

MISSION4WATER PROJECT

JOINT NETWORKING AND MATCHMAKING CONFERENCE






Visioning safer future for our children by keeping our waters clean -
Initiatives and good practices providing innovative solutions for sustainable
development in Adrion area

Wednesday, 15 April 2026

09.00-15.30

Location: COWORKING PULA, Marulićeva 5, 52100 Pula, Croatia

Time	Session
08:45-09:00	Arrival of participants and registration
09:00-09:20	Institutional welcome <i>Istrian Development Agency - IDA Ltd.</i> <i>City of Pula</i> <i>Region of Istria</i>
09:20-09:50	Keynote 1 MISSION4WATER - Multidisciplinary strategic partnerShip providing innovative Solutions to reduce pOllutants dispersioN in water (Interreg IPA ADRION) - Project presentation and overview of main priorities and challenges <i>Speaker: Gaetano Cascini (Politecnico di Milano)</i>
09:50-11:00	Panel 1 Addressing water protection challenges and initiatives in Adrion area Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ MISSION4WATER (IPA ADRION) project representative _ <i>Hydro-Engineering Institute Sarajevo_ Sabina Hadziahmetovic</i> ✚ TEAMFORADRI (IPA ADRION) project representative - <i>YouSea institute_ Slovenia_ Diana Lorena Rico Velez</i> ✚ WASTEREDUCE project (Interreg Italy-Croatia 2021.-2027.)- <i>Institute for Agriculture and Tourism Poreč_ Barbara Sladonja, Ph.d.</i> ✚ TDR d.o.o.(BAT ADRIA), <i>Kanfanar_ Matea Hervat Dobrila/ Kristijan Rabar</i> ✚ Marservis d.o.o., <i>Kaštelir_ Luciano Beg</i> <i>Moderator: Istrian Development Agency - IDA Ltd._ Tamara Kiršić</i>
11:00-11:20	Coffee break
11:20-11:50	Keynote 2 Usage of VR technologies in maritime research and education - BEST4.0 - Blue Economy Sectors Digital Transformation towards Industry 4.0 (Interreg Italy-Croatia 2021.-2027.)

	<i>Speakers: Demir Barić, Dario Ogrizović, PhD. M.E., Luka Liker, PhD. M.E. (University of Rijeka - Faculty of Maritime Studies)</i>
11:50-13:00	<p>Panel 2 Innovative cooperation ideas and opportunities for water protection and sustainable development in Adriatic area Participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  MISSION4WATER (IPA ADRION) project representative_ <i>Valbona Mazreku_Milieukontakt Shqipëri, Albania</i>  Istarski vodovod d.o.o._<i>Bojana Hajduk Černeha, Ph.D.</i>  University of Pula, Faculty of natural sciences_<i>Neven Iveša, Ph.D.</i>  DIH INNOVAMARE project representative (Interreg Italy-Croatia 2021.-2027.)_<i>Mateo Ivanac</i>  Institute of Public Health of the Istrian Region_<i>Nina Grbac/Ozren Grozdanić, Ph.D.</i> <p><i>Moderator: University of Zagreb, Faculty of mechanical engineering and naval architecture_Tomislav Martinec, Ph.D.M.E.</i></p>
13:00-14:00	Networking lunch
14:00-15:00	<p>Quadruple helix matchmaking interactive discussion session "Integrating academia into water sector innovation - exploring options of transforming student research and case studies into solutions for entities investing in water protection and sustainable development"</p> <p>Participants: all interested stakeholders</p>
15:00-15:30	Q and A General discussion

Conference working language: English

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/h58Q1KiYKx874hi38>

Registrations are open until: Monday, 13.04.2026.