

Dear Madam, Sir,

**Slovenian Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning,**  
and

**The Regional Environmental Center, Country Office Slovenia**  
invite you to participate in the seminar under the headline:

## How to Get the EU Funding for Adriatic Sea Partnership Projects

The seminar that will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2007 in Hotel Metropol, Portorož, aims to create a better understanding of the EU policies and related large landscape of EU funding programmes. Special focus of the seminar will be put on the possibilities for getting the EU funds for maritime projects, not only in EU Member States, but also in other Adriatic countries.

**Aims** of the seminar are the following:

- To address the discussion from the Adriatic Sea Partnership Meeting held in Sarajevo, April 2007: »*The need now is to talk about where to start and to identify specific projects for action. The Partnership could potentially help in the preparation of project proposals for EU and other financing. Such proposals would need to be worded in terms of the mechanisms available for funding, and would have to address issues of importance for the entire sub region rather than individual countries.*«;
- To contribute to sustainable development in the Adriatic through the implementation of three priority thematic areas: Contingency Plan, Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Ballast Water Management

**Seminar objectives:**

- To present the EU strategic directions of Cohesion Policy 2007-13 and relations with EU Maritime policies;
- To present the broad variety of EU funds and programs, and to help identifying potential funding for Adriatic Sea Partnership projects;
- To facilitate the discussion and identification of potential projects, to initiate the design of strategic projects, to strengthen project partnerships.

# “How to Get the EU Funding for Adriatic Sea Partnership Projects”

## AGENDA OF THE SEMINAR

- 8.30 – 9.00 Gathering of participants and registration
- 9.00 – 9.05 **Welcome and aims of the seminar**  
Mitja Bricelj, Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- 9.05 – 9.25 Introduction to the seminar: **Presentation of Slovenian Dolphin Project**  
Tilen Genov, Morigenos-Marine Mammal Research and Conservation Society
- 9.25 – 9.45 **I. What are the main EU policy fields most relevant for the Adriatic?**  
Mitja Bricelj, Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning
- 9.45 – 10.00 **II. European Cohesion policy and funding system 2007-2013**  
Strategic priorities and budget headings
- III. Reference of maritime areas in the Strategic Guidelines**  
Milena Marega, REC
- 10.00 – 10.30 **IV. Opportunities for funding Adriatic Sea Partnership projects through the thematic priorities of Structural Funds and Community Programs 2007-2013**  
(focus will be on programs where Adriatic regions and cities are eligible)  
Milena Marega and Mateja Sepec Jeršič, REC
- **European Territorial Cooperation, Operational Programs: Adriatic Initiative, and Mediterranean**
  - **PA - Instruments for pre-accession assistance**
  - **ENPI**
  - **European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument**
  - **7th Framework Programme**
  - **LIFE+**
  - **Structural funds at national level**
  - **European Fisheries Fund**
- 10.30 – 10.45 **V. Preparation of a good project for acquiring the EU funds**  
Presentation of the most relevant aspects of a successful project application  
Milena Marega and Mateja Sepec Jeršič, REC
- 10.45 - 11.00 Break
- 11.00 – 11.15 **VI. Strategic projects**  
Relevance of strategic projects in EU funding programs, characteristics and design of strategic projects  
Milena Marega and Mateja Sepec Jeršič, REC

11.15 – 12.15 **VII. Working groups discussions:**

Three working groups will discuss potential project ideas under the thematic areas:  
Contingency Plan, Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Ballast Water Management  
Moderated discussion

*(The discussion will identify project ideas, actors and potential project partnerships, and also the kind of assistance that applicants need for the successful planning and implementation of projects.)*

12.15 – 12.45 **Reporting on working groups conclusions**

Reporters

12.45 – 13.00 **Wrapping up, follow up actions, conclusion of the seminar**

Mitja Bricelj and Milena Marega

Sincerely yours,

Milena Marega

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