

Youth 4sea

Ideas for the future of Italy-Croatia Cooperation

ANCONA | 25.05.2026

 Mole Vanvitelliana  09.00 - 19.00

ABOUT THE EVENT

This one-day event is designed to strengthen the involvement of young people in the Interreg Italy - Croatia Programme and to promote awareness of Interreg, the opportunities it offers, and the broader value of Cohesion Policy. It supports the Programme's strategic goal to increase youth participation in Interreg governance, communication and project management, aligning with the EU ambition of enhancing youth engagement in Cohesion Policy. In addition, the event aims to explore concrete ways to ensure young people are meaningfully represented and engaged in the post-2027 Interreg programming. Finally, the event will offer an occasion to launch the preview of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme 4th Call for Proposals.

Note: some speakers are to be confirmed

Moderated by **Dino Subašić**



AGENDA

Morning Session

 Auditorium

- 09:00 – 09:30** **Welcome coffee & registration of the participants**
- 09:30 – 10:00** **Institutional greetings**
Morena Martini, Councillor responsible for Youth Engagement, Veneto Region
Paolo Galletta, Italian National Delegation
Stella Arneri, Croatian National Delegation
Beniamino Brunati, European Commission
- 10:00 – 10:35** **Interreg & Youth: Actions in Practice**
Dunja Šare, EU Strategy for Adriatic and Ionian Region, Youth Engagement and Employment
Silvia Comiati, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
Katja Hrvatic, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Slovenia Programme
Vincent Ernoux, Interreg NEXT MED Programme
- 10:35 – 11:20** **Talk Show “Young Voices”**
Moderated by Elisa Cacco, former IVY Reporter
Young representatives from Interreg Italy-Croatia funded projects:
Giovanna La Gala, DEMY-Coop
Davide Destro, MONI.CA
Fabio Favilli, AcquaGuard
Maria Valentina Vanceo, Ecofoodcycle
Vanja Modrušan, Wastereduce
- 11:20 – 11:50** **Project Fair & Coffee Break**  Tabacchi Room

Walk through the Project Fair and participate in the competition “Vote for the project you would have liked to work on”
Projects featured (Interreg Italy-Croatia):
REEL, MAPA, UNDERSEA, ADRINCLUSIVE, ARCHAEO DIGIT, STRENGTH
- 11:50 – 12:05** **Presentation of the “Declaration by Young People on the Future of Territorial Cooperation”**
Emma Magistri, Former IVY Reporter
- 12:05 – 12:35** **Roundtable “The new Interreg programming period: what role and opportunities for young people?”**
Moderated by Raffaella Coletti, National Research Council (CNR ISSIRFA)
Beniamino Brunati, European Commission
Bektha Djilidjel, Interreg Volunteer Youth, Association of European Border Regions
Gregorio Vichi, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Central Europe Programme
Lisa Esposito, Adriatic-Ionian Euroregion
- 12:35 – 13:35** **Awards Ceremony of the At the School of Open Cohesion (ASOC) Initiative**
Announcement of the Italian and Croatian winning schools
Marko Opančar, Croatian National Delegation
Francesco Martelli, Italian National Delegation
Nora Inwinkl, ASOC Italia
Ivana Živković, ASOC Croatia
- 13:35 – 15:05** **Lunch & Closure of the Project Fair**  Tabacchi Room

 Auditorium

Afternoon Session

 Dedicated rooms

- 15:05 – 16:35** **World Café Sprint: Parallel Working Tables**

1. Your Voice, Our Programme: Shaping Engagement Together
★ Best Practice: EUSAIR Youth Council & CAMPUS (Interreg Italy-Croatia project)
2. Learning, Working, Leading: Youth in the Blue Economy through Interreg
★ Best Practice: BioTourS 2.0 (Interreg IPA South Adriatic project)
3. Making It Matter: Youth-Driven Communication for Cross-Border Impact
★ Best Practice: Storytellers of Beauty and Youth Forum of Veneto's UNESCO Sites (ERDF project)
4. Greener Together: Commitments for a Sustainable Adriatic
★ Best Practice: FISHNOWASTE (Interreg Italy-Croatia project)
5. Innovation with Purpose: Opportunities from Interreg
★ Best Practice: 3EFISHING (Interreg Italy-Croatia project)
6. Youth Involvement in the Governance of Interreg Programmes
★ Best Practice: Interreg Italy-France Maritime & Interreg North Periphery and Arctic, Interreg NEXT MED Programmes
- 16:35 – 17:05** **Youth Vision Board**
Combining the inputs collected during the World Café Sprint to create the Youth Vision Board
Giulia David, Graphic Recorder
- 17:05 – 17:20** **Presentation of the 4th Call for Proposals of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme**
Sara Battini, Joint Secretariat of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
- 17:20 – 17:40** **Project Fair Awards Ceremony & Closing Remarks**
Enrico Rossi, Vice President of Marche Region
Morena Martini, Councillor responsible for Youth Engagement, Veneto Region
Antonio Verrici, Italian National Delegation
- 17:40 – 19:00** **Networking Cocktail**  Tabacchi Room

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