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## ALL-FORA OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, CITIES AND UNIVERSITIES SIDE-EVENTS 6<sup>TH</sup> EUSAIR FORUM

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The Adriatic and Ionian Fora of Chambers of Commerce, Universities and Cities and their members, in cooperation with Adriatic and Ionian Initiative – Chairmanship of the Republic of Slovenia organize three online Round Table as Side-Events of the 6<sup>th</sup> EUSAIR Forum.

The webinars will analyze and discuss three main topics: Climate Change, Blue Economy and Circular Economy.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

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## All-FORA online Side-Event n.1

### ***“Saline intrusion: a potential risk for coastal aquifer management in a changing climate”***

**10<sup>th</sup> May 10:00 – 12:00**

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. Since 2019 a multidisciplinary team from Italy and Croatia have been working together on the project "ASTERIS Adaptation to Saltwater inTrusion in sEa level Rise Scenarios" which aims at identifying and mapping needs and barriers in risk management and to provide practical tools for a sustainable management through the identification of boundary conditions at a local scale. Moreover, in coherence with Priority of the Slovenian Presidency “Improving quality of life in the coastal area of our shared sea” the event will also focus on bathing water as potential risks for urban wastewater management in consideration of the effects of climate change. The Event, organized in cooperation with Municipality of Fano and University of Urbino, will open a discussion among different stakeholders engaged in this specific field, and it will be an opportunity to share ASTERIS and WATERCARE project as a good practices.

#### **Agenda**

##### **10:00 Welcome Greetings and Introduction**

- Amb. Milan Jazbec – All Chairman-in-office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco – Adriatic Ionian Initiative Permanent Secretariat
- Massimo Seri – Mayor of the Municipality of Fano, Vice-president of the Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities
- Andrea Perna - Secretary General of UniAdriion (Association of Universities of the Adriatic and Ionian Area)
- Simone Galeotti – Professor University of Urbino “Carlo Bo”, Department of Pure and Applied Sciences, Lead Partner of ASTERIS Project

##### **10:30 Opening 1st technical session – “Saline intrusion: a potential risk for coastal aquifer management in a changing climate”**

**Moderator:** Maurizio Polemio – National Research Council – Research Institute for Geo-Hydrological Protection (CNR-IRPI)

- Nicola Quaranta (Geo engineering, Turin, Italy) - hydrogeologist external expert
- Monika Zovko, PhD, on behalf of IACKR – Institute for Adriatic Crops and Karst Reclamation, Croatian ASTERIS project partner
- Lorenzo Calabrese - Emilia Romagna Region – Geological, Seismic and Soil Survey “Hydrogeological characterization and saltwater intrusion in coastal phreatic aquifer of Emilia–Romagna Region, Italy”

##### **11.00 Discussion and Closure of the 1st technical session: Moderator**

##### **11.20 Opening 2nd technical session – “Bathing water: the potential risks for urban wastewater management in consideration of the effects of climate change”**

**Moderator:** Ivana Kristovic – DNZ (Hr) - Moderator

- Antonella Penna – UNIURB (It)
- Luigi Bolognini – Marche Region (It)
- Ivo Duracic – DNZ (Hr)

##### **11:50 Discussion and Closure of the 2nd technical session: Moderator**

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Comune di Vasto

## All-FORA online Side-Event n.2

### "Small ports in the Blue Economy strategy"

10<sup>th</sup> May 15:00 – 17:00

The Round Table aims to illustrate how the global and sustainable growth of the small ports of the Adriatic Sea can be encouraged through a long-term strategy.

The Chamber of Commerce of Chieti Pescara and the Municipality of Vasto would like to start a debate on how to strengthen the economic role of small ports for the development of coastal areas and in particular how they contribute to the whole strategy of blue economy and international transport.

The program includes a specific focus on: small ports and marinas in the Adriatic Sea, in particular in the Abruzzo and Molise area and in Calabria, and in the Mediterranean in general, thanks to the interventions of the Port Authority of Rovinj, a small port of the Istrian region of Croatia and the University of Rijeka, one of the few realities that includes a faculty for maritime studies.

#### Agenda

**Moderator: Fabio Travaglini** – Vicepresident of ASPO Ortona Vasto

#### 15:00 Welcome Greetings and Introduction

- Gennaro Strever – President Chamber of Commerce of Chieti Pescara
- Francesco Menna – Mayor of Vasto
- Gino Sabatini – President Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce
- Amb. Milan Jazbec – All Chairman-in-office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco – Adriatic Ionian Initiative Permanent Secretariat
- Alfio Pugliese, Presidente Chamber of Commerce of Crotona
- Mario Miccoli – President of ASPO Ortona Vasto

#### 15:30 Round table

- Gaetana Claudia Rubino - Chamber of Commerce of Crotona "*The coexistence of tourism and industry in a small Italian port: the case of Crotona*"
- Gennaro Ciccarelli - Senior Researcher at Elevante Srl "*Intermodality for the development of distribution strategies in Abruzzo Region*"
- Drazen Zgaljic - Assistant Professor at University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies "*The situation of small ports and marinas in Croatia: limits and development potential*"
- Marco Mazzarino - Professor at IUAV University of Venice "*FRAME(s)PORT project: Strategic approach of small ports along the Adriatic coast*"
- Donald Schiozzi - Director of Rovinj Port Authority "*Small ports: the case of the port of Rovinj*"

#### 17.00 Closing Greetings

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## All-FORA online Side-Event n.3

### "SMEs towards the Circular Economy"

12<sup>th</sup> May 16:00-18:00

The Circular Economy Action Plan is at the core of the European Green Deal, the EU roadmap towards climate-neutrality. It is crucial to help European businesses and consumers to make the transition to a stronger and more circular economy where resources are used in a more sustainable way. The implementation of this plan, which aims to make the economy cleaner and more competitive, will impact SMEs through: measures to reinforce waste management, measures on the usage of critical raw materials and support to implement the circular economy strategies and practices. SMEs are experiencing more difficulties in adopting such strategies and practices, due to: their more limited organizational, technological and financial capacity; and less access to (pre)- financing for circular solutions. The event, organized in cooperation with Marche Chamber of Commerce and Split Chamber of Economy, aims to learn more about the framework on the Green Deal with particular reference to the circular economy in some of the EUSAIR countries, through training and support schemes for companies and best practices of European projects, territorial initiatives and circular economy entrepreneurial activities.

#### Agenda

**Moderator: Elena Gentilini, Progetto Arcadia**

#### **16:00 Welcome Greetings and Introduction**

- **Gino Sabatini** – President Forum of the Adriatic and Ionian Chambers of Commerce, President of Marche Chamber of Commerce
- **Joze Tomas** – President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy, County Chamber of Split
- **Amb. Milan Jazbec** – All Chairman-in-office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- **Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco** – Adriatic Ionian Initiative Permanent Secretariat

#### **16:20 The European Green Deal and the circular economy - the European and EUSAIR context**

- **Maria Rincon Lievana** - EU Commission, DG ENV, Team Leader Circular Economy Action Plan "A new Circular Economy Action Plan for a cleaner and more competitive Europe"

#### **16:40 How to foster innovation for the circular economy in SMEs**

- **Marco Botteri** - Ecocerved Scarl "The role of the Italian Chambers of Commerce in the circular economy"
- **Representative Croatian Chamber of Economy** "The role of the Croatian Chamber in the circular economy"
- **Dragica Marinič**, Maribor Chamber of Commerce – the experience of the Slovenian Chambers of Commerce

#### **17:10 Best practices - European projects, territorial initiatives and circular economy entrepreneurial activities**

- **Antonija Buzov** - University of Split, Faculty of Economics "Presentation of the CBRO - a friend of the sea"
- **Paolo Baldoni** - Garbage Group, "Pelikan, cleaning the sea. A shared system of know-how and technology to defend the environment"
- **Lorenza Natali** - Marche Chamber of Commerce "COSME CEnTOUR project, Circular Economy in Tourism"
- **Ioannina Chamber of Commerce\*** - "Interreg Greece-Italy Circle-In project – Promoting CIRCULAR Economy Investments and policies in the cross-border area of Greece-Italy" (tbc)

#### **18.00 Closing statement: Moderator**

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