

Italy – Croatia



BIOPRESSADRIA: practical solutions for the protection of seagrasses and sustainable boating in the Adriatic Sea

Date: Thursday, 28 May 2026, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Sala Modelli, Thetis

Within the framework of the Venice Boat Show, the BIOPRESSADRIA project — funded by the Interreg Italy–Croatia Programme — is organising an event dedicated to the protection of Adriatic coastal ecosystems and the promotion of boating practices that are increasingly compatible with the conservation of the marine environment. The event will present the rationale of the project and the main pilot actions developed in the Italian and Croatian study sites, with particular attention to seagrass habitats, which are essential elements for biodiversity, the ecological quality of waters, and the resilience of coastal areas.

BIOPRESSADRIA was created with the aim of developing a shared, cross-border approach to the sustainable management of pressures generated by beach-related and boating activities on coastal habitats in the Adriatic Sea. The project integrates environmental characterisation activities in the pilot sites, habitat mapping, analysis of anthropogenic pressures, definition of monitoring protocols, and the development of management tools and technical solutions that can be replicated in other coastal contexts.

Particular attention will be given to the practical actions implemented within the project, including innovative sustainable mooring systems, interventions for the protection and consolidation of seagrass meadows, environmental monitoring activities, and tools to support the planning and zoning of coastal areas.

One of the central elements of BIOPRESSADRIA is the structured involvement of stakeholders, considered a fundamental step to ensure the effectiveness, transferability, and continuity of the actions developed. The project therefore includes direct interaction with public bodies, managers of coastal and marine protected areas, local administrations, boating operators, diving centres, fishers, technical experts, and local stakeholders, who are involved in the different phases of analysis, planning, and implementation of the pilot solutions.

In this context, the Venice Boat Show represents a particularly significant opportunity to foster dialogue between scientific research, environmental governance, and the boating sector, promoting a shared vision of coastal sustainability in which tourism and boating activities can play an active role in protecting marine ecosystems.

The event will also provide an opportunity to present the training, dissemination, and capacity building activities developed by the partnership to raise awareness of the impacts that human activities can have on coastal habitats and to disseminate technical and management tools useful for their mitigation.

Through the contributions of the project partners, operational results, challenges addressed, and future perspectives of the pilot actions will be presented, highlighting the value of territorial cooperation in developing concrete tools for the blue economy and the conservation of marine biodiversity.

The discussion will also be enriched by the participation of other territorial cooperation projects — POSEIDONE, MARE SUPERUM, and UNDERSEA — with the aim of fostering synergies, exchange of experiences, and integration among initiatives dedicated to the sustainable management of coastal and marine environments in the Adriatic.

The event will conclude with an aperitif dedicated to networking among partners, stakeholders, and participants, accompanied by the presentation of project materials and dissemination activities developed within BIOPRESSADRIA.

Agenda

14.30-15.00 Participants' arrival and registration

15:00-15:15 [Opening remarks](#)

Ing. Pierpaolo Campostrini (CORILA, Project Partner)

Dott.ssa Rada Orescanin (Municipality of Monfalcone, Lead Partner)

Dott.ssa Silvia Comiati (Directorate for Unified planning, Veneto Region)

15:15-15:50 [The BIOPRESSADRIA project: technical solutions and pilot actions for the protection of Adriatic coastal habitats](#)

Arch. Saul Darù (Municipality of Monfalcone, Lead Partner)

Dott. Andrea Rismondo (Selc s.n.c., Project Partner)

15.50 - 17.00 [Pilot activities carried out at project pilot sites](#)

[Installation and management of buoy fields: the authorisation process in the case of Monfalcone](#)

Arch. Marco Marmotti (Municipality of Monfalcone, Lead Partner)

[The buoy field installed at the Kornati Islands National Park](#)

Dott. Dominik Mihaljevic (Kornati National Park Public Institution, Project Partner)

[The Pakleni Islands \(Spalmadori\) and the waters off Hvar \(Lesina\): the conservation plan and maritime spatial planning](#)

Dott. ssa Jelena Kurtović Mrčelić (Sea&Karst, Project Partner)

[Protecting the coastal environment through practical dune restoration solutions](#)

Dott. Marco D'Adamo (Porto Cesareo Marine Protected Area, Project Partner)

17:00-18:00 [Synergies and best practices from Interreg projects for the protection of the Adriatic Sea](#)

Dott. Angelo Mason (Direzione Programmazione unitaria, Regione del Veneto)

[Protecting biodiversity in the Northern Adriatic area, between the Natura 2000 network and human pressures \(Interreg IT-SLO POSEIDONE Project\)](#)

Dott.ssa Caterina Dabalà (CORILA)

[Promoting cross-border maritime and cultural heritage with a view to the sustainable development of local areas \(Interreg IT-SLO MARE SUPERUM Project\)](#)

Dott. Michele Lacchin (Confesercenti Venezia-Rovigo)

[Noise clean-up: underwater sounds of the Adriatic Sea \(Interreg Project IT-HR UNDERSEA\)](#)

Dott.ssa Giulia Bologna (CNR-ISMAR)

18:00-19:00 Final aperitivo and a viewing of the posters and project videos

Registration required here: <https://forms.gle/gRzNGjpDNZNUhXhM8>