

2014 - 2020 Interreg V-A  
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## MARLESS - MARine Litter cross-border awareNESS and innovation actions

Priority Axis: Environment and cultural heritage  
Specific objective: Improve the environmental quality conditions of the sea and coastal area by use of sustainable and innovative technologies and approaches

### High level event

# A CLEAN ADRIATIC SEA FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

Host: AUTONOMOUS REGION FRIULI VENEZIA GIULIA

Virtual event via Zoom platform

16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### Description:

MARLESS High Level Event brings together experts, relevant policy makers and the general public in order to discuss and tackle the problem of marine litter in the Adriatic Sea. By raising citizens' awareness and promoting international cooperation, the event aims to share best practices, recognise the importance of the issue, as well as promote innovative solutions in joint efforts to address this phenomenon.

### Targeted audience:

Experts, Italian and Croatian national representatives and relevant policy makers, MA/JS Programme representatives, general public, etc.

### Event organized in cooperation with projects:

**ECOMAP** (<https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/ecomap>)

**NET4Mplastic** (<https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/netformplastic>)

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**Registration link:** <https://www.italy-croatia.eu/web/marless/-/invitation-to-high-level-event-of-roject-marless-a-clean-adriatic-sea-for-future-generations->

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021, from 10:00 to 12:30

**Language of the meeting:** Italian and Croatian

**Translation available:** Croatian/Italian – Italian/Croatian

**Note:** *Event will be recorded for the needs of MARLESS project and clips from the event will be posted on project website and social media.*

## AGENDA:

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:45 - 10:00	Connection to meeting room	
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome speech and introduction to the topic of the event	<p><b>Fabio Scoccimarro</b>, Regional minister for environment, energy and sustainable development - Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia</p> <p><b>Elizabeta Kos</b>, Director of the Water Management and Marine Protection Directorate - Croatian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development</p> <p><b>Pietro Cecchinato</b>, Interreg Italia-Croazia Managing authority</p>
10:15 - 10:25	Presentation of the MARLESS project	<b>Andrea Torresan</b> , ARPA Veneto
10:25 - 10:35	The EU approach	<b>Silvia Bartolini</b> , Head of Unit Marine Environment and Water Industry - European Commission
10:35 - 10:50	New solutions for the removal and recycling of marine litter: the H2020-MAELSTROM project	<b>Francesca De Pascalis</b> , CNR-ISMAR

10:50 – 11:05	Project Plastic Busters MPAs: Preserving biodiversity from plastics in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas	<b>Anica Brlek Juren</b> , Water Management and Marine Protection Directorate - Croatian Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development
11:05 – 11:20	BLUEMED initiative for a healthier and more productive Mediterranean sea	<b>Fabio Fava</b> , BLUEMED Initiative GSO WG & EUSAIR & University of Bologna
11:20 – 11:30	Experiences of local communities – Municipality of Duino Aurisina	<b>Daniela Pallotta</b> , Mayor of Duino Aurisina
11:30 – 11:40	Experiences of local communities – City of Labin	<b>Robert Mohorović</b> - Senior Advisor for International Projects - City of Labin
11:40 – 11:55	Project NET4mPLASTIC - New opportunities for the recycling of microplastics	<b>Marco Caniato</b> , University of Trieste
11:55 – 12:15	Project ECOMAP – Good practices:  - Development of biomolecular kits for the monitoring of microplastics in agro-food products and organic matrices  - From Hell to Heaven: a journey into the Plasticocene	<b>Diego Santaliana</b> , Polo tecnologico Alto Adriatico  <b>Alvise Benedetti</b> , University of Venice  <b>Maria Cristina Pedicchio</b> , Association MareVivo
12:15 – 12:30	Questions & Answers	All participants
12:30	Conclusion and end of the meeting	Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia