

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

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Heraklion Crete, Greece



Workshop Agenda

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Venue: Tbc

Working language: English

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and welcome coffee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participant registration and networking
9:30 – 9:45	INTRODUCTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome address by : George Alexakis, Vice Governor of Region of Crete on European & International Affairs Manolis Koutoulakis, Secretary General, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy
9:45 – 10:30	SESSION 1: INNOVATIVE MARINE TECHNOLOGIES FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY <i>Presentations and video demonstrations of successful technology solutions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pantelis Katharios, Research Director, Institute of Marine Biology, Biotechnology and Aquaculture, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR) <i>"Tailored Vaccines for Sustainable Aquaculture: The Aquatic Biologicals Approach"</i> Manolis Mandalakis, Principal Researcher Marine Biotechnology, HCMR <i>"Innovative biotechnological approaches for the valorization and toxicity assessment of the invasive pufferfish Lagocephalus sceleratus"</i>. <u>Discussion with Innovablue partners and Stakeholders</u>
10:30 – 11:15	SESSION 2: DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB and INNOVATION BUSINESS OBSERVATORY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dimitrios Plexousakis, Professor of Computer Science Department, University of Crete, Affiliated Researcher to Institute of Computer Science, Foundation for Research & Technology Hellas (FORTH) Presentation of <i>Digital Innovation Hub for Smart Health</i>, FORTH Introduction to PHAROS AI project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katerina Rousaki, 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> <p><u>Discussion with Innovablue partners and Stakeholders</u></p>
11:15 – 11:45	<p>SESSION 3: APPLICATIONS, SYSTEMS & SERVICES TOWARDS THE BLUE ECONOMY_ field TESTING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nikolaos Kampanis, Research Director, Head of Coastal & Marine Research Lab, FORTH <i>Forecasting waves & currents, marine pollution, hydrodynamics & morphodynamics of coastal areas, operational oceanography</i> • Nasos Argyriou, Assistant Researcher, Institute for Mediterranean Studies, FORTH, Laboratory of Geophysical-Satellite Remote Sensing and Archaeo-environment <i>Remote sensing approaches in shallow water environment and marine habitat mapping</i>
11:45-13:00	Coffee break and testing on the field
13:00 – 13:15	Key note speech (tbc)
13:15 – 14:00	<p>SESSION 4: CO-CREATION WORKSHOP: SHAPING FUTURE SERVICES FOR THE INNOVABLU COMMUNITY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive session with stakeholders • Summary and closing remarks
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch