

**MARINET – MARiculture NETwork:**  
Implementation of new technologies for sustainable aquaculture  
that is sustainable, diversified and aimed at healthy societies and competitive regions

**ITALIAN OYSTER FEST 2026- LA SPEZIA**  
*Italy's first festival dedicated to sustainable, delicious oysters—now in its third edition*  
*La Spezia, Italia*

Agenda and invitation to the MARINET workshop  
**Flat oyster production and integrated mariculture for biosecurity,  
sustainability and competitiveness in the Adriatic**

**Saturday, 23 May 2026**  
from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.  
Pala Oyster, Passeggiata Costantino Morin, La Spezia – Italy



**Good AquaFood Campaign**  
from 22 to 24 May  
from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM  
AMA Stand, Passeggiata Costantino Morin, La Spezia – Italy



**MARINET Guided Tasting**  
**Saturday, 23 May 2026**  
from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM  
from 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM  
Miticoltori Spezzini Refreshment Area, Passeggiata Costantino Morin, La Spezia – Italy



Symbol of the MARINET Good Aquafood Campaign



### Workshop title

## Presentation of the European MARINET project: “Flat oyster production and integrated mariculture for biosecurity, sustainability and competitiveness in the Adriatic”

### Overview:

Organised by the partners of the Interreg Italy–Croatia MARINET project, the workshop offers a technical and scientific discussion on the opportunities and challenges linked to the sustainable development of the European flat oyster (*Ostrea edulis*) in the context of Adriatic mariculture, with a practical, innovation-driven approach.

The MARINET project (Mariculture Network), a **cross-border cooperation initiative between Italy and Croatia** funded by the Interreg Italy–Croatia Programme, aims to improve the sustainability, biosecurity and competitiveness of aquaculture in the Adriatic area through innovation and cross-border cooperation. The project develops advanced tools for real-time environmental monitoring, artificial intelligence models to predict health risks, and a digital platform (PWA) to support farm management. It also promotes integrated multitrophic aquaculture (IMTA) systems and the sustainable development of the European flat oyster. In parallel, MARINET contributes to defining economic and communication strategies to enhance aquaculture products and improve consumer perception. Overall, the project combines research, digital innovation and stakeholder engagement to make the Adriatic aquaculture sector more resilient, sustainable and competitive.

The project brings together an international partnership of universities, research institutes, veterinary bodies, producer associations and organisations in the aquaculture sector. The Lead Partner is the University of Udine (UNIUD – Di4A), responsible for scientific and project coordination. Key partners include the Croatian Veterinary Institute (VEINST), the Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie (IZSve), the University of Rijeka – Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management (FTHM), the Associazione Mediterranea Acquacoltori (AMA), and the Chamber of Trades of the Istrian Region (OK Istre). The project also involves aquaculture companies, SMEs in the sector and Italian and Croatian institutional stakeholders, who contribute to piloting, validating innovative solutions and transferring results to the production sector.

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## WORKSHOP AGENDA

09:00 – 09:05

Institutional greetings and presentation of the MARINET project

Marco Galeotti (UNIUD), Eraldo Rambaldi (AMA)

09:05 – 09:20

Flat oyster production and integrated mariculture (IMTA)

Igor Celić (OK ISTRE), Giuseppe Arcangeli (IZSve)

*Topics covered:* seed availability and nurseries; production performance; offshore/inshore farming models; integration with other farmed species

09:20 – 09:35

Sustainable farming: health, nutrition and biosecurity

Alessia Vetri, Giuseppe Arcangeli (IZSve), Jelka Pleadin, Snježana Zrnčić (VEINST), Greta Krešić (FTHM)

*Topics covered:* health controls along the supply chain; monitoring emerging pathogens; food safety; the oyster's nutritional quality

09:35 – 09:55

Innovative solutions for mariculture: digital tools and bioeconomic models

Federico Nassivera, Ivan Cescon, Marco Galeotti (UNIUD)

*Topics covered:* DSS for aquaculture businesses, cost-benefit analysis; bioeconomic models for competitiveness; environmental sensors and PWA; data management; AI for forecasting of growth and health-risk prediction

09:55 – 10:00

Conclusions and next steps

*The workshop will be held in Italian. The event is organised in collaboration with AMA – Associazione Mediterranea Acquacoltori and API – Associazione Piscicoltori Italiani.*

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### MARINET Stand in collaboration with AMA – Mediterranean Aquaculture Association at the Festival and Miticoltori Spezzini Refreshment Area

During the three days of the festival, from 12:00 PM to 7:00 PM, an information area dedicated to the project will be available at the AMA stand and at the refreshment area of the Miticoltori Spezzini Cooperative. On Saturday, 23 May, the following public activities are also planned:

- **Presentation of the Good AquaFood campaign**, including a prize quiz for the public, distribution of promotional materials, and presentation of the project.
- **Free guided tasting of three flat oysters paired with wine and Ligurian focaccia for 60 participants**, divided into two time slots (11:30 AM–12:00 PM or 12:00 PM–12:30 PM), upon [online registration](#) or direct registration on Saturday at the AMA stand at least 10 minutes before the tasting session.

