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INNOVABLUE ADRION Final Conference and Matchmaking Event in Belgrade

Final conference, PoC presentation and matchmaking event

Date: 12th November 2026
Place: Belgrade, Serbia
Venue: Innovation Center of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, Kraljice Marije 16, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia

About the event

The INNOVABLUE Final Conference and Matchmaking Event is an international event bringing together project partners, researchers, startups, SMEs, investors, industry representatives, innovation experts, public authorities, business support organizations, and other stakeholders from across the ADRION region.

The event will mark the conclusion of the INNOVABLUE project and present the main results, tools, recommendations, and collaborative initiatives developed through more than two years of transnational cooperation. It will highlight the project's contribution to strengthening the blue innovation ecosystem, improving cooperation between research, business, public institutions and civil society, supporting technology transfer, and creating new opportunities for funding and investment in sustainable blue economy solutions.

Participants will have an opportunity to discover selected Proof-of-Concept solutions developed through INNOVABLUE workshops and hackathons. These presentations will showcase innovative ideas and technologies addressing real challenges in the blue economy and demonstrate how cooperation between researchers, startups, students, companies, public institutions, and technology experts can support the development of solutions with environmental, technological, and market potential.

The event will conclude with a hybrid matchmaking session connecting innovators, startups, SMEs, researchers, investors, technology providers, public authorities, and business support organizations. Through pre-arranged meetings, participants will be able to explore opportunities for investment, technology transfer, testing and validation, joint project development, research and business cooperation, and future participation in European and regional initiatives.

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Agenda

10:00 - 10:30	**Registration of the participants and welcome coffee**
10:30 - 10:45	**Opening remarks** Welcome by the host organisation Speaker: prof. Nenad Zrnić, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Belgrade
10:45 - 11:15	**INNOVABLUE: Connecting the ADRION blue innovation ecosystem** A brief overview of the project journey, partnership, activities and contribution to blue innovation in the Adriatic-Ionian region: *Innovation community, regulatory frameworks for blue technologies development/testing, Funding boost for ADRION Blue technologies, Technology transfer for innovative technologies and solutions* Speakers: Željka Rajković, DIH Innovamare, University of Trieste, Roberta Lazzari, Union Camere del Veneto, Innovation Center of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering
11:15 - 11:30	**From regional results to policy impact: advancing blue innovation in the ADRION region** Speaker: Peter Medica, Head of Sector for Smart Specialization Coordination, Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development of the Republic of Slovenia
11:35 - 11:45	**Coffee break**
11:45 - 12:05	**INNOVABLUE Proof-of-Concept and hackathon solution showcase** Short presentations of innovative concepts and solutions developed through project workshops and hackathons Speakers: representatives of Water4All (Montenegro) and Triple A Team (Serbia)

12:05 - 12:30	**Autonomous vessels: shaping the future of blue innovation in the Adrion region** A forward-looking presentation on the role of autonomous vessels in advancing maritime technologies, enabling real-world testing and validation, and creating new opportunities for collaboration and innovation in the ADRION blue economy. Speakers: Vladislav Maras, Full Professor and Vice-dean for Scientific Research at University of Belgrade, Faculty of Transport and Traffic Engineering and Ljubomir Pozder, Innovamare technologies
12:30 – 12:40	**Address by the Project Officer of the Joint Secretariat** Speaker: Kirill Dimanopoulos
12:40 - 13:40	**Networking lunch**
13:40 - 15:00	**Hybrid matchmaking event: connect, collaborate, invest** Pre-arranged onsite and online meetings
15:00 - 15:10	**Closing remarks –** Innovation Center of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

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Local information

How to reach the venue

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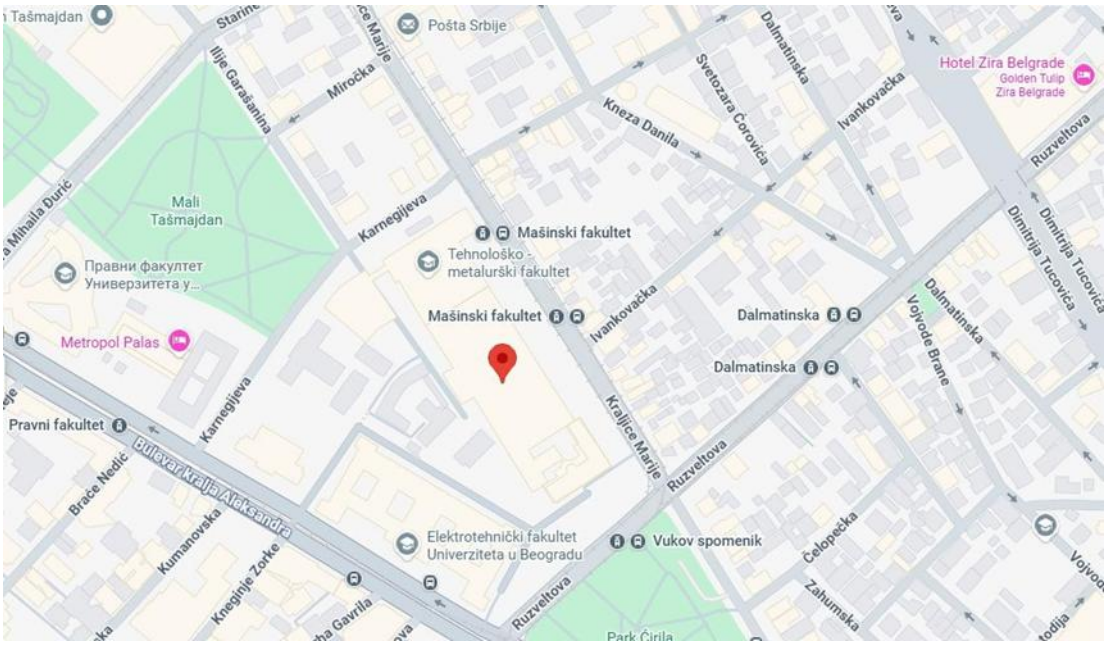

Suggested hotels

·Hotel Nobel Palace, Ruzveltova 23, Beograd 11000, https://nobelpalace.rs/
·Hotel Nobel Zira, Ruzveltova 35, Beograd 11000
·Hotel Constantine The Great, 27 Marta 12, Beograd 11000, http://www.constantinethegreatbelgrade.com/
·City Joy Hotel – Tašmajdan, Profesora Mihaila Đurić 73, Beograd 11000, https://cityjoy.rs/

Emergency Contacts:
Police: 192
Ambulance: 194

Nikola Tesla Airport:
Arrivals and Departures
Distance:
Airport Belgrade= 20,4 km
Taxi: Use the official airport fixed-price taxi system
Step-by-step guide:

After collecting your luggage, stay inside the arrivals area.
·Use one of the official Taxi Info e-kiosks or the Taxi Info desk.
·Enter or tell them your hotel/address.
·Receive a fixed-price voucher.
·Go outside and take the first available taxi in the official queue.
·Pay only the amount printed on the voucher
·Estimated cost: 2,500–4,000 RSD (€20–35)

Public transport:
1. A1 Airport Minibus (Recommended)
·Route: Airport → New Belgrade → Prokop Railway Station → Slavija Square
·Travel time: about 30 minutes
·Fare: approximately 400 RSD
·Tickets are purchased directly from the driver.
·Payment is typically cash only (Serbian dinars).
·Runs approximately every 20–30 minutes during most of the day.

2. Bus 72 (Cheapest Option)
·Best if you are on a budget.
·Route: Airport → New Belgrade → Zeleni Venac
·Travel time: 30–40 minutes (can be longer in traffic).
·Since January 2025, Belgrade public transport has been free of charge, including Bus 72.
·Final stop: Zeleni Venac

Exchange Offices Available at the Airport
The airport currently operates several exchange offices, including:
·MG Pink
·VIP Sistem
·Alta System
·Monet
Don't exchange all your money at the airport. Use your card whenever possible. Most hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, and taxis accept cards. Serbia's currency is the Serbian dinar (RSD); euros are generally not accepted for everyday purchases.
If you need cash immediately:
·Exchange only enough for transportation and small expenses (e.g., 2,000–5,000 RSD).
·Then exchange larger amounts in the city center, where rates are typically better.
·Consider using an ATM instead of an exchange office.