

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

Workshop Agenda

October 23rd, 2025

Heraklion, Crete

Venue: Historical Museum of Crete

Working language: English

9:00 – 9:30	Registration and welcome coffee Participant registration and networking
9:30 – 9:45	INTRODUCTION 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> 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 <i>Lagocephalus sceleratus</i>”.</i> <u>Discussion with Innovablue partners and Stakeholders</u>
10:30 – 11:15	SESSION 2: DIGITAL INNOVATION HUB and INNOVATION BUSINESS OBSERVATORY 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

INNOVABLUUE

	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> <u>Discussion with Innovablue partners and Stakeholders</u>
11:15 – 11:45	SESSION 3: APPLICATIONS, SYSTEMS & SERVICES TOWARDS THE BLUE ECONOMY_ field TESTING Nikolaos Kampanis, Research Director, Head of Coastal Marine Research Lab, FORTH <i>Coastal Crete Digital Twin of the Cretan Sea and its high-resolution forecasting services for marine stakeholders</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>
11:45-12:45	Coffee break TESTING ON THE FIELD Nikolaos Kampanis and George Alexandrakis, Coastal Marine Research Lab is a mo(bile)-Lab of the E-RIHS and E-RIHS.gr and deploys equipment in the sea
12:45 – 13:15	KEY NOTE SPEECH Eleni Hatziyanni, Project Adviser, European Innovation Council & SMEs Executive Agency of the European Commission (EISMEA) <i>“Empowering Breakthrough Innovation at Sea: The Role of European Innovation Council – Pathfinder”</i>
13:15 – 14:00	SESSION 4: CO-CREATION WORKSHOP: SHAPING FUTURE SERVICES FOR THE INNOVABLUUE COMMUNITY - Interactive session with stakeholders Summary and closing remarks
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch