

Draft agenda

Conference: Marine technologies and implementation for sustainable blue economy

Date: November 13th, 2024

Venue: Sala Rossini on the first floor of Caffè Pedrocchi (Via VIII Febbraio, 15, 35122 Padova PD)

Organizers: DIH Innovamare project – Croatian Chamber of Economy, Unioncamere del Veneto, University of Padova

About conference:

Croatian Chamber of Economy - coordinator of the DIH InnovaMare project, Unioncamere del Veneto - project partner, and the University of Padova - associate partner are organizing a conference focused on marine technologies and their implementation, aimed at engaging stakeholders such as spin-offs, students, and researchers. The conference will disseminate results and promote the development of spin-offs, with Wireless and More, a spin-off company from the University of Padova, being one of the project partner. The event will highlight the potential for digital and green transformations within the blue economy, encouraging students and researchers to explore new research topics or study programs. Key outcomes, including an updated map of excellence, will be shared with students, companies, and researchers within the university community. This will foster connections and collaborations among researchers and companies, enhancing the overall research and development ecosystem.



9:30 - 10:00 Registration and welcome coffee

Participants: All attendees

10:00 - 10:20 Opening remarks

Speakers:

- Deputy rector of the University of Padova, Giancarlo Dalla Fontana
- President of the Unioncamere del Veneto, Antonio Santocono (tbc)
- Expert Maritime Affairs and Ocean Observation, former EC official, Iain Shepherd

10:20 - 10:45 Map of excellence - new potential in digital and green transformation in the blue economy

Presentation of key results and updated Map of Excellence – presentation of innovative marine technologies - marine robotics and sensors and their successful implementation

Participants

- Representative of the DIH Innovamare project – presentation of the results of the mapping

10:45 - 12:00 Panel discussion – how to enhance application of marine technologies in blue economy sectors with use of testing sites in Europe

Moderator:

- Croatian Chamber of Economy, Project Coordinator, DIH InnovaMare, Mateo Ivanac

Panelists:

- Ruben Eiras, Secretary-General, Fórum Oceano (tbc)
- Frode Halvorsen, Cluster Manager at Ocean Autonomy Cluster, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) (remote)
- End user – representative from a company implementing marine technologies from mapping process



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- Iain Shepherd, Expert Maritime Affairs and Ocean Observation, former EC official
- WSense – provider of the technology (tbc)
- mareFVG: the role of a regional technology cluster to support blue innovation -Carlo Kraskovic – Senior Project Manager

12:00 - 12:30 Matchmaking sessions (coffee station for all the duration of the conference)

12:30 – 13:30 - Panel discussion: How to fund research and innovation in the blue economy – potential opportunities

Moderator:

- Directorate for Strategic Planning and Coordination of EU Funds, Head of Sector, Marija Rajaković (tbc)

Panelists:

- Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries – Claus Schultze - (remote)
- European Investment Bank (EIB) – Antonella Calvia Gotz - (remote)
- PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Christelle Sapata (tbc)
- Horizon Europe: Cluster 6 Food, Bioeconomy, Natural Resources, Agriculture and Environment - Flavia La Colla - APRE (remote)
- Opportunities within the European Innovation Council programme (EIC) – Stefania De Santi - APRE
- Dimitris Zisis, Associate Professor at the University of the Aegean at the Department of Product & Systems Design Engineering - (remote)

13, 30 - 14,45 Lunch and networking



14,45-15,45 - Round table - Entrepreneurship and market opportunities for research in blue economy

Opportunities for young researchers – in spin offs and start-ups, new research topics in marine technology, study programs for blue economy, career development opportunities

Moderator:

- Innovation Management and Entrepreneurship at the University of Trieste, Guido Bortoluzzi

Participants:

- Young researchers from ITA or CRO from mapping process
- Spin off representative from ITA - Wireless and More: activities and role in the DIH Innovamare – Antonio Montanari - Wireless and More
- Spin off representative from CRO – SeaCras
- A European Pact for the Oceans: the role of the INEST project – Prof.ssa Maria Cristina Pedicchio
- Presentation of SubSeaPulse SRL, new start-up dedicated to communications and sensors for the maritime domain - Filippo Campagnaro - University of Padua, SubSeaPulse SRL

15,45-16,15 Blue economy projects presentation

- MareSkill project, Frane Urem, project coordinator
- Eccentric, Roberto Sandrini, project coordinator
- inno2mare, prof. dr. Marina Ivašić Kos, project coordinator (tbc)

16:15 – 16:30 Closing remarks

Speakers:

- Project Coordinator, DIH InnovaMare, Croatian Chamber of Economy, Mateo Ivanac

