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“ ADRIPLAN (ADRIatic Ionian maritime spatial PLANning) Transnational Conference 28th February 2014, Rijeka, Croatia ”

The Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) has become a fundamental tool for promoting an efficient and sustainable use of the seas and their resources. The so-called “Blue Economy” in the Adriatic and Ionian region generates an annual turnover that exceed € 21 billion, with an increasing growth trend. An effective spatial planning is an essential condition in order to guarantee a long-lasting development without depleting the sea and therefore ensuring a sustainable use of marine resources for future generations.

The issue is particularly important today, because the European Commission is launching the Action Plan for the Adriatic and Ionian macro-region (EUSAIR), that will contribute to the definition of the development strategies of the region and to the destination of resources and projects.

This is the final aim of the ADRIPLAN pilot initiative, a project financed by the European Commission (DG MARE), started in December 2013 that will last 18 months, involving several administrations and public bodies of the Adriatic and Ionian basin. ADRIPLAN is not a scientific research exercise, even if the main scientific research institutes are involved as partners of the local and regional administrations, with the aim to guarantee that the new maritime planning approach will be based on the best available scientific knowledge.

In fact, the purpose of the European Commission is to realize through this initiative a concrete example of MSP that can be directly used by the public administrations, as well as by the economic operators and concerned citizens.

We believe that to involve your organization in this project will be of common and mutual interest, for listening and comparing different points of view and different needs.

The actual objective is to prevent any potential conflict among uses of resources

related to the Sea, before they manifest themselves irreversibly. At the same time, in the case of conflicts already existing, the objective is to balance the different interests with concrete actions, making the societal common interest prevailing. In addition, a proper planning could be an important tool for promoting simplification and developing synergies and opportunities.

The coordinator and the ADRIPLAN project partners, together with the Municipality of Rijeka, are pleased to invite you to participate in our activities and to attend the first project’s event, that will be held in Rijeka, Croatia, the 28th of February 2014. During the meeting, the project will be presented and the following issues (themes) will be discussed in parallel thematic workshops with the active involvement of all the participants:

1. Transport - Routes and port infrastructures, to strengthen and integrate the system, for goods and passengers
2. Oil & Gas and Energy
3. Coastal defense and protection and Climate Change Adaptation in coastal areas, including strategic sand deposits for beach protection and nourishment
4. Fisheries, aquaculture and Marine Protected Areas
5. Limits and developing of coastal tourism

The event will be just the first occasion of a continuous dialogue with the large community of stakeholders foreseen by the project, and will be based on the results of the EUSAIR consultation recently performed by the EC.

The meeting will be attended by representatives of the European Commission and of the Public Administrations of the Adriatic-Ionian region Countries, by members of the Scientific Community, by other private stakeholders, both private

industries and Civil Society Organizations.

We are aware of the short notice, however we believe that the importance of the themes and the opportunity to discuss a common interest with local, regional, national and European Authorities will ensure a large and qualified participation.

In the next days we will provide further and more detailed communication, the program of the meeting and the registration form.

Looking forward to meeting you in Rijeka

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