

Final Conference

From Monitoring to Action for Resilient Coastal Areas

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2026, 10:30-14:00[REGISTER HERE](#)

Hotel Aristos, Zagreb
Cebini ul. 33, 10010, Buzin

The conference brings together experts, institutions and stakeholders from Croatia and Italy **to address a growing challenge for Mediterranean coastal areas: saltwater intrusion into freshwater resources**. This process threatens water availability, increases soil salinity and negatively affects agriculture, ecosystems and the long-term sustainability of coastal communities.

Through expert presentations, insights from the Croatian and Italian pilot areas, a poster session and a panel discussion, **the conference will explore how advanced monitoring, scientific knowledge and coordinated cross-border action can support timely decisions and practical responses** - from understanding the risks to protecting water, soil and agriculture.

Participation is free, but the number of places is limited. **Registration is required by September 20th, 2026.**

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10:30–11:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee
11:00–11:20	Welcome and Opening Addresses Danko Biondić , Head of the Development and Water Management Planning Sector - Croatian Waters Neno Torić , Dean of the Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Split Veljko Srzić , Project Manager – Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Split Vincenzo Artico , Director of the Soil and Coastal Defence Directorate - Veneto Region
11:20–11:35	Adriatic Coast Without Borders: The Shared Legacy of SWAMrisk Veljko Srzić , Project Manager – Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Split
11:35–11:50	Key Results and Lessons Learned from the Italian Pilot Site Luigi Tosi , Research Director – National Research Council – Institute of Geosciences - CNR-GEO Andrea Comerlati - Mathematical Methods and Models for Engineering - M3E
11:50–12:00	Soil Salinization and Water Deficit – Intervention Strategies Lorenzo Frison - Consorzio di Bonifica Adige Euganeo
12:00–12:15	Key Results and Lessons Learned from the Croatian Pilot Site Iva Aljinović - Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Split Veljko Srzić - Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Split
12:15–12:55	Coffee Break & Poster Session

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12:55–13:00	SWAMrisk Final Video
13:00–13:20	Project for Protection against Salinization of Soil and Water in the Donja Neretva Area Marinko Galiot , Head of the National Irrigation Programme Unit, Croatian Waters
13:20–13:50	Panel Discussion: Overview of Key Challenges and Future Actions for Climate-Resilient Coastal Agricultural Areas Moderator: Veljko Srzić, Project Manager - Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy, University of Split Panellists: Zdravka Sever , Head of the Department for Plant Protection Products and Biocides - Croatian Agency for Agriculture and Food - HAPIH Kristian Horvath , Full Profesor - Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb Omar Tosatto , Researcher - Mathematical Methods and Models for Engineering - M3E Luigi Tosi , Research Director - National Research Council – Institute of Geosciences - CNR-GEO
13:50–14:00	Conclusions and Closing Remarks