

18.00-21.00 Night of Researchers

Place: Tirana - Plaza Hotel

This activity is fulfilled within the inter-territorial project "SMART ADRIA Blue Growth", supported by the INTERREG IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro Program, co-financed by EU funds, implemented by Italian, Montenegrin and Albanian partners. The aim of the project is to promote economic development, inclusive and sustainable and to intensify cooperation in the lower Adriatic area, by undertaking joint initiatives between public and private sector actors, at national and regional level.

To ensure the sustainability of cross-territorial development, it is necessary to improve institutional capacities and fund management mechanisms. The project partners "SMART ADRIA Blue Growth", the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Albania and the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs are pleased to invite you to the activity "**Night of Researchers**" to discuss research related to the blue economy, regional cooperation and sustainable development.

The event aims to bring together representatives of state institutions, academia, business and other stakeholders to promote joint initiatives between public and private sector actors, at national and regional level with a special focus on the Development of the Blue Economy.

Projects' and Researchers' Presentation (Each lasting 7-10 min):

Mirela Kamberi -UNDP - Team Leader, UNDP Climate Change Program

Odetta Cato- Team Leader of the project "Enhancing the Development of Albanian Maritime Sector through Technical Assistance and Increased Partnership"

Mirdaim Axhami - University of Tirana, Erasmus + BlueWC project

Kristofor Lapa - University of Vlora - Department of Marine Sciences

Perseta Grabova and Elona Pojani, projects in the field of Education and Climate Change



Brunilda Licaj, University of Durrës, Department of Tourism

University of Tirana, Faculty of Natural Sciences

The Activity is moderated by Gledis Gjipali - TA to P2, UCCIAL

DAY IV - 11th November

Visit for the Italian partners in Vlore - Coordinated by UCCIAL

8:30 *Departure to Vlore*

11.00- 13.00 Visit at Alb Adriatico Fish Farm

The Alb Adriatico fish farm is located in the bay of Ragusa (Karaburun) 3.5 km north of the ancient city of Orik and is composed of bathtubs or swimming baskets. Also, the farm is located offshore. The aquaculture sector is expanding rapidly in Albania in recent years. "Alb-Adritico 2013", cultivates seabass and other seafood products, products highly demanded by local and regional markets.

- Visit to the artisan factory of canned sardines.
- Excursion to the island of Zverec and to the Byzantine church dedicated to Santa Maria.
- Meeting with the fishermen's cooperative of the lagoon.

DAY IV – 12th November

Return in Tirana

