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Joint Strategy and Action Plan workshop ensures stakeholders' active contribution

On May 14, 2025, the University of Rijeka and PRIGODA have organized a workshop aiming to actively involve relevant stakeholders in development of the **Joint Strategy and the Action & Investment Plan**. The response from the ecosystem was strong, with over 30 participants from the **„blue innovation "ecosystem**, actively and constructively discussing ways to improve the documents.

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Radio Interview: Presentation of the Inno2mare project on Radio Rijeka Caffe Europa program

Professor Saša Zelenika, **Head of Inno2mare Innovation Council** from the University of Rijeka, **and Nikolina Pomenić** from PRIGODA presented the Inno2mare project and discussed its goals and importance in the Radio Rijeka Caffe Europa Program.

Inno2mare is one of the most important European projects currently being implemented in the Adriatic Croatia and Western Slovenia area.

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International Day for Women in Maritime at the Faculty of Maritime Studies, University of Rijeka

For the third consecutive year, on the occasion of May 18, the **International Day for Women in Maritime,** UNIRI has organized special event. Women working in the maritime industry, most of whom graduated from the Faculty, are invited to share their professional experiences and offer guidance to young colleagues and students. The goal is to help them pursue careers at sea or in shore-based maritime roles more easily and with fewer prejudices.

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Inno2mare presented at 15th FEBST conference

The 15th FEBST International Conference on "Economic Policies, Business Perspectives, and Sustainability Transformation" was held in Brela, Croatia, from 21st to 23rd May 2025.
Nikolina Pomenić from **PRIGODA** presented the article *„The Innovation Ecosystem of Maritime Industries – The Case of Adriatic Croatia"*.

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Widening Impacts Spring 2025 Webinar Series – WATERWISE's Story

Water Reuse Regulation (EU) 2020/741
Minimum quality and monitoring requirements for the safe, efficient, and environmentally sound reuse of treated urban wastewater, primarily for agricultural irrigation, to support water scarcity mitigation and promote the circular economy

Enabling the Safe and Cost-Efficient Reuse of Treated Wastewater
Unlocks treated urban wastewater for agricultural reuse through **minimum quality requirements,** ensuring **safe** and **cost-effective** water reuse

Circular Economy and Water Efficiency
Emphasizes **resource efficiency** and the role of reuse in reducing **pressure on** freshwater sources.

Supporting Innovation and Harmonized Implementation
Provides a **uniform EU framework** to remove legal uncertainties and stimulate **innovation** in water reuse technologies.

Enhancing Governance and Risk Management
Requires **risk management plans,** transparent information sharing, and stakeholder involvement for any reuse project.

WaterWise Hub

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Webpage : **Widening Impacts**

The 6th session of *Widening Impacts* was held on May 23, offering valuable insights into **WATERWISE** and introducing the **WaterWise Excellence Hub**—its origins, objectives, and key milestones. The session also provided an overview of recent EU policy developments promoting a circular water economy, including the *Water Reuse Regulation*, the revised *Urban Waste Water Directive*, and the upcoming *Water Resilience Strategy*.

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INNO2MARE – Building Maritime Connections in Ostend

Last week, INNO2MARE was **present at the maritime festival Oostende voor Anker**, held in Ostend, Belgium (between 22 and 25 May). This yearly event attracts around 200 000 visitors, who joined the festival to enjoy craft demonstrations, live music performances, and maritime exhibitions. For one, the city dock showcased over 130 historic ships, ranging from majestic three-masters to smaller sloops.
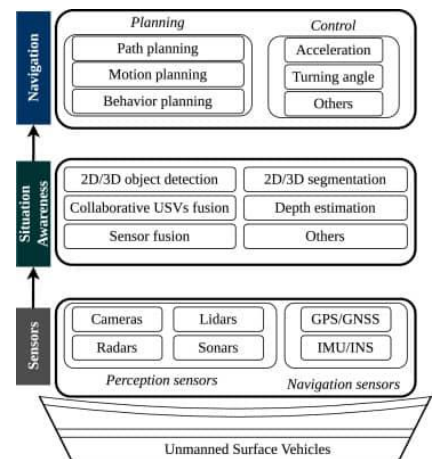
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Publishing of the latest study of Pilot project 3: A comprehensive review of datasets and deep learning techniques for vision in unmanned surface vehicles

Have you ever wondered how many open-source perception datasets are available for autonomous vessels—and how this number compares to the booming field of autonomous driving?
A new **study by the University of Antwerp**, a partner in the **Inno2mare project**, published in *Ocean Engineering*, explores exactly that.

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Sveric Docking Technology granted VLAIO Innovation Starter Support

On April 2nd 2025, the team from **Sveric Docking Technology** pitched their work to **VLAIO (Flemish Innovation & Entrepreneurship)** to request an Innovation Starter Support grant.
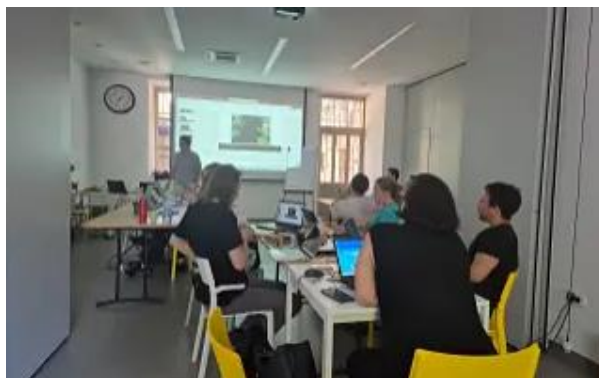The pitch convinced the jury, and on May 5th 2025, they received the news that their request was approved. This gives Sveric a €50,000 grant for their Proof-of-Business project.

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Participants of Bootcamp IT have begun working on real-life projects from the IT sector

After two months of intensive training within the IT Bootcamp program for future Junior Developers – part of the INNO2MARE project funded by the Horizon Europe programme – participants have completed a demanding and comprehensive curriculum that introduced them to the world of programming and software development.

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Celebrating the Brightest Young Minds at the Zotka's Talents Event

948 Students received Gold Awards for Outstanding Achievements
The Slovenian Association for Technical Culture (**ZOTKS**), partner on the INNO2MARE project, coordinated by the University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering (UL FS), honored the exceptional achievements of young talents at the **ZOTKA'S TALENTS** awards ceremony, held at the Cankarjev Dom cultural and congress center in Ljubljana.

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Innovation Breakfast and "Citizens Connect" Policy Conference in Portorož: Driving Smart and Sustainable Maritime Solutions

On **June 12**, Portorož hosted the **Innovation Breakfast** and **"Citizens Connect" Policy Conference**, two key events organized within the framework of the **Inno2mare project**. These events aimed to promote collaboration and showcase the latest innovations shaping the future of the maritime sector.

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Exploring Maritime Innovation in Portorož: Inno2Mare Visit to the Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport in Portorož

On June 13, 2025, the Inno2Mare project partners had the pleasure of visiting the **Faculty of Maritime Studies and Transport in Portorož, Slovenia** — a faculty with a proud **legacy of 60 years** in maritime education and research within University of Ljubljana.

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Engineers from UAntwerp teach boats to sail using AI

In the end of May 2025, our **project partners** from the **University of Antwerp** (UAntwerpen) put artificial intelligence to work on the pond at the Antwerp Maritime Academy. Their mission: **to train a small AI-powered boat** to steer safely and autonomously—collecting vital visual data along the way.

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INNO2MARE Partners Visit Port of Koper to Explore Innovation and Collaboration Opportunities

On June 13, 2025, partners of the INNO2MARE project visited the **Maritime Administration and Luka Koper**, Slovenia's largest and most strategic seaport, for an insightful exploration of the port's operations, technological innovations, and strategic priorities in maritime innovation and sustainability.

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INNO2MARE – Consortium Meeting in Portorož: Steering Maritime Innovation Forward
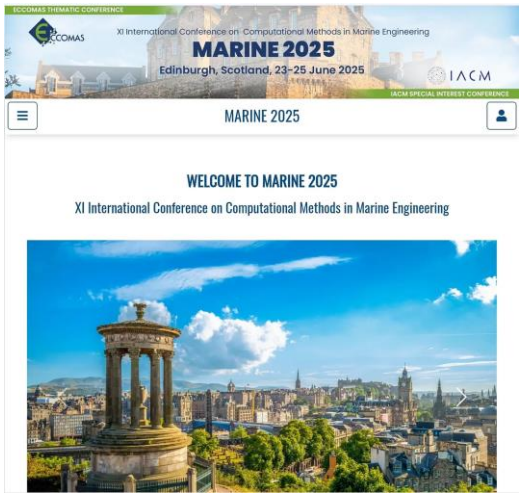

Portorož, June 11, 2025 — **The INNO2MARE consortium convened in Portorož** for a meeting focused on assessing progress, aligning strategies, and strengthening collaboration across the project. With the second reporting period nearing its end, the gathering marked a strategic milestone in **advancing maritime innovation in Slovenia and Croatia.**

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Pilot 1 presented at the MARINE 2025 Conference in Edinburgh

The progress on the Pilot study 1 of the INNO2MARE project was presented at the XI International Conference on Computational Methods in Marine Engineering – MARINE 2025 in Edinburgh, UK. The conference was hosted by the University of Edinburgh between 23 and 25 June 2026.

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