



STRENGTHENING THE CAPACITY FOR EXCELLENCE OF SLOVENIAN AND CROATIAN INNOVATION ECOSYSTEMS TO SUPPORT THE DIGITAL AND GREEN TRANSITIONS OF MARITIME REGIONS

INNO2MARE CAREER CONNECTOR PLATFORM

The INNO2MARE Career Connector has been successfully launched. This tool is designed to bridge the gap between job seekers and industry, providing valuable information on career opportunities for students, graduates and professionals.

The INNO2MARE Career Connector is built as a module of the Personal and Professional Development Portal (POPR) of the University of Ljubljana. Upon granting access through the POPR portal, the module offers:

- Exploration of the companies and career opportunities in maritime sector,
- Education and smart skills development through collection of online trainings and materials,
- Information about relevant events by following INNO2MARE news section.

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Our future Engineers visit the company Titus Technologies, 28.02.2025, Kozina, Slovenia

Since smart manufacturing involves designing, developing, and building automated production lines for various maritime sectors such as shipyards, ports logistics, and

other maritime-based manufacturing / production, professional events play a crucial role in strengthening R&I capacity and inspiring young talents to become future engineers. Students from UL visited TITUS Technologies, one of Slovenia's leading companies in research, innovation and development (R&I&D) covering smart manufacturing systems and processes.

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INNO2MARE's STORY

On March 14th, 2025, our project had the opportunity to present **INNO2MARE's story** and its progress and key developments during an engaging webinar as part of the Widening Impacts Spring 2025 Webinar Series.

This session was a valuable platform for highlighting the significant contributions of the project to the maritime sector, as well as its role in driving innovation and fostering collaboration across industries.

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Knowledge transfer & staff exchange for mutual learning

At the end of February 2025, Dr. Darko Glujić from the University of Rijeka, Faculty of Maritime Studies, visited the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, at the LASIM laboratory. During his visit, Dr. Glujić presented ongoing research on the development of a mixed reality-based firefighting training scenario and engaged in a professional exchange with the local research team.

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Widening Impacts Spring 2025 Webinar Series – COALition Story

We continued the *Widening Impacts* Spring Webinar Series with its third session on Friday, March 7th, 2025. In this session, we learned about the EU-funded COALition project, which is being implemented in three carbon-intensive regions: Western Macedonia (Greece), Centru (Romania), and Southeastern Bulgaria.

The project aims to establish an excellence hub in each of these regions, focusing on providing support in research and innovation (R&I), entrepreneurship, and the reskilling and upskilling of the affected workforce.

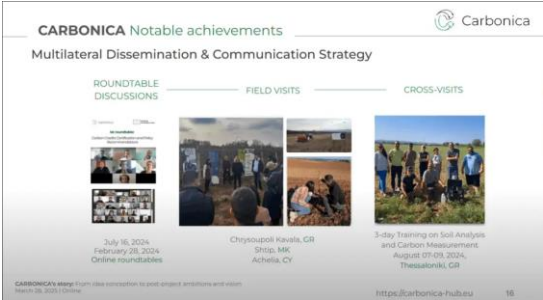


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Widening Impacts Spring 2025 Webinar Series – CARBONICA’s Story

During the 5th session of the *Widening Impacts Spring 2025 Webinar Series*, held on March 28, 2025, *CARBONICA’s Story* was presented. This session focused on the EU-funded *CARBONICA* project, which aims to establish the *CARBONICA* Excellence Hub by connecting the innovation ecosystems of Cyprus, Greece, and North Macedonia. The primary goal is to enhance their Technology Readiness Level (TRL) as service providers, leveraging cutting-edge technologies such as Earth Observation (EO), in situ data, and digital agriculture in the field of carbon farming.

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Radio interview on Innovations in the Maritime Industry: Insights from the Inno2mare

The Regional Development Agency of Gorenjska, along with the Business Support Center BSC Kranj, a partner in the Inno2mare project, conducted a radio interview with Jelena Vidovic, the Program Manager of Smart Communities at BSC Kranj. They discussed the project and a lecture held within its framework.

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Discovering the Journey from Research to Market: UNIRI Hosts Innovation-Focused Workshop

The University of Rijeka (UNIRI) recently hosted the workshop “Commercialisation of Research Results and the Establishment of Spin-Off Companies”, jointly organized by the UNIRI Department for Innovation and Knowledge Valorisation and STEP RI – Science and Technology Park of the University of Rijeka.

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The third STEM picnic launched thousands of children, youth, and adults into space

The Children's House, the Rijeka City Library, and the courtyard of the Benčić Art Quarter were taken over by a vibrant crowd of children, young people, students, scientists, researchers, educators, and enthusiasts of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The third STEM Picnic, held on a sunny Saturday, offered the perfect atmosphere for an inspiring journey through the wonders of the universe and human curiosity.



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The Intersection of Research and Entrepreneurship in Kranj

Kranj, April 14, 2025 – In the inspiring environment of the Kovačnica coworking space, the second edition of the event “Research and Entrepreneurship – Your Opportunity for a Breakthrough!” took place.



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UNIRI Career Days 2025: Connecting Students with Innovative Maritime Projects and Career Opportunities

The University of Rijeka (UNIRI) recently hosted its 3rd annual Career Days from March 24 to 27, 2025. This event, aimed at enhancing career management skills among students and alumni, provided a platform for various organizations to connect with potential future employees. Among the prominent participants was the Maritime Center of Excellence (MCOE).



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You want to advance your science with **AI tools**? Then join us for the webinar that will help you work more effectively and efficiently than ever before. The webinar will take place on **May 20th 2025 from 9:00 to 12:30 CET**.



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Inno2mare - Save the Date:12.6.2025 Portorož

Innovation Breakfast & Policy Conference

Innovating for a Green, Digital & Smart Maritime Future

As part of the **INNO2MARE project**, the **Innovation Breakfast and "Citizens Connect" Policy Conference** will be held on **June 12, 2025**, at the **Grand Hotel Bernardin in Portorož**.

Organized by the project's partners, this one-day event will bring together representatives from academia, industry, and key stakeholders across the **maritime innovation ecosystem**. Participants will engage in discussions on current challenges, share best practices, and explore opportunities for collaboration and investment in the maritime sector.

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