

## Crete Workshop - *Building the future INNOVABLE Community for the sustainable Blue Economy*

### DRAFT AGENDA

**Date:** 23.10.2025.

**Location:** Heraklion, Crete, Greece

9:00 – 9:30	<b>Registration and welcome coffee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participant registration and networking</li></ul>
9:30 – 9:45	<b>INTRODUCTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Welcome address by : <b>George Alexakis</b>, Vice Governor of Region of Crete on European &amp; International Affairs</li></ul>
9:45 – 10.30	<b>SESSION 1: INNOVATIVE MARINE TECHNOLOGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY</b> <i><b>Presentations and video demonstrations of successful technology solutions</b></i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Pantelis Katharios</b>, Research Director, Fisheries &amp; Aquaculture, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) <i>Aquatic Biologicals</i>, Aquaculture services, spin-off company of the HCMR</li><li><b>Manolis Mandalakis</b>, Principal Researcher Marine Biotechnology, HCMR Biotechnology: innovative methods for the valorization of invasive sp.</li></ul> <u><b>Discussion with Innovablue partners and Stakeholders</b></u>
10:30-11.00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11.00 – 11:45	<b>SESSION 2: DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB and INNOVATION BUSINESS OBSERVATORY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Dimitrios Plexousakis</b>, Professor of Computer Science Department, University of Crete, Affiliated Researcher to Institute of Computer Science, Foundation for Research &amp; Technology Hellas (FORTH) Presentation of <i>Digital Innovation Hub for Smart Health</i>, FORTH Introduction to PHAROS AI project</li></ul>

## INNOVABLU

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katerina Rousaki</b>, Head of Innovation Business Observatory (IBO), Regional Economy Development and Openness Directorate, Region of Crete <i>Activities of the Innovation Business Observatory - Smart Specialization Strategy (RIS3)</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Discussion with Innovablue partners and Stakeholders</u></b></p>
11:45 – 12:45	<p><b>SESSION 3: APPLICATIONS, SYSTEMS &amp; SERVICES TOWARDS THE BLUE ECONOMY_ field TESTING</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nikolaos Kampanis</b>, Research Director, Head of Coastal &amp; Marine Research Lab, FORTH <i>Forecasting waves &amp; currents, marine pollution, hydrodynamics &amp; morphodynamics of coastal areas, operational oceanography</i></li> <li>• <b>Nasos Argyriou</b>, Assistant Researcher, Institute of Mediterranean Studies, FORTH <i>Remote sensing approaches in marine habitat and benthic mapping</i></li> </ul> <p><b>TESTING on the field</b></p>
12:45 – 13:30	<p><b>SESSION 4: CO-CREATION WORKSHOP: SHAPING FUTURE SERVICES FOR THE INNOVABLU COMMUNITY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive session with stakeholders</li> <li>• Breakout discussions in thematic groups (e.g., funding needs, regulatory support, innovation services)</li> <li>• Group presentation of key takeaways</li> <li>• <b>Summary and closing remarks</b></li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:00	Key note speech
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch