

Memorandum of Understanding on trans-national cooperation for economic development in the blue economy

Between the Parties:

- The **Technology Transfer and Innovation** is the innovation agency promoted by the Chambers of commerce of Treviso-Belluno, Verona and Venice-Rovigo. t2i supports companies in defining and developing innovative pathways through the establishment of networks for technology transfer and the deployment of value-added services for industries and organisations also by means of co-funding programmes at local and european level.
- The **Unioncamere del Veneto** (hereinafter UCV) is the Association of all Camere di Commercio (Chambers of Commerce, CCIAA) of Veneto Region. Its activities regard the support and promotion of local business activities, coordinating the relations with the Veneto Region and the local authority representatives. Its mission is to promote the development of local economy.
- The **Department of Economics, Management, Mathematics and Statistical Science "Bruno de Finetti" (DEAMS)** and the **Department of Engineering and Architecture (DIA)** of the **University of Trieste** are high education centers that promote and coordinate teaching and research activities in the fields of, the first, economics, business economics, statistics and mathematics applied to economics and social science, the second, in naval architecture and marine engineering, including environmental issues arising from the construction of maritime works in offshore research and exploitation.
- The **Maritime Technology Cluster FVG S.c.ar.l.** (hereinafter MareFVG) is a Limited Consortium non-profit company. Its activities aim to promote and develop scientific and applied research, the technological advancement and training of the companies engaged in the maritime sectors as well as the development of relationships among enterprises, universities and research centers. Its mission is favoring the growth of intangible assets of maritime sectors in the Friuli Venezia Giulia region.
- The **Informest Development Agency** has more than 20-years' experience in national, transnational, and cross-border cooperation, with a focus on capacity building and strategic territorial and social local development and on creation of awareness raising

campaigns and communication on EU topics and activities. Informest is skilled in drafting regional policies and operative programmes in transports, social, education, environment, health, energy efficiency, tourism.

- The **University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies** (hereinafter Faculty of Maritime Studies) is a Croatian public Institution that provides educational cycles (undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate studies) as well as scientific activities in the field of Maritime Economy. Its mission is to provide knowledge in the fields of engineering, technology, economics, law and management in order to develop the necessary skills and competences to success in maritime and related transport industries.
- The **Istrian Development Agency - IDA Ltd.** (hereinafter IDA) is a Croatian regional development agency owned by Region of Istria and all Istrian cities (Buje, Buzet, Labin, Novigrad, Pazin, Poreč, Pula, Rovinj, Umag, Vodnjan), focused on economy development in Istria. Its mission is to work on different scope of activities and their implementation on various projects in accordance with sustainable development.

The CLASS4.0 (CLuster for dAta-driven Solutions in the Sea economy 4.0) project aims at enhancing the framework conditions for innovation in the relevant sectors of the blue economy within the cooperation area, especially focusing on the opportunities offered by Data driven solutions in the circular and sea economy.

Article I: The Purpose of Memorandum

The purpose of this MoU is to promote trans-national partnership to sustain the growth, the economic and institutional development of the parties involved in the blue economy operating in Croatia and Italy (mainly, but not limited to) actors based in the regions facing the Adriatic – Ionian Sea, through the creation of a network of diversified stakeholders aimed to support collaboration for knowledge creation and exchange, progress in competences and entrepreneurship opportunities at the international level.

Cooperation activities envisaged by this Memorandum are based on the principle of equality, mutual benefit and win-win collaboration. Parties commit themselves to give

priority and communication in mutual involvement in any activity, project or initiative linked to the targeted territories and the reference topics of the INTERREG CLASS 4.0 project.

Article II: Scope of Cooperation

The cooperation between the Parties mainly includes the following contents.

Sustain knowledge exchange and business support through community development (regular meetings and events, shared dataset of contacts)

Parties will be involved in constant sharing of details related to initiatives and activities linked to blue sector and innovation relying on information sources at regional and national level. Public meetings bridging production and technology chains, project related events and institutional and policy activities will be diffused among respective stakeholders. In addition, the parties will operate simultaneously for designing joint events or side events of common interest for both territories involved.

Promotion of joint innovation activities to foster sustainable product and process innovation in the field of blue economy

Parties will coordinate themselves to organize common events tailored to support product and process innovation in the field of blue economy. Specific topics will be agreed by the parties involved and will be supported by local stakeholders and public administrations with the aim of stimulating the participation of enterprises. In addition, parties involved will clearly define target groups involved and the main aim of the event.

Support to technology transfer among research organizations and firms to enhance business competitiveness within the blue economy / value chain

The parties will define a framework of relations designed to support mutual coordination among target groups of both territories – enterprises, universities and research centers. The objective is to facilitate the exchange of key information for linking interested actors in technology transfer activities to enhance business and innovation competitiveness of the blue economy and related value chain.

Specific innovation forums will be organized once per year focusing on tailored innovation topics combining needs and priorities of the target groups. The parties will regularly share project achievements to the target groups and will diffuse and inform interested actors on active business and innovation platforms in the blue sector.

Collaboration to sustain internationalization.

All parties will work together to define standardized procedures to support and sustain internationalization through sharing of information on mutual fairs organized by aggregation and business-related players, stimulate the participation of enterprises to any matchmaking event, support joint development of European projects and sharing of mutual portfolio on enterprises involved in the network. On site initiatives will be designed with the involvement of the local reference party to support the organization of study visits, mutual exchange of delegations during local events and organization of custom matchmaking events. The before mentioned activities will be organized in accordance to internal procedure of each Party.

Article III: Governance

All Parties of the Memorandum of Understanding guarantee their commitment in the scope of cooperation. Any decision regarding the activities implemented will be taken at a majority of two thirds and each Party will have one vote. A Coordinator will be selected and will be responsible for coordinating the parties and for reporting at least semestery on the activities foreseen after collecting contribution from all the parties involved. All parties will guarantee diffusion and dissemination of the activities promoted in the Memorandum of Understanding.

Each Party will have the role of Coordinator for 1 year, following the order indicated at the beginning of this document.

Article IV: The Final Terms

The Parties are committed to securing confidentiality and non-disclosable information and protecting the intellectual property rights and other the legitimate rights and interests of the other Parties.

Matters not covered by the Memorandum shall be settled with the written agreement of the interested Parties, as a supplement to the memorandum.

The Memorandum will be effective for two years, during which it may be amended or extended with a written proposal from either Party and the agreement of the other Parties. If either Party wishes to terminate the Memorandum, a three-month advance notice in writing, as well as a written consent by the other Parties, are required.

This Memorandum consists of 14 pages; each Party holds an original one.

Done in duplicate on 6th of June 2023.

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Date 06/06/2023

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Expression of interests

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The following parties express their interest in the scope of cooperation and the activities included in the Memorandum of Understanding on trans-national cooperation for economic development in the blue economy.

They are committed to sustain and contribute to the cooperation through their expertise, network, field of specialization and related activities as well as to support the enlargement of the cooperation through institutional engagement in a subsequent phase.

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