

Expression of Interest for the selection of the participants to the DIH InnovaMare conference “Marine technologies and implementation for sustainable blue economy” in Padova on 13 November 2024

DIH InnovaMare is a cross-border project aimed **at fostering innovation and sustainability in the Adriatic Sea region**. It addresses key challenges such as the lack of cooperation between the innovation ecosystems of neighbouring countries, limited access to funding for innovative projects, and the gap between the development of innovative solutions and their practical application.

DIH InnovaMare operates as a **Digital Innovation Hub**, serving as a platform for the efficient transfer of knowledge, expertise, and resources among stakeholders in the region. It promotes a co-creation ecosystem, allowing innovation players to collaborate, grow, and share their experiences effectively.

The project adopts a mission-oriented approach, focusing on addressing specific societal challenges rather than individual sectors. In this case, the focus is on marine technology innovation to promote sustainability in the Adriatic Sea.

The general objective of DIH InnovaMare is to **become a leader at a cross-border and community level in strengthening research capabilities and promoting technology transfer for the development of innovative marine technologies**, which will enable digital and green transformation for a sustainable blue economy in the Adriatic Sea.

The project will convert data, knowledge and resources owned in its ecosystem into services that will enable the transfer of knowledge and technology from scientific research institutions to the private sector.

To this end, the **active involvement of cross-border stakeholders** in project activities, such as trainings, study visits, and participation in events and science fairs is fundamental to enhance private-scientific sector collaboration, promote green and digital transformation, and strengthen private-scientific sector collaboration and innovative networks for sustainable blue economy.

GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR STAKEHOLDERS' SELECTION

A procedure is called for assessing applications based application forms and possible interviews for the **selection of n. 02 candidates** that will participate in the conference “Marine technologies and implementation for sustainable blue economy” in Padova. ARTI reserves the right to increase the number of places available.



The event, which will take place on 13 November 2024 will be organized by Unioncamere del Veneto as partner of the DIH InnovaMare project and will involve relevant stakeholders operating in the field of marine technologies development and implementation.

In the selection, particular attention will be paid for ensuring equal opportunity, non-discrimination and equality between men and women.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICANTS

1. Applicants must be private bodies (professionals included) or public bodies or governance bodies (public administration), research bodies and innovation actors active in the field of blue economy and marine technologies.
2. Applicants must have their headquarters or an operative branch in Puglia Region.
3. Participants (applicants' representative) must:
 - be at least eighteen years old at the date of submission of the application;
 - have appropriate and valid documents for travelling at the date of submission of the application and for the entire duration of the conference;
 - be provided with a declaration signed by the legal representative of the applicant, giving mandate to the participant to represent the applicant within the conference;
 - have a good level of knowledge of English.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

1. Deadlines: Applications, written on plain paper using the form enclosed with this notice (Annex I), must be sent no later than the day **05.11.2024** to the email address **arti@pec.rupar.puglia.it**. **Applications must be sent on-line as PDF bearing the signature of the legal representative on both the application form and any attachment.** Applications received after the date indicated above will be excluded from the selection.
2. Documents to send:
 - Application form describing the activities carried out in the sectors concerned, including the declaration by the legal representative of the applicant signed by the applicant's legal representative (Annex I).
 - Scanned photocopy front and back of a valid identity document of the legal representative.

PHASES AND CRITERIA OF SELECTION

EVALUATION - ARTI will nominate a commission of three members. The commission will evaluate the profile of the applicants, as well as their motivations and expectations for participating in the conference. The selection will take place according to the following procedure:

1. Analysis of the documentation with respect to:
 - compliance with the requirements;
 - contents and motivations expressed in the application form.



2. Should the analysis of the documentation not enable the selection of participants, the commission will carry out individual interviews with eligible candidates to evaluate: a) Motivations and expectations expressed to take part in the project; b) Level of knowledge of one or more foreign languages; c) Training and professional experience related to the project topics. In this case, the list of candidates admitted to the selection, as well as dates, times, and locations of the interviews will be published on the ARTI website, in addition to a direct notification to candidates via e-mail. Candidates must have a valid identity document to make the interview. As a final step, the commission will draw up a list of selected participants that will be communicated to all applicants, as well as published on the website.

AGREEMENT WITH THE PROJECT PARTNER - Each participant must sign an agreement with ARTI with which it undertakes to participate in the conference.

COSTS COVERED BY THE PROJECT

The funding covers the cost for 1 participant for each selected applicant organization, up to a maximum of 500 EUR per participant, through the contribution of the Italy-Croatia Programme, including:

- Travel from the legal seat of the organization to the conference venue and back (business or first class is not eligible);
- Accommodation (5 stars hotels are not eligible);

Meals and local transports are not covered by the project.

There is no fee to participants or any refund or recognition of the hourly cost to the selected organization. The reimbursement of the incurred costs will be issued just through the presentation of the Reimbursement Form provided by ARTI, with annexed the proof of expenditures (invoices, tickets, bills, etc.).

The provision of data is mandatory for the purposes of this selection and in accordance with the regulation for the protection of personal data Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – GDPR.

Treatment of personal data will follow the principles of fairness and transparency according to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 – GDPR and the subsequent national transposing laws. Details about the document to be submitted and the treatment of personal data are provided at Annex II.

RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROCEDURE

The responsible for the procedure is Mrs. Marianunzia Lazzizzera.

