

FINAL CONFERENCE

BLUESLINKS

3rd - 4th September 2026

Dubrovnik - Croatia

The BLUESLINKS final conference provided an opportunity to present the project's results and exchange experiences and best practices among relevant stakeholders, researcher, institution and project partners. Through expert presentations, thematic panels, and discussions, participants will present main results under three key sectors of the blue economy addressed by BLUESLINKS project and the potential for strengthening the blue economy through youth engagement and business innovation.

1st day – 3rd September 2026

Venue: Akademis Academia, Dubrovnik, Croatia (www.akademis.hr/en/)

9.30 – 9.45 **Partners arrival**

Registration of the participants

9.45 – 10.15 **Institutional welcome to the participants**

Prof. Marijana Pećarević Vice-rector, Dubrovnik University, Croatia

Stefania Leoni, ART-ER Emilia-Romagna Region - European project, International Cooperation, Strategic Project Management

Sergio Caselli, President GALPA CER GALPA Costa Emilia- Romagna, Italy

Mauro Conficoni, Steering Committee member, LP DELTA 2000, Italy

Opening of the technical session

Chair: Angela Nazzaruolo – Coordinator LP DELTA 2000

10.15 -10.45 **BLUESLINKS general overview on results**

Marzia Cavazzini, Project Manager, LP DELTA 2000

Marco Dello Russo, External Assistance LP - Naxta

10.45 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 -11.30 **Nautical sector panel: key results from the organization of the Info Days, Exchanges with SMEs and Hackathon in the Nautical Sector**



Chair: Diego Santaliana - POLOAA

Speakers:

Diego Santaliana, BU Manager Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico;

Antonella Luccitti, Communication manager FLAG Costa dei Trabocchi

Further experts – tbc

11.30 - 12.00 - **Aquaculture and small-scale fishing sector panel: key results from the organization of the Info Days, Exchanges with SMEs and Hackathon in the aquaculture and small-scale fishing sector**

Chair : Sergio Caselli – President FLAG GALPA - Fisheries and aquaculture Local Action Group Emilia-Romagna Coast

Speakers:

Luca Marisaldi, Coop. Mare Soc. coop. A r.l.

Antonella Luccitti, Communication manager FLAG Costa dei Trabocchi

Sanja Tomšić, UNIDU

Valentina Zambetti, Confcooperative Veneto

12.00 -12.30 **Fisheries Tourism sector panel: key result from the organization of the Info Days, Exchanges with SMEs and Hackathon in the fisheries tourism sector**

Chair: Representative - ZADRA NOVA

Speakers:

Further experts – tbc

Franca Sangiorgio and Alberto Basset, UNISALENTO

Sanja Kovačev, ARGONAUTA.

12.30 – 14.00 **Networking activities** Lunch offered to all participants by the host UNIDU

14.00 – 15.00 **BLUESLINKS students and graduates' skills and innovation**

Chair: Sanja Đurman, Sanja Kovačev, Argonauta

Sharing video, infographics, etc presentation

Students and graduate involved in BLUESLINKS projects :

- *Istituto ITET "G. Deledda" Lecce*
- *Istituto Nautico "A. Vespucci" Gallipoli (LE)*
- *Liceo Scientifico Statale "Cosimo De Giorgi" Lecce*
- *Laura Lanci - Università di Teramo - expert in Aquaculture Hackathon (online) FLAG Costa Dei Trabocchi*
- *Croatian and Italian participant at the Hackathons - tbc*



15.00 – 15.30 **BLUESLINKS Digital Platform:** presentation of the online platform aimed at providing access to project materials, sector information, expert support and consultation requests – **UNIDU**

15.30 – 15.45 **Conclusion session**

Sorrentino Fatica, Project Manager , Joint Secretariat Italy – Croatia Programme

16.00 – 18.00 **Best practice Study Visit: BLUESLINKS Contact point in Dubrovnik – UNIDU**

20.00 *Social Dinner at Višnjica, Dubrovnik (<https://www.visnjicadubrovnik.com>)*

2nd day – 4th September 2026

Venue: Dubrovnik, Croatia

Location: University of Dubrovnik, Ćira Carića 4, 20000 Dubrovnik

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration of participant**

9.30-10.30 **Press conference – BLUESLINKS RESULTS : WHAT ADDED VALUE IS THE ADRIATIC COASTAL AREAS? A WORD FROM THE PROJECT PARTNERS**

Opening and moderator: UNIDU - *assoc.prof. Josip Mikuš*

Speakers

- *Sergio Caselli, President FLAG GALPA Emilia-Romagna Coast*
- *Mauro Conficoni, Steering Committee member, LP DELTA 2000*
- *Sanja Tomšić, UNIDU UNIVERSITY DUBROVNIK*
- *Diego Santaliana, Polo Tecnologico Alto Adriatico*
- *Valentina Zambetti, Confcooperative Veneto*
- *Antonella Luccitti, FLAG Costa dei Trabocchi*
- *Alberto Basset, Università del Salento*
- *Sanja Kovačev, Association Argonauta*

10.30 – 11.00 *Social light aperitive*

11.00 – 12.00 **Study visit at the laboratories of Dubrovnik University to discover ECO simulator.**

12.00 **Final conference closure**



4th September 2026 - 12.00 - 14.00 last Project and SC Meeting - reserved to project partners

12.00 - 13.00: **Project Closure and Financial Aspects:** last recommendations from the LP concerning the completion of project activities and funds absorption (Delta 2000 – NAXTA, with the support of each project partners – open discussion)

13.00 – 14.00: **BLUESLINKS Result 2:** RCR85 Participations in join actions across borders after project completion: Lead Partner's proposal for the organization of the final Hackathon, including partner involvement and voting procedures.

14.00 Closure and departure.

