

B-VISA 2030 / Ministry of Economic Development

SEMINAR Shaping Montenegro's Blue Economy: Lessons from Puglia for a Sustainable Future

18th - 19th November 2024 | Gallery "Risto Stijović", Podgorica

DAY 1 - 18th November 9:00 - 16:00

<p>Moderated by: Aferdita VULJAJ, Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro 09:00 – 09:30 Registration, welcome greetings 09:30 Start of the seminar</p>	
09:30	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p>Speaker: Rosanda Jocović, Head of Division for programming and implementation of EU funds, Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro</p> <p>Presentation of the B-VISA 2030 project</p> <p>Speaker: Aferdita VULJAJ, Division for programming and implementing EU funds - Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro</p>
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montenegro's commitment to sustainable Blue Economy - Blue Vision project. • Introduction to "Shaping Montenegro's Blue Economy: Lessons from Puglia" Day 1.
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand Montenegro's Blue Economy strategy within the broader Adriatic region.
10:30	<p>Overview of Blue Vision 2030 - The Puglia Experience</p> <p>Speaker: Simona CAROFIGLIO, Officer of Research and International Relations Section, Department of Economic Development, Puglia Region</p>
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic goals for Puglia's Blue Vision 2030 • Integrating Blue Economy solutions and lessons from Puglia Region
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain insights into strategic approaches and lessons learned from Puglia's Blue Vision 2030.
Coffee break	
12:30	<p>Strategic Planning and Document Development Process of Blue Vision 2030 in Puglia</p> <p>Speaker: Valeria PATRUNO, Project Manager, Regional Agency for Technology and Innovation, Puglia Region</p>

Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Model Structure and Implementation (composition and roles) • Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants understand the governance and evaluation frameworks necessary for implementing Blue Economy initiatives.
13:30	<p>Policy framework for the Development of the Blue Economy in the South Adriatic Region</p> <p>Moderator: Rosanda JOCOVIĆ, Head of Division for programming and implementing EU funds - Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro</p> <p>Speakers: Stefan MILANOVIĆ, Ministry of Maritime Affairs Savica VUJIČIĆ Head of Department for Smart Specialization Strategy (S3) - Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation Maja KOVAČEVIĆ, Head of Unit for Diversification of Tourism Product - Ministry of Tourism Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management (TBC)</p>
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of strategic policies and regional initiatives promoting circular economy integration in the Blue Economy. • Discussion on Smart Specialization Strategy (S4) and Horizon Europe's role in advancing sustainable blue economy. • Examination of fisheries and aquaculture policies, potential reforms, and collaboration for sustainability.
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain knowledge how policies like circular economy, smart specialization and sustainable fisheries can drive sustainable Blue Economy growth, innovation, and economic opportunities.
15:00 – 16:00 Working lunch / End of the seminar	

DAY 2 - 19th November 9:00 - 16:00

Moderated by: Aferdita VULJAJ - Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro 09:00 – 09:30 Registration, welcome greetings 09:30 Start of the seminar	
09:30	<p>Best Blue Economy Practices in Albania</p> <p>Speaker: Gentiana TROPOLINI, Sector Manager at the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, National Coastline Agency</p>
Contents and inputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Albania's marine resources, including fisheries, coastal tourism, and renewable energy.
Expected output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will gain an understanding of Albania's marine resources, the challenges it faces, opportunities for sustainable growth, and potential for regional cooperation and investment in the blue economy.

<p>10:00</p>	<p>Blue Skills in the South Adriatic Region: Building the Workforce for the Blue Economy</p> <p>Moderator: Rosanda JOCOVIĆ, Head Division for programming and implementing EU funds - Ministry of Economic Development of Montenegro</p> <p>Speakers: Valeria PATRUNO, Project Manager, Regional Agency for Technology and Innovation, Puglia Region Faculty of Maritime Studies, University of Montenegro (tbc) Mirko ĐUROVIĆ, PhD, Director of the Institute of Marine Biology, University of Montenegro</p>
<p>Contents and inputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the development of blue skills and careers for its growing Blue Economy.
<p>Expected Output</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants learn about importance of bringing together the blue economy industry and relevant marine academic institutions.
<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>12:00</p>	<p>Funding Opportunities for the Blue Economy through EU Programs</p> <p>Speaker: Jasna BULATOVIĆ, Head of Department for Interreg Cooperation Programs, Ministry of European Affairs</p>
<p>Contents and inputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of available funding mechanisms for supporting circular economy and Blue Economy projects, particularly through EU cross-border cooperation programs.
<p>Expected output</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants gain an understanding of EU funding tools and mechanisms to support circular and Blue Economy initiatives.
<p>12:30</p>	<p>Blue Economy Initiatives in the Adriatic Region</p> <p>Speakers: Tanja RADUSINOVIĆ, Director of the Project Department, Chamber of Commerce Snežana ŠĆEPANOVIĆ, Programme Manager, Innovation Fund Igor RADUSINOVIĆ, PhD, Professor (Full), Faculty of Electrical Engineering, University of Montenegro Mirjana BARTULA, PhD, Professor (Associate), Institute of Marine Biology, University of Montenegro</p>
<p>Contents and inputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speakers will present key cross-border projects and collaborations that promote sustainable practices in the blue economy sectors.
<p>Expected output</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participants will gain insights into innovative projects, and funding opportunities that drive sustainable growth in the Adriatic Blue Economy.
<p>13:30</p>	<p>SKILLS Definition Lab #1: Identifying the most needed skills and actions for advancing the blue Economy</p>

	<p>Moderator: Radoje LAUŠEVIĆ, PhD, Expert in Policy Analysis, Stakeholder Engagement, Communication, and Monitoring and Evaluation, Institute of Marine Biology, University of Montenegro</p>
<p>Contents and inputs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brainstorming Session: Participants will engage in a collaborative, interactive session to propose actionable activities from the perspective of their area of expertise, aimed at advancing the Blue Economy. • Drawing from the presentations and case studies, participants will reflect on key insights and best practices to shape policy improvements and stakeholder collaboration strategies, with a focus on developing the next generation of blue skills and to provide opportunities for attractive, sustainable blue careers.
<p>Expected Output</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actionable recommendations for concrete activities that can contribute to the improvement of Montenegro's Blue Economy, with a focus on collaboration, sustainability, skills and careers. These inputs will also serve as valuable material for future training and capacity-building efforts.
<p>15:30 Working lunch / End of the seminar</p>	