

Youth 4 sea

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

AGENDA

Morning Session

- 09:00 – 09:30** **Welcome coffee**
- 09:30 – 10:00** **Institutional greetings**
Representative from Veneto Region
Representative from Marche Region
Raffaele Parlange/ Paolo Galletta Italian National Delegation
Stella Arneri, Croatian National Delegation
Simona Pohlová, European Commission
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Interreg and Youth. Actions in Practice:
Plenary session on youth-focused activities**
Silvia Comiati, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme
Laura Comelli, Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-Slovenia Programme
Dunja Šare, Coordinator Eusair Pillar 5-Improved Social cohesion, Topic 1 – Youth engagement and employment
- 10:30 - 11:15** **Talk Show “Young Voices”**
 moderated by *Elisa Cacco, former IVY Reporter*
Young representatives from Interreg Italy-Croatia funded projects
- 11:15 – 11:20** **Launch of Project Fair**
- 11:20 – 11:50** **Project Fair & Coffee Break**
 Walking through the Project Fair and Competition
 “Vote for the project you would have liked to work on”
- 11:50 – 12:20** **Roundtable**
**“The new Interreg programming period:
what role and opportunities for young people?”**
Raffaella Colletti, CNR
Representative from Association of European Border Regions
Representative from Interreg Programme Northern Periphery and Arctic
Representative from Eu Strategy for Adriatic and Ionian Region /
Associazione Nazionale Comuni Italiani
Beniamino Brunati, European Commission
- 12:20 – 13:20** **ASOC – Civic Monitoring + Awarding Ceremony**
Marko Opančar, Croatian National Delegation
Antonio Verrico, Italian National Delegation
Nora Inwinkl, ASOC Italia
Ivana Zivkovich, ASOC Croatia
- 13:20 – 14:40** **Lunch & Closure of Project Fair**

Afternoon Session

- 14:40 – 16:10** **World Café Sprint – Parallel Working Tables to create Collective Action**
 1. Your Voice, Our Programme: Shaping Engagement Together
 2. Learning, Working, Leading: Youth in the Blue Economy through Interreg
 3. Making It Matter: Youth-Driven Communication for Cross-Border Impact
 4. Greener Together: Commitments for a Sustainable Adriatic
 5. Innovation with Purpose: Opportunities from Interreg
 6. Youth Involvement in the Governance of Interreg Programmes
- 16:10 – 16:40** **Plenary session and Youth Vision Board**
 Combining the input collected on “World Café Sprint”
 to create a Visual Collective Manifesto
- 16:40 – 16:50** **Presentation of the “Declaration by young people on the future of territorial cooperation”**
Emma Magistri Former IVY Reporter and other young representatives
- 16:50 – 17:10** **Presentation of the 4th Call for Proposals of the Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme**
Sara Battini, Joint Secretariat IT-HR
- 17:10 – 17:40** **Project Fair Awards, closing remarks
by Italian National Delegation and European Commission**
Raffaele Parlange/ Paolo Galletta, Italian National Delegation
Beniamino Brunati, European Commission
- 17:40-19:00** **Networking Cocktail**