
BLUE RECHARGE INTER-REGIONAL CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP

27th January 2026

Venue: Annex building at the Faculty of Economics and Business, Rijeka

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 Opening of the conference

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Plenary talks

09:15 – 09:45 **Andrew Ross** (Australian National University, Australia): *MAR costs and benefits*

09:45 – 10:15 **Enrique Fernández Escalante** (Tragsa R&D, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM), IAH-MAR Commission, Spain): *SAT-MAR around the Mediterranean. Accelerating implementation to reduce climate change adverse impacts.*

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee break

Session 1: BLUE RECHARGE - Pilot Implementation in Croatia and Italy

10:30 – 10:50 **Saša Moharić** (City of Vodnjan, Croatia): BLUE RECHARGE Project Overview and Pilot Action Results in Vodnjan, Croatia

10:50 – 11:10 **Bojana Hajduk Černeha** (Istrian Waterworks, Croatia): MAR Implementation in Loborika and Southern Istria Region, Croatia

11:10 -11:30 **Francesco Cavazza** (Canale Emiliano Romagnolo, Italy): *Pilot Study Outcomes in Italy*

11:30- 11:45 Coffee Break



Session 2: Economic Sustainability and Blue Credits Mechanisms

11:45 – 12:05 **Davor Mance** (Faculty of Economics Rijeka, Croatia): *Economic Value of Managed Aquifer Recharge*

12:05 – 12:25 **Alessandro Bosso** (ART-ER, Italy): Blue Credits Schemes: Lessons from Global Practices and the BLUE RECHARGE Project

12:25 – 12:45 **Francesco Cisternino** (EXO, Italy): *BLUE RECHARGE Platform for Blue Credits*

12:45 -14:00 Lunch

Session 3: From Pilots to Practice

14:00 – 14:20 **Diana Mance** (Faculty of Physics Rijeka, Croatia): Environmental Impact of BLUE RECHARGE project and Transferability Potential

14:20 – 14:40 **Linda Söller** (Institute for Social-Ecological Research, Germany): Groundwater stress in Europe—assessing uncertainties in future groundwater discharge alterations due to water abstractions and climate change

14:40 – 15:00 **Zoran Nakić** (Faculty of mining, geology and petroleum engineering, Croatia): MAR in Croatia: Contribution to the development of guidelines for sustainable discharge of treated wastewater into the subsurface: scientific and legal aspects

15:00 – 15:40 Discussion

Organization: Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Rijeka & Faculty of Physics, University of Rijeka

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