

# 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  
 Representative from Marche Region  
 Representative from the 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  
 Representative from the Managing Authority of the Interreg Italy-France Maritime 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 Della Gala*, DEMY-Coop  
*Davide Destro*, MONI.CA  
*Fabio Favilli*, AcquaGuard  
*Maria Valentina Vanceo*, Ecofoodcycle  
*Vanja Modrušan*, Wastereduce
- 11:20 –11:45**      **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, ARCHAEODIGIT, STRENGTH**

Auditorium

- 11:45 –12:00**      **Presentation of the “Declaration by  
 Young People on the Future of Territorial Cooperation”**  
*Emma Magistri*, Former IVY Reporter
- 12:00–12:30**      **Roundtable “The new Interreg programming period: what role and  
 opportunities for young people?”**  
*Raffaella Coletti*, National Research Council (CNR ISSIRFA)  
*Bektha Djilidjel*, Interreg Volunteer Youth, Association of European Border Regions  
*Beniamino Brunati*, European Commission
- 12:30 –13:30**      **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
- 13:30 –15:00**      **Lunch & Closure of the Project Fair** **Tabacchi Room**

### Afternoon Session .....

Dedicated rooms

- 15:00 – 16:30**      **World Café Sprint: Parallel Working Tables**  
 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
- Auditorium
- 16:30 – 17:00**      **Youth Vision Board**  
 Combining the inputs collected during the World Café Sprint to create the Youth Vision Board
- 17:00 – 17:20**      **Presentation of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
*Antonio Verrico*, Italian National Delegation  
*Beniamino Brunati*, European Commission
- 17:40 – 19:00**      **Networking Cocktail** **Tabacchi Room**