatia cross-border cooperation programme conference "Our Shared Blue Basin" which was held in Venice on October 24 and 25, 2023.

This event emphasized the achievements of 2014-2020 Programme implementation and introduced the new opportunities of 2021-2027 Programme, its topics and novelties, as well as the key aspects of the first call.

The video of the Conference:

[Interreg Italy-Croatia Annual Event | Our Shared Blue Basin - From 14-20 to the new Programme 21-27 - YouTube](#)

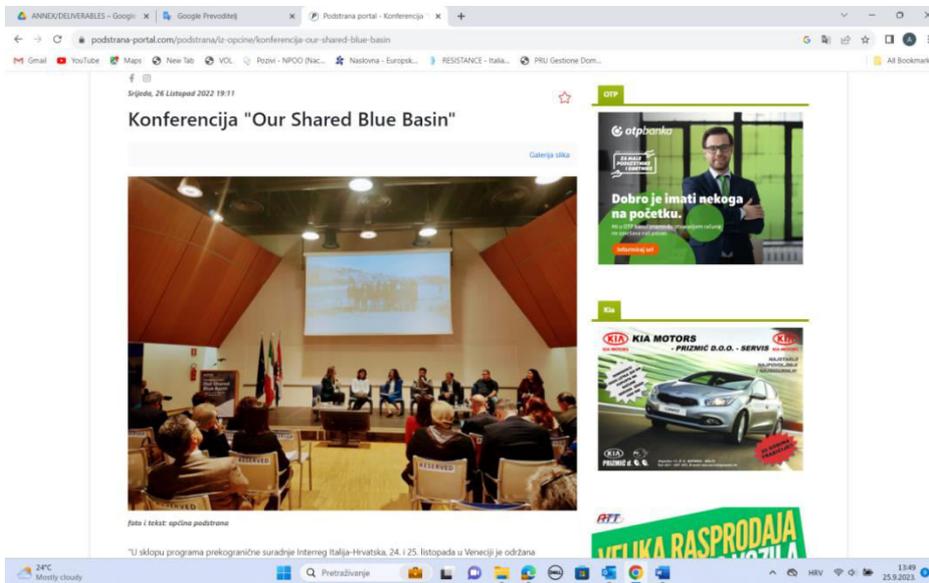


Press release published at Municipality of Podstrana's official website and local web portal Podstrana Portal:

<https://www.podstrana.hr/2022/10/26/odrzonferencija-our-shared-blue-basin/>



<https://podstrana-portal.com/podstrana/iz-opcine/konferencija-our-shared-blue-basin>



### Thematic workshop

## “How to preserve the Adriatic Sea ecosystem and allow a sustainable exploitation of its resources” October 25,2022 | Venice - Italy

On the 25th of October 2022, the RESISTANCE project Thematic workshop took place with the presence of all project partners. The event was realized jointly with Interreg TECHERA project and was part of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Annual Event “Our Shared Blue Basin”.

After an introduction to the event by the RESISTANCE communication manager Ms Zorana Škare (Healthy City) and the TECHERA project representative Ms. Alessia CARIANI (UNIBO), experts from ISPRA (Francesca RONCHI), Municipality of Ravenna (Giulia CILLANI), National Park Kornati (Melanija VODANOV), IUAV (Daniele BRIGOLIN), Emilia-Romagna Region (Luca CHIODINI), Veneto Agricoltura (Nicola SEVERINI), UNIFE (Nicola BARBIERI) and UNIBO (Luca MULAZZANI & Alberto CECCACCI) participated as invited speakers.

During the second part of the workshop, the experts presented "The approaches studied by Techera and Resistance projects:

1. New tools for increasing awareness,
2. Technological and data-driven innovations,
3. Science-stakeholder-policy makers, the triple helix,
4. Socio-economic sustainability patterns'.

They reported and described the progress and techniques of their respective cluster projects under the workshop theme.

Afterwards, a round table discussion took place, entitled “What’s next? Exploring new project ideas”. Prof. Giulio Pojana (University Ca’ Foscari of Venice) acted as moderator of the round table, where today's problems and new ideas regarding the protection of the Adriatic Sea and its fishing and economic riches were presented and discussed among the invited experts.



*Luca Chiodini, Emilia-Romagna Region, project partner representative of the RESISTANCE project*



*The workshop Round Table*

## CONCLUSION

The Conference "Our Shared Blue Basin" was a high-level event that involved numerous stakeholders from different organizations. The relevant speakers included Mr Federico Caner, Councilor of Veneto Region for EU funds, Ms Nataša Tramišak, Croatian Minister of Regional Development and EU Funds, Mr Antonio Verrico, Italian Agency for Territorial Cohesion. The speakers were also representatives of European Commission, Interreg projects, Italian and Croatian Ministries, etc.

Ms Andrijana Dedić, Municipality of Podstrana's representative, presented ECOMAP project during the first day of the conference within the part "A glance at 2014-2020 projects' achievements".

On the second day of the conference the RESISTANCE project thematic workshop took place and was realized jointly with Interreg TECHERA project.

The workshop was attended by 50 participants, including national (2), regional (4), local (2) public authorities and Institutions, regional development agencies (2), innovation and environmental agencies and associations (2), NGOs (1), universities and research institutes (7).

## Thematic workshop “How to preserve the Adriatic Sea ecosystem and allow a sustainable exploitation of its resources”, October 25, 2022 | Venice - Italy

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## RESISTANCE and ECOMAP PROJECT presentation at the Interreg cluster project CREATE Governance workshop

### ABOUT THE EVENT

Ms Andrijana Dedić, Municipality of Podstrana's representative, has been invited by Split-Dalmatia County as a panelist speaker at the Interreg cluster project CREATE Governance workshop: Panel: Sustainable Beach Management through Beach Replenishment - questions and dilemmas. She presented Municipality of Podstrana's beach management and the good practice obtained within RESISTANCE and ECOMAP project.

The panel was moderated by Veljko Srzić, University of Split, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy. The panel discussion participants were Ivana Krstulović Baković, Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Sunce; Maja Krželj, University of Split, University Department of Marine Studies; Ranko Blažević, Municipality of Sutivan; Petra Radić, Municipality of Podgora; Andrijana Dedić, Municipality of Podstrana and Ivana Birčić, University of Split, Underwater Research Club.

***Ivana Krstulović Baković** sees part of the problem in a panel title. She believes that a well-designed and managed beach does not need to be replenished. She stated that in practice she often witnesses that under the term beach replenishment the term beach extension is hidden. She believes that the existing legislation does not provide an answer to the definition itself or guidelines on which material to use. There is no clear guidance on how to manage city beaches.*

***Maja Krželj** emphasized the characteristics of the Adriatic Sea as a very sensitive closed system with of strong interaction between man and the environment on the coastline. The consequences of climate change are visible, such as sea level rise and increasingly stronger and more intense storms, resulting in larger waves, and consequently greater beach erosion can be expected. She stated that in the program period 2021-2027, a lot of focus is given to climate change, but also to the preservation of biodiversity. She believes that coastal protection measures must be implemented to reduce erosion, but the protection of biological diversity must not be forgotten.*

***Ranko Blažević** stated that for many years, as a local unit, beach replenishment was carried out in an irregular manner. Today, we believe that there is a way to beach replenishment without it colliding with sustainable management. To the question: how much do we need the mechanisms defined by the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation, he answered that he believes that they are expensive and long-lasting demanding procedures which are too long for a single political mandate.*

***Petra Radić** believes that one of the measures could be the dispersion of the beach load. This would be achieved by increasing user information about existing beaches, which are not central city beaches. This would reduce the need for beaches replenishment. Furthermore, she sees the solution in increasing the quality of tourist services instead of quantity and by strengthening the demand for the construction of additional services by hoteliers.*

**Andrijana Dedić** stated that, as a municipality, they are obliged to maintain the beaches according to the plan for the management of maritime resources approved by the competent institutions. In the Municipality of Podstrana, the beach is maintained using fine stone aggregate, which is a natural material. It is dosed in such a way as to preserve the face of the beach without increasing its dimensions. It is not easy to achieve the sustainability of coastal zone management in any case. She concluded that today's workshop contributes to achieving a balance between the needs of tourism and the need to preserve the sea and the natural environment.

**Ivana Birčić** presented her experiences and role in beach management. She stated that her organization usually is invited to the field after beach filling. She presented negative examples of beach filling in two local units. In one, construction material/waste was used. In the other, material with a large percentage of soil was used. When the soil enters the marine environment, it simply covers everything in that area, and later, it is distributed by sea currents covering Posidonia meadows, disrupting the biocenosis of infralittoral algae, which play an important role in the primary production of oxygen. She cited positive examples of beach replenishment from Nice, Cannes and Bol on the island of Brač.<sup>1</sup>



Photo of the Workshop

<sup>1</sup>CREATE Report on the results from the workshops on climate Governance in Croatia and Italy, Deliverable no 3.3.3 Work Package 3 Activity 3: Awareness raising and Engagement Authors: Split–Dalmatia County, Abruzzo Region

## Agenda

### CREATE Governance workshop

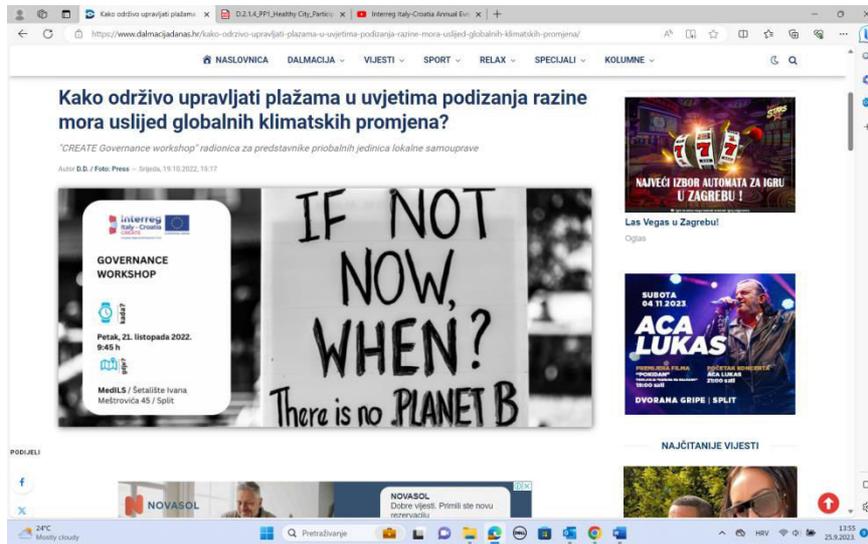
Mediterranean Institute for Life Sciences (MedILS)  
 Šetalište Ivana Meštrovića 45, 21000 Split  
 21<sup>st</sup> of October 2022

<b>9:45– 10:00</b>	<b>Registration &amp; welcome coffee</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b>	<b>Opening: Welcome notes</b> <b>Stipe Čogelja</b> , County Mayor Deputy, Split-Dalmatia County
<b>10:15-11:30</b>	<b><u>Panel 1: Coastal Plan Adoption Challenges</u></b> Moderator: <b>Martina Baučić</b> , University of Split, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Matea Dorčić</b>, Administrative department of Tourism and Maritime affairs, Split Dalmatia County</li> <li>2. <b>Daria Povich Škugor</b>, PAP/RAC</li> <li>3. <b>Dr.sc. Branka Pivčević Novak</b>, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development / <u>Directorate</u> for climate activities / Service for general climate protection policy</li> <li>4. <b>mr.sc. Gojko Berdeng</b>, mag.ing.arch., architect and urban planner</li> <li>5. <b>Sanja Slavica Matešić</b>, Department for Environmental Protection, Spatial Planning, Construction and Communal Affairs, Šibenik-Knin County</li> <li>6. <b>Mili Novak</b>, Public Institution RERA S.D. for Coordination and Development of Split Dalmatia County</li> <li>7. <b>Gorana Jelić Mrčelić</b>, University of Split, Faculty of Maritime Studies</li> </ol>
<b>11:15-11:45</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:45-13:00</b>	<b><u>Panel 2: Sustainable Beach Management through Beach Replenishment - questions and dilemmas</u></b> Moderator: <b>Veljko Srzić</b> , University of Split, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Ivana Krstulović Baković</b>, Association for Nature, Environment and Sustainable Development Sunce</li> <li>2. <b>Maja Krželj</b>, University of Split, University Department of Marine Studies</li> <li>3. <b>Ranko Blažević</b>, Municipality of Sutivan</li> <li>4. <b>Petra Radić</b>, Municipality of Podgora</li> <li>5. <b>Andrijana Dedić</b>, Municipality of Podstrana</li> <li>6. <b>Ivana Birčić</b>, University of Split, Underwater Research Club</li> </ol>
<b>13:00:14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>

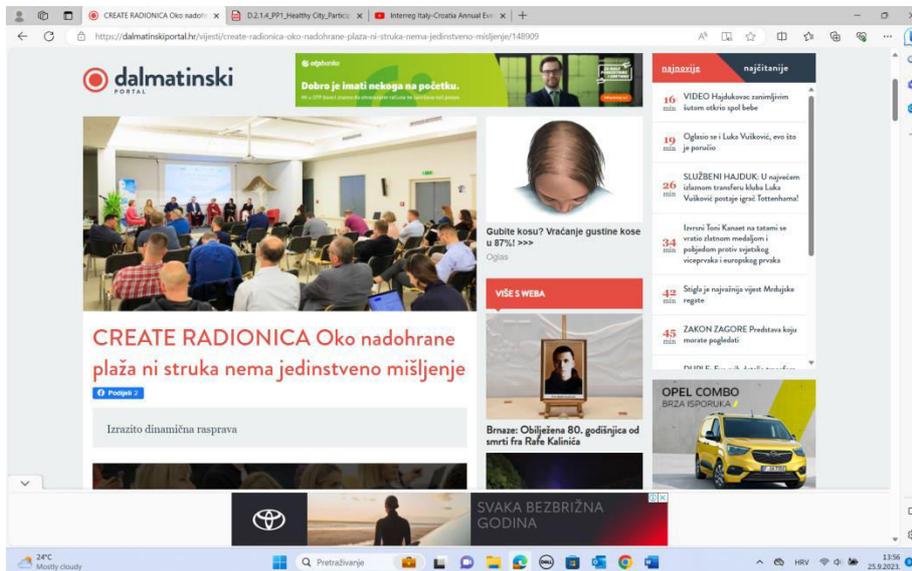
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Press releases published at the regional web portals:

[Kako održivo upravljati plažama u uvjetima podizanja razine mora uslijed globalnih klimatskih promjena?](https://www.dalmacijadanas.hr/kako-odrzivo-upravljati-plazama-u-uvjetima-podizanja-razine-mora-uslijed-globalnih-klimatskih-promjena/)  
- DALMACIJA DANAS



[CREATE RADIONICA Oko nadohrane plaža ni struka nema jedinstveno mišljenje](https://dalmatinskiportal.hr/vijesti/create-radionica-okonadohraneplažanistrukanemajedinstvenomišljenje) | Dalmatinski portal



## Interreg Annual Event - Brussel, 26-27/10/2022

### ABOUT THE EVENT

Cetacea Foundation has been contacted by JS in order to organize in Brussel (during Interreg Annual Event) a performance *Different Waves*, the show created as a communication deliverable of the project Soundscape. Cetacea Foundation representative Alice Pari together with the artistic collective Ground-to-Sea Sound Collective (Fabio Mina, Emiliano Battistini, Mattia Fornaciari) moved in Brussel from October 26 to 27 to perform the show.



Figure 1. Cetacea Foundation, artists and JS in the experience room.

Interreg Annual Event 2022 took place in Brussels, at La Maison de La Poste, Rue Picard 5/7, 1000 Brussels, Belgium, on Wednesday 26, Thursday 27 and Friday 28 October 2022: the name of the event was “Interreg: better together”.



*Figure 2. The plenary session of Interreg Annual Event 2022*

The Interreg Annual Event 2022 brought five Experience rooms to the audience to experience Interreg with all senses: one of these rooms (Experience 2: Cooperation in cultural and creative industries) was managed by our team with another artistic team from a Interreg Nord project (<https://www.instagram.com/aevylor/>).

Different waves is an artistic project inspired by the sea sounds symphony, to share the problem of our impact on marine ecosystems, created with the sounds recorded by the hydrophones deployed in the northern Adriatic sea during the project “Soundscape. SOUNDSCAPES IN THE NORTH ADRIATIC SEA AND THEIR IMPACT ON MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES”

The sounds, recorded in the North Adriatic Sea by hydrophones placed in specific and different place, are mixed, composed in a musical context where sea inhabitant “voices” alternate with the noises that humans produce. The result is an honest and intense dialogue between these sounds recomposed and played live by Emiliano Battistini and the flute and the electronic instruments played by Fabio Mina creating a deep, immersive, contrasting concert. Furthermore, the visual device created by Mattia Fornaciari transposes the sound vibrations.

## CONCLUSION

The performance was played 4 times during the Interreg Annual Event and has been a big public success: each time more or less 25 people participated.

The audience included representatives of projects, of Interreg and other Cross Border Cooperation programs, of the European Commission.

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*Figure 3. The performance on Interreg Annual Event 2022*

The Experience room was promoted on the event's website <https://interreg-annual-event.wmhproject.events/en/experience-rooms>. It's possible to discover more about the projects involved (and also about Soundscape) through the QR code.

**Experience 2: Cooperation in cultural and creative industries**

At the heart of the creative industry are the diverse cultural influences Europe shares and the creative masters of present and past times, creating artistic crafts, the audiovisual industry, design, architecture, music or literature attracting millions of travelers each year to breath in a wiff of the cradle of civilizations and creative novelties. While each country preserves its traditions and cultural heritage, influences float across borders enriching the cultural industry, inspiring each other. Interreg is at the heart of such inspiration and fosters concrete creative industry projects, showing Europe's rich cultural heritage and dynamic cultural and creative sectors. We very much invite you to explore this experience room online and discover many inspiring examples!

[Discover more](#)

**Miro board link**  
or scan:



Figure 4. The description of the "Experience room" on the website of the event.

## “MARLESS International conference” Dubrovnik, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2023

### ABOUT THE EVENT

On the **18th of May 2023**, Fondazione Cetacea participated in the **International Conference of the MARLESS project** at the Lazareti in **Dubrovnik** (Lazareti - Kreativna četvrt Dubrovnika, Ul. Frana Supila 8, 20000, Dubrovnik). The conference was open to the public and saw the participation of 61 guests from Italy, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Montenegro. Participants of this event were MARLESS project partners, scientists, decision makers and general public.



Figure 1 - International conference poster

## PANEL CONFERENCE

The conference was structured into several panels, each with a different topic. The idea was to invite 5 panelists and 1 moderator to sit on the stage of the conference and talk on the topic of the panel. The moderators have dynamically led the conversation since there were no PowerPoint presentations, and the discussion was in the form of casual communication between the moderator, the panelists, and the audience if they had any questions.

The Resistance Project, and in particular, the Soundscape Project, was presented in Panel No. 3 with the topic of **"Marine Litter in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector – Fishermen and Shellfish Farmers as Guardians of the Sea."**

PANEL 3 "Marine Litter in Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector – Fishermen and Shellfish Farmers as Guardians of the Sea."

Dubrovnik, Lazareti, 18.05.2023., 13:30 – 14:30

Pero Tutman, scientific adviser with tenure, Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Split  
Valentina Andrić, Head of the Fisheries Advisory Support Service, Croatian Ministry of Agriculture, Directorate of Fisheries

Marijana Pećarević, Vice Chancellor for International Cooperation and Science of University of Dubrovnik

Martina Monticelli, representative of CETACEA Fondazione  
Moderator, Božica Đurđević

During the event, materials on the projects Interreg RESISTANCE and Interreg SOUNDSCAPE have been distributed (flyers and brochures).

## CONCLUSION

Regional agency DUNEA organized MARLESS international conference on May 18th, day after MARLESS final partners meeting. It was a high level event which consisted of two parts – panel discussions and art program. There were four panel discussions which different themes, but with one general similarity – the problem of marine litter.

The first panel of the MARLESS international conference brought together representatives of the neighbouring countries – Croatia, Italy and Montenegro and unfolds dialogues on the topic of preserving the marine environment that we all share. On this panel it was concluded that marine litter truly knows no administrative boundaries and requires synergic action as a response.

The second panel of the MARLESS international conference hosted experts from Italy and Croatia and covered topics from innovative solutions for marine litter collection and treatment, such are fantastic solutions of robots collecting our garbage and pyrolysis waste treatment.

Scientists, eco-activists, but also decision making representatives participated in third panel, where

they explored the possibilities of new products in fisheries and inspired the introduction of circular economy premises. The fourth and final panel of the MARLESS international conference covered the topic of waste in the sea and biodiversity. In this panel, a lot was told about the problem of plastic waste as a fraction that, once it reaches the environment, never disappears, but is broken down into smaller and smaller pieces, which is called micoplastics.

### PHOTOS



*Figure 2 - Photo of the panel conference*



*Figure 3 - The public of the conference*

## Participation in the European Maritime Day 2023, Brest

### ABOUT THE EVENT

The European Maritime Day (EMD) is the annual two-day event during which Europe’s maritime community meet to network, discuss and outline joint action on maritime affairs and sustainable blue economy. It provides an engaging and completely interactive experience to catch up on the current state of play on a broad range of issues concerning the blue economy and the marine environment and to discuss ways of moving forward. It features a large number of inspirational speakers, thematic sessions, stakeholder workshops and pitch sessions organised by stakeholders and the European Commission.

The EMD targets professionals from businesses, governments, public institutions, NGOs and academia as well as EU citizens interested in the sea. The event hosted an exciting array of exhibitors from around Europe who showcased the blue economy’s innovation and investment potential. In this way, the EMD exhibition space was an ideal place for stakeholders to meet, exchange experience and discuss the latest developments.<sup>2</sup>

The 2023 edition of the European Maritime Day took place in Brest, France, on 24-25 May as physical event. It was organised by the European Commission, the City of Brest, the Region of Brittany, the department of Finistère and the General Secretariat for the Sea.

#### High level sessions

new approach to a sustainable blue economy  
 maritime security  
 innovation in the blue economy  
 A special session on fisheries also took place.

#### Pitch stages sessions

External interlocutors presented ongoing projects in a pitch stage format, specifically in relation to the maritime sector and to the transition towards a sustainable blue economy.

#### Sea’Ties Round Table – EMD cities

A parallel Round Table discussing challenges that port cities are confronted with also took place, hosted by representatives from The Netherlands, France and Italy.<sup>3</sup>

#### PARTICIPANTS

 France	<a href="#"><u>787</u></a>
 Belgium	<a href="#"><u>137</u></a>

<sup>2</sup><https://european-maritime-day-2023.b2match.io/page-1771>

<sup>3</sup>[https://maritime-day.ec.europa.eu/index\\_en](https://maritime-day.ec.europa.eu/index_en)

 Spain	<u>73</u>
 Italy	<u>68</u>
 Portugal	<u>59</u>
 Germany	<u>46</u>
 Netherlands	<u>38</u>
 Ireland	<u>29</u>
 Norway	<u>27</u>
 Greece	<u>27</u>
 United Kingdom	<u>26</u>
 Poland	<u>22</u>
 Denmark	<u>21</u>
 Sweden	<u>20</u>
 Latvia	<u>17</u>
 Finland	<u>12</u>
 Croatia	<u>8</u>
 Romania	<u>7</u>
 United States	<u>6</u>
 Bulgaria	<u>6</u>
 Ukraine	<u>6</u>
 Malta	<u>6</u>
 Luxembourg	<u>5</u>
 Slovenia	<u>5</u>
 Estonia	<u>4</u>
 Switzerland	<u>3</u>
 Turkey	<u>3</u>
 Morocco	<u>3</u>
 Canada	<u>2</u>
 Hungary	<u>2</u>
 Georgia	<u>2</u>
 Cyprus	<u>2</u>
 Somalia	<u>1</u>
 Nigeria	<u>1</u>
 Libya	<u>1</u>
 French Guiana	<u>1</u>
 Lebanon	<u>1</u>
 Martinique	<u>1</u>
 Egypt	<u>1</u>
 Brazil	<u>1</u>
 New Caledonia	<u>1</u>
 Tunisia	<u>1</u>
 Cameroon	<u>1</u>
 Brunei Darussalam	<u>1</u>
 Fiji	<u>1</u>
 Faroe Islands	<u>1</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1493</b>

#### PARTICIPANTS

Private company	<u>316</u>
European institution	<u>98</u>

R&D institution	<u>123</u>
University	<u>177</u>
Authority/Government	<u>317</u>
NGO	<u>103</u>
Consulting	<u>58</u>
International organisation	<u>45</u>
Other	<u>239</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1476<sup>4</sup></b>

## CONCLUSION

In accordance with the RESISTANCE Application Form: Activity details 2.1 All PPs representatives will participate in: offline/online events organized by the Programme or EU institution and in accordance with Factsheet 8 (What the Programme expects from projects?), Municipality of Podstrana (LP), Emilia-Romagna Region (PP5) and National Park Kornati (PP7) participated to the European Maritime Day in Brest, France organized by the European Commission.

LP rented the exhibition stand used for sharing the RESISTANCE project's promotional material and raising awareness about the project among numerous participants present. It was a wonderful opportunity to show project results and gain new knowledge by exchanging experience with the stakeholders.

**Sent:** Thursday, May 25, 2023 5:35 PM  
**To:** Andrijana Dedić  
**Subject:** Thank you !



Dear Andrijana DEDIC,

On behalf of the European Commission "Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries", we would like to thank you for having actively participated in the **European Maritime Day 2023** held in Brest, on **24 and 25 May 2023**.

We were very happy that most of you attended in person in Brest, to enjoy a conference filled with interesting plenary sessions, Pitch sessions, workshops and discussions.

We would appreciate if you could take a few minutes of your time to let us know your opinion of this year's edition of the EMD. Your comments will help improving future EMD conferences. **We kindly ask you to fill in the feedback survey by 15 June 2023** logging in to your profile [on B2Match here](#). Once on your B2Match profile, please click on "Go to feedback".

The recordings of the 'Opening session' and the 'High-Level Panel on a new approach to a Sustainable Blue Economy', and speakers presentations will be available soon on the website.

We look forward to welcoming you next year for the EMD 2024!

For any query, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,  
EMD Secretariat

<sup>4</sup><https://european-maritime-day-2023.b2match.io/page-1771>



Figure 1: Andrijana Dedić (Municipality of Podstrana), Katarina Slavica, Agata Kovačev (NP Kornati)



Figure 2: Andrijana Dedić (Municipality of Podstrana), Leona Grgić, Vedrana Franić (City of Split)



Figure 3: Luca Chiodini (Emilia Romagna Region)



Figure 4: Plenary session

## RESISTANCE PROJECT presentation on Regional Workshop on Planning Tool Cross Boundary Marine Litter Management Plan of the project MARLESS- MARine Litter cross-border awareN ESS and innovation actions; Pula, Croatia, 12 June 2023

### ABOUT THE EVENT

MARLESS Workshop on planning tool - Cross boundary Marine litter management plan was successfully organized in Pula, 12/06/2023.

One of the project's goals is to develop a Cross boundary Marine litter management plan (cross-border governance platform for ML, or planning tool), as a non-legally binding and practical document with aim to share understanding among the partners (IT and HR) on how the EU and Barcelona Convention legal requirements should be implemented. This includes the necessity of a common understanding of technical needs, scientific knowledge, and the socio-economic impact of marine litter in the sub-region of the Adriatic Sea.

The main goal of the workshop was to present and discuss the planning tool. The workshop was also an opportunity to transfer related project results and knowledge gained to the ML authorities (national and regional level) and other interested ML management stakeholders and contributed to ensuring future planning tool implementation.

In order to show the synergy with other projects, Ms. Z. Škare (Healthy City, Communication Management) presented the Interreg Italy - Croatia project RESISTANCE, which capitalizes on six different projects, two of which deal with the marine litter issue and shared already implemented and tested good practices among all stakeholders involved in the event.

**The target audience** of the workshop were all those organizations that deal with the marine litter issues in their activities, and policy makers and the fishing sector were especially important. So, in addition to the project partners, the workshop was attended by representatives of public authorities on international (PAP/RAC), national (Ministry of Agriculture – Fishery Directorate, Ministry of Defense – Coast Guard, Croatian Waters) and regional level (Istria County, Primorje-Gorski Kotar County), but also development agencies, public institutions for nature protection, FLAGs and scientists from universities and research institutes.

### CONCLUSION

To sum up, the workshop aimed to introduce the Cross-boundary Marine Litter Management Plan, a practical guide without legal obligations. The discussions between Croatian and Italian partners focused on aligning with EU and Barcelona Convention laws. It stressed the need for a common understanding of the technical, scientific, and socio-economic aspects of marine litter in the Adriatic Sea. Overall, the collaborative efforts emphasized the importance of a unified approach to effectively manage marine litter in the region.



*Figure1. Regional Workshop on Planning Tool*

**This is the program of the Workshop:**



2014 - 2020 Interreg V-A  
Italy - Croatia CBC Programme  
Call for proposal 2019 Strategic

**Project MARLESS**  
MARine Litter cross-border awareNess and innovation actions

**Regional Workshop on Planning Tool -  
Cross Boundary Marine Litter Management Plan**  
Final Agenda

**Pula, Croatia  
12 June 2023**

Priority Axis: Environment and cultural heritage  
Specific objective: Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable and innovative technologies and approaches.

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**Regional Workshop on Planning Tool -  
Cross Boundary Marine Litter Management Plan**

**12 June 2023  
9:30 – 17:35**

The event deals with the problem of marine litter from a management point of view, presenting legislative framework, state of the art of marine litter, gaps, and cases regarding removal of marine litter such as fishing for litter and river litter.

Venue: PARK PLAZA HISTRIA PULA, Congress Hall Ulika, Verudella 17, 52100 Pula

Online participation - Zoom link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84511739561?pwd=TKYjRDhVVEU0XkU5S2ZkZTF1Ynpqd09>

TIME	TOPIC
9:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:30	Institutional greetings Elizabeta Koj – Directorate for Water Management and Sea Protection, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development Loris Tomliato – Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Veneto Paolo Garofoli – Director of the Environment, Landscape and Urban Quality Department, Puglia Region Ivan Sekavski – United Nations Environment Programme/Mediterranean Action Plan, Priority Actions Programme/Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC), Split Boris Miletić – Istria County

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	Implementation of marine litter monitoring in Croatia in the framework of the EU Marine Strategy Directive (MSFD) – <b>Mirta Smoljaka</b> , Institute Ruder Bosković, Centre for Marine Research, Rovinj, Croatia  Application of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive in Italy: the monitoring of Marine Litter – <b>Enrico Barbano</b> , Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Puglia
13.40–13.55	<b>Planning tool – Sources and trends of Marine litter in the Adriatic Sea</b>  Monitoring marine litter with the aid of remote sensing instruments and model simulations: the MARLESS approach – <b>Stefano Minichelli</b> , Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia / Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Friuli Venezia Giulia
13.55-14.15	<b>Planning tool - Proposals for the objectives and measures for implementation of the joint cross-border marine litter management plan</b>  Marine litter management plan of Republic of Croatia – <b>Pero Tutman</b> , Institute for Oceanography and Fishery, Croatia  The planning tool - Cross-border marine litter management plan: Workshop wrap up upon final discussion - Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
14.15 - 14.25	<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>
	<b>Closing of the workshop</b>
14.25 – 15.25	Light lunch
15.35 – 17.35	<b>Aquarium Pula- visit Mariner Turtle Rescue Centre</b>

After the workshop: 18.20 – 20.20 Guided tour: Pula

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/s/0JRFaMwJc>

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10.30 – 11:00	<b>Project MARLESS achievements</b>  The MARLESS project achievements – <b>Andrea Torresan</b> , Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Veneto  Awareness raising campaign in Region of Istria – <b>Nikola Petrić</b> , Istrian Regional Energy Agency
11.00 – 11.30	<b>State of the art on Marine Litter Management - IT and HR legislative perspective</b>  The SALVAMARE act – <b>Stefania Tessor</b> , Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Veneto, Italy  Croatian marine litter legislation and current activities – <b>Anica Briek Juran</b> , Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Croatia
11.30 – 11.45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.45 – 12.00	<b>Synergies with other ML projects</b>
12.00 – 12.40	<b>RESISTANCE, project achievements – Zorana Štore, Healthy City</b>  <b>Systematic collection of waste from the sea</b>  Fishing for litter in the Adriatic Sea: experience of Fondazione Cetacea – <b>Sauro Paris</b> , Fondazione Cetacea, Italy  The importance of systematic collection of waste from the sea for the fishing sector – <b>Valentina Andrić</b> , Ministry of Agriculture, Fishery Directorate, Croatia
12.40 - 13.10	<b>Monitoring of waste on rivers and water basins from a legislative perspective both in Italy and Croatia</b>  The Management of Waste on Rivers, the MARLESS Experience – <b>Andrea Torresan</b> , Regional Agency for Environmental Protection and Prevention of Veneto, Italy  MSFD implementation on marine litter in Slovenia – <b>Uroš Robić</b> , Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia
13.10 - 13.40	<b>Planning tool - Situation of marine litter management in IT and HR</b>

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## RESISTANCE PROJECT presentation on Final Conference of the project HATCH, The final conference of the project HATCH was held in Hotel Park, Split, Croatia, on the 21st June 2023

### ABOUT THE EVENT

The conference gathered all project partners, associated external experts and representatives of other projects to present the main results and discuss future synergies revolving around the topic of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) in the Adriatic Sea.

Maja Krželj from the University Department of Marine Studies of the University of Split opened the conference with a welcome speech. Following this, Lovro Jurišić from the Joint Secretariat presented the next funding period of the Interreg Italy-Croatia 2021-2027 Programme. A short overview of the HATCH project was given by Sabina Susmel from the University of Udine, lead partner of the project. The core result of the project, the Hadriaticum Data Hub geoplatform was presented by Caterina Dabala from CORILA, whereas Grgur Pleslić from BWI presented the communication activities and stakeholder engagement.

Besides HATCH, other projects with the mutual topic of MSP were presented. Ivan Sekovski from PAP-RAC Split gave a short talk about project CREATE, while **Zorana Škare from Zdravi Grad presented project RESISTANCE**. Slaven Jozić from IOR Split presented project EUROBATH and the presentations were concluded with a short talk about the progress of MSP in eastern Adriatic Sea by Marina Marković from PAP-RAC Split.

Following the presentations, discussion among participants revealed new interesting topics to be addressed in the future collaborations to be achieved not only within the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme, but in conjunction with other initiatives such as EUSAIR.

### CONCLUSION

This event provided a chance to share successful approaches and showcase the results of the RESISTANCE PROJECT. The workshop focused on key scientific findings, highlighting essential parameters to guide the collection of data. The goal is to develop the most fitting and environmentally-friendly solutions for effective Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP).



*Figure 1: Mrs. Zorana Škare, presenting RESISTANCE project*



*Figure 2: Final Conference*

## This is the program of the Conference:



### HATCH

#### Hadriaticum DATA HUB

Data management, protocols harmonization,  
preparations of guidelines: cross-border tools for  
maritime spatial planning decision-makers

#### Final conference

21<sup>st</sup> of June 2023, Split

#### Agenda

Event venue: Hotel Park

<https://www.hotelpark-split.hr>

Hotel Park - **Hotels d.o.o.**  
Ukrajinska 3, 21000 Split, Hrvatska  
Tel/fax: +385 21 40 64 00  
Fax: +385 21 40 64 01  
E-mail: [hotelpark@hotelpark-split.hr](mailto:hotelpark@hotelpark-split.hr)

Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June

09:30 – 10:00	Participant registration
10:00–10:15	Opening of the conference and welcome speech
10:15 – 10:30	Welcome speech and presentation by Joint Secretariat Ljiljana Jurić, INTERREG V A Italy-Croatia CBC Programme
10:30 – 10:45	HATCH project – introductory presentation Sabina Susani, Project coordinator, University of Udine
10:45 – 11:00	Presentation of the thematic project outputs and results (WP3) Caterina Dabaja, CORILA
11:00 – 11:20	Presentation of the Communication outputs (WP2) Goran Česlec, BWI
11:20– 11:30	Presentation of project HATCH video
11:30– 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:15	Presentation of cluster project CREATE Ivan Sekouški, PAP-RAC Split
12:15 – 12:30	Presentation of cluster project RESISTANCE Anđelina Dedić, Municipality of Podstrana, Zorana Skarić, Zoranić
12:30 – 12:45	The effect of variation in faecal indicator bacteria (FIB) on the assessment of bathing water quality – Slavko Jozić, IOR - EUROBATH
12:45 – 13:00	MSPtrends in the Eastern Adriatic Marina Marković, PAP-RAC Split
13:00– 14:30	Discussion and closing
14:30 – 16:00	Light lunch

LINK FOR HYBRID EVENT – to be inserted

## Interreg Event - Strategic initiatives shaping the future: results of the Strategic projects from the 2014-20 programming period

### ABOUT THE EVENT

University of Ferrara – PP4, was involved by JS Interreg Italy-Croatia in order to participate at event “Strategic initiatives shaping the future: results of the Strategic projects from the 2014-20 programming period” on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, in Ferrara (University of Ferrara, Aula Magna Giurisprudenza).

During the event the 11 Interreg Strategic Projects showcased results, highlighting the synergies with other funds that they were able to create during their implementation. Future “Operation of Strategic Importance” were also discussed, presenting their main features and the approach chosen by the Interreg Programmes.

Speakers from the Programme bodies, Italy-Croatia funded projects and relevant EU and national/regional Institutions brought their contributions and encourage the audience to foster the debate.

University of Ferrara representatives were invited to highlight on University of Ferrara Interreg 2014-2020 projects. In particular Professor Carmela Vaccaro, was invited to describe the aims and results of NET4mPLASTIC, ECOMAP projects and RESISTANCE cluster project.

The event was promoted on event’s website <https://interreg-events.blumm.it/interreg-strategic-initiatives-shaping-the-future>. The event was live on site and online.

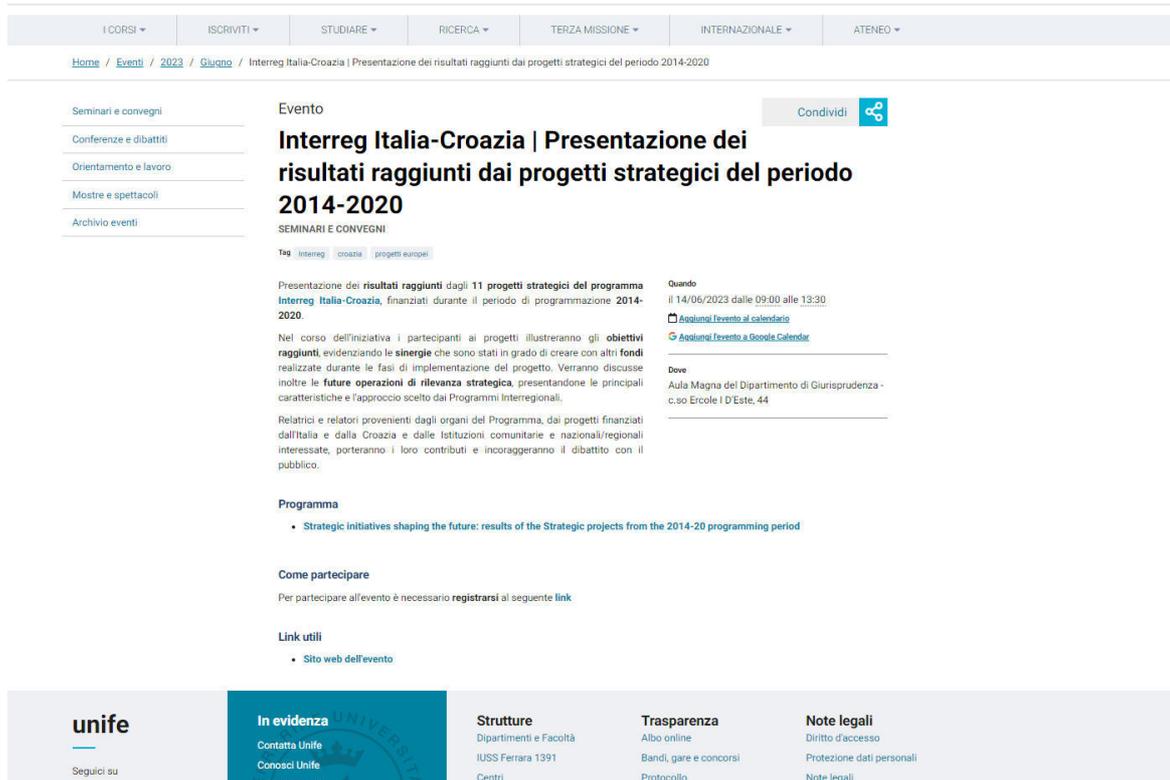
The event news was also published on University of Ferrara web page <https://www.unife.it/it/eventi/2023/giugno/interreg-italia-croazia>

### CONCLUSION

The event organized by the Italy-Croatia Management Authority included speeches in particular from the vice-rector of the University of Ferrara, Evelina Lamma, the councilor of the Emilia-Romagna Region, Paolo Calvano, as well as Oliver Baudalet, from the European Commission ( Dg Regio), Stella Arneri, of the Croatian Ministry for Regional Development, Marco Doglia, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers and also other institutions such as the Economic Policies, Human Capital and Programming of EU Funds Area of the Veneto Region. Representatives of research institutions and local authorities and of community, national and regional institutions attended the event in person and online.

The event dealt with issues related in particular to the promotion of economic and sustainable development, the protection of natural assets, the valorization of cultural heritage, and the

implementation of cross-border mobility and sustainable maritime transport solutions, highlighting the potential of the Interreg Program for produce a positive change in the territories of the Cooperation Area, enhancing the results achieved and promoting the themes for the new challenge of 2021-27 programming.



**Interreg Italia-Croazia | Presentazione dei risultati raggiunti dai progetti strategici del periodo 2014-2020**

**SEMINARI E CONVEGNI**

**Quando**  
il 14/06/2023 dalle 09:00 alle 13:30

**Dove**  
Aula Magna del Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza - c.so Ercole I D'Este, 44

**Programma**

- Strategic initiatives shaping the future: results of the Strategic projects from the 2014-20 programming period

**Come partecipare**

Per partecipare all'evento è necessario **registrarsi** al seguente **link**

**Link utili**

- Sito web dell'evento

Figure 1: Event announcement



**Strategic initiatives shaping the future: results of the Strategic projects from the 2014-20 programming period**

📅 14th June 2023

📍 Ferrara - University of Ferrara, Aula Magna Giurisprudenza | Corso Ercole I d'Este, 37, 44121 Ferrara FE

▶ Live on site and online

🕒 9.00 am - 3.00 pm

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Figure 2: Event announcement



Figure 3: Professor Carmela Vaccaro presenting results of NET4mPLASTIC, ECOMAP projects and RESISTANCE cluster project