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we are pleased to invite you to the international workshop **Ocean Monitoring and Protection Technologies and Services – Focus on Adriatic**. The workshop will be held on **Friday, September 30, 2022, in Biograd na Moru (Croatia)**, during the **Breaking the Surface Conference** (<https://bts.fer.hr/>).

The workshop is organized as part of the activities of the European strategic project InnovaMare (www.innovamare.org), which is implemented within the Italy-Croatia Interreg program. It is organized by the Croatian Chamber of Economy, Croatian start-up SeaCras, and the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing with the support of partner institutions, including the European Investment Bank Group, the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Mercator Ocean International, and Balearic Islands Coastal Ocean Observing and Forecasting System.

The workshop will present current and future possibilities related to a sustainable Blue Economy in the Adriatic basin. It aims at bringing together all **relevant stakeholders to discuss potential public and private investments** related to the **systematic monitoring and surveillance of the Adriatic Sea**. Given that the sustainability of the Adriatic Sea, as a key resource of the European Blue Economy sector, primarily comes from the data on the state of the sea and its threats, this event will showcase new ocean monitoring and protection technologies as well as identify the local ocean monitoring needs and the potential funding opportunities. The workshop will help European Blue Economy stakeholders to share knowledge, engage and foster actions, by promoting innovative technologies which prevent or solve emerging threats arising from climate change.

The focus of the workshop is on:

- 1) Showcasing ocean innovative technologies;
- 2) Exploring funding possibilities for the public and private projects at each stage of the development;
- 3) Connecting the key stakeholders to share a common vision.

We hope that the tangible benefits of this event could be to support the creation of a common ecosystem for a sustainable Blue Economy in the Adriatic basin and **stimulate new market opportunities** linked to the European Green Deal and Digital Transformation.

To participate on this event we prepared three registration options:

1. If you would like to join us from Wednesday, 28th to Friday, 30th of September (two nights, accommodation and meals included), please register for the event via following link <https://www.entrio.hr/event/breaking-the-surface-2022-11185>
2. If you would like to join us from Thursday, 29th to Friday, 30th of September (one night, accommodation and meals included), please contact directly bts@fer.hr.
3. If you would like to join us only at the workshop – Friday, 30th of September, please register directly at bts@fer.hr.

The deadline for the registration is September 15, 2022.

For all additional questions, please send an e-mail to innovamare@hgk.hr.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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** Breaking the surface is an international interdisciplinary workshop on marine robotics organized by LABUST - Laboratory for Underwater Systems and Technologies, Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing (FER) University of Zagreb, and will be held from September 26 to October 3, 2021 in Biograd na Moru.*

** The InnovaMare project is designed to develop and establish a model of innovation ecosystem in the field of underwater robotics and sensors for the control and monitoring of pollution in the Adriatic Sea. The project is co-financed by the EU Regional Development Fund under the Italy-Croatia cross-border cooperation program 2014-2020. One of the main challenges of the InnovaMare project is to increase the efficiency of innovation activities in relevant areas of the blue economy.*

