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## DRAFT AGENDA

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# AI-NURECC PLUS High Level Conference on Circular economy and aquatic resources: how to manage inland and coastal waters in a smart and circular way.

24th May, 2023 - **Sarajevo (BiH)** [*Hybrid Event*]

Main venue: Hotel Holiday, Room 4

15:00 - 16:30:– (CEST)

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The optimal management of water resources is an essential goal in light of the impacts that climate change has on the environment. The Covid-19 pandemic has also become an element of further pressure on water resource management, emphasizing the need for a more sustainable and resilient economic, social and environmental system.

New EU rules on water reuse and initiatives provide excellent conditions for instilling more sustainability and circularity into the water management sector in the near future. Cities and Regions can play a decisive role in guaranteeing full compliance with relevant EU water legislation and for preserving freshwater resources in the long term.

The conference aims to be an exchange on the latest information in the field of water management and circular economy and to map the biggest challenges that EUSAIR countries are currently facing.

### WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION:

- ❖ **Mr. Massimo SERI**, *Mayor of Fano (Italy), FAIC President;*
- ❖ **Mr. Jusuf DURAKOVIC**, *Dean of Zenica University (BiH), UniAdriion President;*
- ❖ **Mr. Stavros KALOGNOMOS**, *Executive Secretary of the Balkan and Black Sea Commission (BBSC), Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) - AI-NURECC PLUS Coordinator.*

### MODERATOR:

**Ms. Oriana ROMANO**: *Head of Unit, Water Governance and Circular Economy in Cities in the OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Cities and Regions.*

She set up the OECD Programme on the Circular Economy in Cities and Regions, **supporting governments towards the transition to the circular economy.** She has led multiple circular economy policy dialogues and created the OECD Roundtable on the Circular Economy in Cities and Regions.

## **PANEL:**

❖ **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: EUSAIR Pillar 1 (Blue Growth) Greek Representative (tbc).**

❖ **Mr. Nikola DOBROSLAVIC (Croatia):** *President of Dubrovnik-Neretva Region, COTER and CIVEX rapporteur, President of Adriatic Ionian Euroregion.*

Dubrovnik-Neretva County is the southernmost county of Adriatic Croatia, characterized by a narrow and inhomogeneous coastal zone, lakes, rivers and the Neretva Delta. In the framework of the Interreg Italy-Croatia WATERCARE, water management solutions for reducing microbial environmental impact in coastal areas have been installed in the Neretva Delta.

❖ **Ms. Vedrana ILIC (Serbia):** *Representative of the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River, Serbia's Assistant Minister responsible for international relations at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management.*

(ICPDR) is an international organization consisting of 15 members and one of the largest and most active international river basin management bodies in the world. Their mission is to promote and coordinate **sustainable and equitable water management**, including conservation, improvement and rational use of waters for the benefit of the Danube River Basin countries and their people.

❖ **Mr. Bardh SPAHIA (Albania):** *Mayor of Shkodër.*

The City of Shkodër is characterized by the proximity to the largest lake in Southern Europe. The Municipality is associated partner of the project ALMONIT-MTC, which helps monitor the quality of marine waters, while a new pilot multimodal transport on the Lake will connect Albania with Montenegro.



- ❖ **Mr. Svemir GORIN (North Macedonia): Associate professor of Geographic information systems at Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics at University of Skopje, Vice President of [Geobalkanica](#).** He is one of the authors of “Water Resources Management in the Republic of North Macedonia”.

## Q&A SESSION