

BlueNET: Maritime Clusters Network for Blue Growth

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On the 27th and 28th September it has been launched Blue NET, the European project coordinated by Maritime Technology Cluster FVG which has obtained the best evaluation among the 28 proposals submitted on the call "Projects in the context of the Integrated Maritime Policy in the Black Sea and/or Mediterranean Sea regions" (EASME/EMFF/2015/1.2.1.7).

The call was published by EASME, the Executive Agency for SMEs to whom the European Commission delegated the implementation of part of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund actions under direct management.

The project meets the objective pointed out by EASME of promoting the networking among maritime clusters of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea in the field of specific areas of research, innovation and competitive growth of the enterprises, directly connected to the European maritime policy and the blue economy.

Blue NET involves the Bulgarian maritime cluster MCB, the Cypriot maritime cluster Mar.In.E.M., the Albanian region of Shkodër, The Union of Romanian inland ports UPIR and the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture of University of Zagreb.

The Kick-off meeting has given the opportunity to the representatives of the project partners to plan in details the beginning of activities which will last 24 months and include the involvement of SMEs and research institutions in innovation joint paths.

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