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HANDY Final Conference

AGENDA

Monday, 28 September 2026, starting at 10.00 a.m.

Location: Puglia Region – Lungomare Nazario Sauro, 33 - Bari – Meeting Room "Di Jeso"

Objectives: showcase the main achievements and territorial impact of the HANDY project, highlight the value of training and cross-border cooperation in strengthening Civil Protection preparedness, and present a shared vision for continuing cooperation beyond the project lifetime

Rb.	Time	Topic	Responsible
1.	10.00 – 10.30	Registration of participants and welcome coffee	
2.	10.30 – 11.00	Opening Session – Welcome Remarks	**Debora Ciliento** Regional Councillor for the Environment and Emergency Management **Nicola Lopane** Director of the Puglia Region – Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management **Barbara Valenzano** Director of the Puglia Region – Civil Protection Section
3.	11.00 – 11.45	**HANDY in action: results, impact and benefits for the territories** Presentation of the main achievements of the HANDY project and of the benefits generated in the participating territories	**Francesco V. Ronco** Puglia Region – Civil Protection Section **Igor Milić** Split-Dalmatia County

			Gabriele Pizzi Abruzzo Region – Civil Protection Agency **Emanuele Zorino** Municipality of Aquileia **Mato Tomljanović** Dubrovnik-Neretva County **Mariateresa Plet** Friuli Venezia Giulia Region Civil Protection
4.	11.45 – 12.00	Coffee break	
5.	12.00 – 13.00	**Strengthening Civil Protection through training and cross-border cooperation** High-level contributions on the role of training, preparedness and cooperation within the European Civil Protection framework, with a focus on the added value of cross-border initiatives such as HANDY	**Fabio D'Amato** Italian National Civil Protection Department **Marijana Berket** Croatian Civil Protection Directorate
6.	13.00 – 13.30	**The HANDY legacy: a shared strategy for future cross-border cooperation** Presentation of the HANDY Strategy and its main priorities for strengthening cooperation, preparedness and response capacities	**Mauro Novello** Programme and Monitoring Officer Interreg Italy-Croatia Joint Secretariat All partners
7.	13.30 – 15.00	Light lunch	