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**Tirana**

**ONE-DAY CONFERENCE IN ALBANIA: MARCH 10, 2025**

**Tirana, Albania**

**“Black Diamond Hotel”**

**Address: Sheshi Selvia, Rr. Siri Kodra Tirane**

**Agenda**

**Moderated by:**

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**Expert in Coastal &Marine Sustainable development**

**Agenda**

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| 09:00- Get together and registration  09:15 Start of the meeting  Opening remarks  Welcome speech Mr. Ledion Lako, General Director, National Coastal Agency  Mrs. Klodiana Çollaku, Executive Director CEAPAL  Representative from JS, To be decided  Representative from Puglia Region, Dr. Silvia Visciano | |
| 10:00  S3: A Pathway to Innovation in Albania’s Priority Sectors | **Prime Minister Office (to be confirmed)** |
| Contents and  inputs | Presentation of the S3 strategy in Blue Economy in Albania |
| Expected output | Boost Albania’s competitive advantage while ensuring environmental sustainability and integrates Albania into broader EU maritime initiatives. |
| 10:15  Blue Economy, driver of the change in the S3 Regional Strategy | Mrs. Valeria **Patruno**  **ARTI (Puglia Region)** |
| Contents and  inputs | Presentation of the S3 regional strategy, with specific focus in Blue Economy |
| Expected output | Acquire awareness on the strategic role of the blue economy as a driver or regional development |
| 10:45  The role of the HEI-s in the blue economy! The case of UAMD | Prof. Dr. **Osman Metalla**  Faculty of Professional Studies, UAMD Stars EU, MEP |
| Contents and  inputs | The role of UAMD in advancing the blue economy through technology transfer, the integration of MEP&M and Zero C projects, and fostering innovation and sustainability in marine and coastal sectors. |
| Expected output | An analysis of UAMD's contributions and strategies for leveraging HEIs to drive innovation, sustainability, and zero-carbon solutions in the blue economy. |
| 11:15 What are “ghost nets? Identification and their impact on the marine environment | **Prof. As. Jerina Kolitari** Department of Management Aquaculture and Fishery (Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania) |
| Contents and  inputs | Definition of ghost nets (abandoned fishing gear), and analysis of their environmental impacts, such as harm to marine life, ecosystems, and navigation hazards. |
| Expected output | A comprehensive assessment of ghost nets' impact, strategies for removal and prevention, and policy recommendations to mitigate their environmental and economic effects. |
| 11: 45 Coffee break | |
| 12:00 Digitalization of the maritime domain and use of digital twins to model future development | **Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kristofor Lapa**  Department of Maritime Sciences, University of Vlora, Albania |
| Contents and  inputs | Real-time maritime data (from sensors, GPS, AIS systems, etc.), port operations data, environmental data, and simulation tools to analyse efficiency, safety, and sustainability. |
| Expected output | Predictive models for maritime operations, optimized logistics, risk assessments, and actionable insights for future infrastructure |
| 12:30 Albania Action Plan S3 Blue Economy | **Brunilda Liçaj PhD**  Expert in Coastal &Marine Sustainable development  **Prof. As. Jerina Kolitari** Department of Management Aquaculture and Fishery (Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania) |
| Contents and  inputs | Strategic priorities for fostering innovation and sustainability in the blue economy, within the S3 framework |
| Expected output | A comprehensive, actionable plan for driving sustainable development in the blue economy, aligning with global sustainability goals. |
| 13:15 Advancing the Blue Economy: Challenges and Opportunities | **Mr. Elvis Kamberi** Department of Management Aquaculture and Fishery (Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania) |
| Contents and  inputs | Analysis of sustainable marine resource utilization, innovation in maritime technologies, policy frameworks, and stakeholder engagement |
| Expected output | A roadmap for sustainable blue economy growth, highlighting actionable strategies, investment opportunities |
| 13:45 The future of Blue Economy in Montenegro | Mrs. Aferdita **Vuljaj, Ministry of Economic Development Montenegro** |
| Content and inputs | Blue Economy and the Role of the Blue Economy in Montenegro |
| Expected output | Introduce participants to the future of Blue Economy in Montenegro. |
| 14:15 Sustainable Costal Tourism Development Perspective in Albania. New marinas | **Brunilda Liçaj PhD**  Expert in Coastal &Marine Sustainable development |
|  | Summary of the main features of the coastal tourism and port activities sectors in Albania |
|  | Acquire knowledge relating to the impact of coastal tourism and port activities in Albania |
| 14:45 Conclusions  15:00 Working Lunch  16:00 End of the meeting | |