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Aim of the Workshop:

The aim of the Workshop is to present the scientific basis for evaluating potential areas for the establishment of new marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Adriatic Sea basin - two MPAs in Albania, one MPA in Bosnia and Herzegovina and two MPAs in Montenegro, and the detailed recommendations for their establishment and the required management requirements.

These designations will contribute to fulfilling the engagements of Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro to meet the targets of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) regarding the ecosystem approach and the Aichi targets, and the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean (Barcelona Convention) and its Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Protocol, as well as demonstrating their readiness to fully respect the environmental legislation and policies of the EU.

In addition, the Workshop will present and discuss tangible activities in order to ensure follow-up actions in the target countries and facilitate the exchange of best practices in order to achieve and/or to maintain the good ecological status of marine waters and preserve biodiversity.

EU MS Speakers:

- Dr. Valeria **Abaza**, General Director National Institute for Marine Research, Romania.
- Mr. Gheorghe **Constantin**, Director Ministry for Environment, Water and Forests, Romania and Romanian Water and Marine Director.
- Dr. Sašo **Šantl**, Expert, Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia
- Mr. Robert **Turk**, former employee of the Institute for Nature Conservation Slovenia and Slovenian Focal Point for the SPA&BD Protocol and for marine biodiversity within the CBD.

Other Speakers:

- Mr. Khalil **Attia**, Director of SPA/RAC - UNEP/MAP
- Mr. Alessandro **Ciccolella**, Director, Consorzio di Gestione di Torre Guaceto –Area Marina Protetta e Riserva Naturale dello Stato
- Ms. Souha **El Asmi**, Programme Officer in charge of Specially Protected Areas (SPAs) at SPA/RAC
- Mr. Mihail **Dimovski**, EPPA Team Leader
- Ms. Tatjana **Hema**, Deputy Coordinator, UNEP/MAP
- Ms. Lorela **Lazaj**, Director of the Regional Administration of Protected Area in Vlora region (RAPA Vlora), Manager of the Kraburun Sazan National Marine Park / SPAMI
- Ms. Marijana **Mance**, Marine Environment and Water Industry Unit, DG Environment, European Commission
- Mr. Senad **Oprasić**, TSG 3, EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- Dr. Vangelis **Papathanassiou**, former Director at the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Greece
- Dr. Mihaela **Popovici**, EPPA Coordinator, Water Management Working Group

Day 1: Tuesday, 20 April 2021	
Chair: Dr. Mihaela Popovici	
08:30 – 09:00	Event starts 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:00 – 09:20	OPENING REMARKS Ms. Marijana Mance , Ms. Tatjana Hema , Mr. Senad Oprasić , Mr. Mihail Dimovski
09:20 – 09:40	INTRODUCTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS
09:40 – 09:50	INTRODUCTION OF THE WORKSHOP Introduction of EPPA tasks regarding the assistance on the MPAs designation in Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro Dr. Mihaela Popovici
09:50 – 10:10	MPAS AND OECM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN Updates on the elaboration of the Post-2020 strategy of MPAs and Other effective area-based conservation measures' (OECMs) in the Med and the outcomes of the last assessment on the status of MPAs in the Med. Ms. Souha El Asmi & Mr. Khalil Attia
	<i>10 min break</i>
10:20 – 11:40	UNDERSTANDING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS MPA MANAGERS SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kraborun Sazan National Marine Park / SPAMI (Albania) Ms. Lorela Lazaj • MPA 2 Mai-Vama Veche (Romania), designation and management Dr. Valeria Abaza • Torre Guaceto Marine Protected Area / SPAMI (Italy) Mr. Alessandro Ciccolella • MPA planning and management (Slovenia) Mr. Robert Turk
	<i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
	<i>10 min break</i>
11:50 – 12:30	CONTINUING KNOWLEDGE-SHARING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of the MSFD Programme of Measures on marine waters and MPAs in the Romanian part of the Black Sea. Mr. Gheorghe Constantin • Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity Protocol: Offshore and coastal blue corridors for biological diversity and sustainable fishery Dr. Sašo Šantl
	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:00–13:40	PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT ON THE MPAs DESIGNATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal context, Structure of the report Dr. Mihaela Popovici • Methodology and Assessment Criteria Dr. Vangelis Papathanassiou
13:40 – 13:50	Summary of day 1 Dr. Mihaela Popovici
14:20	End of Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, 21 April 2021	
Chair: Dr. Mihaela Popovici	
08:30 – 09:00	Event starts 8:50 – Short technical introduction to the webinar platform
09:00 – 09:10	Introduction Day 2 Dr. Mihaela Popovici
09:10 – 10:10	INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS ON THE MPA DESIGNATION Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Montenegro Dr. Vangelis Papathanassiou
	<i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
	<i>10 min break</i>
10:30 – 10:50	ADVANCING THE ADRIATIC MPAS NETWORK Reporting, integrated planning and the priorities in the Adriatic : Proposal of an open sea MPA Dr. Vangelis Papathanassiou
10:50 – 11:30	CONTINUING KNOWLEDGE-SHARING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood prone areas as a natural retention pools to support the MSFD objectives: Romanian approach Mr. Gheorghe Constantin • Flood prone areas as a natural retention pools to support the MSFD objectives: Slovenian approach Dr. Sašo Šantl
	<i>5-10 min Q&A</i>
	<i>10 min break</i>
11:50 – 12:10	RECOMMENDATIONS Specific and General Recommendations regarding the MPAs designation Dr. Mihaela Popovici
12:10 – 13:10	DISCUSSIONS Topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of play of MPAs at national level • Views on the interconnected MPAs across networks, borders, countries. • How best we can turn networks of marine protected areas into effective conservation tools? • Can EPPA assist you further? Which topics?
	<i>Q&A 10 min</i>
	<i>5-10 min break</i>
13:20 – 13:40	The Way Forward EPPA Project Conclusions and recommendations for actions and regional cooperation Mr. Mihail Dimovski Dr. Mihaela Popovici
13:40 – 13:45	Closing remarks Mr. Mihail Dimovski
13:45	End of the workshop

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