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## All-FORA online Side-Event

### **“Preservation of Natural resources, Innovation and Robotics for the development of the economy in the Adriatic-Ionian Region”**

**27<sup>th</sup> January 2021 - 14:30**

The primary determinant of all development strategies in Europe is the investment in research and development; in other words, innovations that have application in the economy. On the other hand, global society is entering the phase of a new revolution, at the center of robotics. Robotics will mark all spheres of society. To participate in this market competition, we must recognize this as a priority and insist on putting this in all our strategies and making future efforts in the direction of encouraging innovation through the application of robotics. This side-event, organized in cooperation with the Croatian Chamber of Economy – Dubrovnik County Chamber, aims at drawing attention within the Adriatic-Ionian Region to the opportunities provided to us through increased investment in innovation and robotics. The exchange of experiences, knowledge, the formation of centers of excellence, technological hubs will undoubtedly generate results over the years. An important role in this matter is preserving the most critical resource (the Sea that binds us together), respect for natural capacities, and the use of robotics to prevent certain unfavorable circumstances in the Adriatic-Ionian Region.

*Working languages: English/Croatian/ Italian*

Moderated by Nikolina Trojić, President of the Croatian Chamber of Economy – Dubrovnik County Chamber - Croatia

#### **14:30 - Welcome greetings and Introduction**

- Gino Sabatini, President of Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Chamber of Commerce – Italy
- Ivan Barbaric, Vice President for the international and EU Affairs of Croatian Chamber of Economy
- Amb. Milan Jazbec – All Chairman-in-office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- Amb. Fabio Pigliapoco – Adriatic Ionian Initiative Permanent Secretariat

#### **14:45 - Cooperation of Science and Economy**

- Mateo Ivanac, Department of Innovations of Croatian Chamber of Economy, Croatia  
*Establishment of the Adriatic Sea protection ecosystem with the help of underwater robotics and sensors for conservation and monitoring of sustainability in the Adriatic Sea: INOVAMARE PROJECT*
- Professor David Scaradozzi, Polytechnic University of Marche, Italy  
*Marine monitoring and intervention, where Europe is and where the industrial-academic research are going*

#### **15:10 - Europe and Innovation (as a basis for further development of economic opportunities and economic growth)**

- Dario Marenic, director of ELDA Ltd., Croatia  
*Company Transformation and Innovation in order to be competitive*

#### **15:30 - Resource protection in order to maintain the balance between nature, man and economic needs in the future - flora and fauna in the Adriatic through the eyes of science**

- Aleksandar Joksimovic, Institute of Marine Biology of Kotor, Montenegro  
*Invasive species in the Adriatic and their impact on biodiversity*
- Gian Marco Luna, Director of the Institute of Marine Biological Resources and Biotechnology of the National Research Council  
*Preserving the marine ecosystem in the Adriatic-Ionian Region fostering scientific cooperation*

#### **15:50 Discussion and conclusions**

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