

## B-VISA 2030

### Tirana ONE-DAY CONFERENCE IN ALBANIA: MARCH 10, 2025

Tirana, Albania

“Black Diamond Hotel”

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#### Agenda

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<p>09:00- Get together and registration 09:15 Start of the meeting Opening remarks Welcome speech Mr. Ledion Lako, General Director, National Coastal Agency Mrs. Klodiana Çollaku, Executive Director CEAPAL Representative from JS, <u>To be decided</u> Representative from Puglia Region, Mrs. Silvia Visciano</p>	
<p><b>10:00</b></p> <p><b>S3: A Pathway to Innovation in Albania’s Priority Sectors</b></p>	<p><b>Prime Minister Office (to be confirmed)</b></p>
<p>Contents and inputs</p>	<p>Presentation of the S3 strategy in Blue Economy in Albania</p>
<p>Expected output</p>	<p>Boost Albania’s competitive advantage while ensuring environmental sustainability and integrates Albania into broader EU maritime initiatives.</p>
<p><b>10:15</b></p> <p><b>Blue Economy, driver of the change in the S3 Regional Strategy</b></p>	<p>Mrs. Valeria <b>Patruno</b> <b>ARTI (Puglia Region)</b></p>
<p>Contents and inputs</p>	<p>Presentation of the S3 regional strategy, with specific focus in Blue Economy</p>
<p>Expected output</p>	<p>Acquire awareness on the strategic role of the blue economy as a driver or regional development</p>
<p><b>10:45</b></p> <p>The role of the HEI-s in the blue economy! The case of UAMD</p>	<p>Prof. Dr. <b>Osman Metalla</b> Faculty of Professional Studies, UAMD Stars EU, MEP</p>

Contents and inputs	The role of UAMD in advancing the blue economy through technology transfer, the integration of MEP&M and Zero C projects, and fostering innovation and sustainability in marine and coastal sectors.
Expected output	An analysis of UAMD's contributions and strategies for leveraging HEIs to drive innovation, sustainability, and zero-carbon solutions in the blue economy.
<b>11:15 What are “ghost nets? Identification and their impact on the marine environment</b>	<b>Prof. As. Jerina Kolutari</b> Department of Management Aquaculture and Fishery (Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania)
Contents and inputs	Definition of ghost nets (abandoned fishing gear), and analysis of their environmental impacts, such as harm to marine life, ecosystems, and navigation hazards.
Expected output	A comprehensive assessment of ghost nets' impact, strategies for removal and prevention, and policy recommendations to mitigate their environmental and economic effects.
<b>11: 45 Coffee break</b>	
<b>12:00 Digitalization of the maritime domain and use of digital twins to model future development</b>	<b>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kristofor Lapa</b> Department of Maritime Sciences, University of Vlora, Albania
Contents and inputs	Real-time maritime data (from sensors, GPS, AIS systems, etc.), port operations data, environmental data, and simulation tools to analyse efficiency, safety, and sustainability.
Expected output	Predictive models for maritime operations, optimized logistics, risk assessments, and actionable insights for future infrastructure
<b>12:30 Albania Action Plan S3 Blue Economy</b>	<b>Brunilda Liçaj PhD</b> Expert in Coastal & Marine Sustainable development <b>Prof. As. Jerina Kolutari</b> Department of Management Aquaculture and Fishery (Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania)
Contents and inputs	Strategic priorities for fostering innovation and sustainability in the blue economy, within the S3 framework
Expected output	A comprehensive, actionable plan for driving sustainable development in the blue economy, aligning with global sustainability goals.
<b>13:15 Advancing the Blue Economy: Challenges and Opportunities</b>	<b>Mr. Elvis Kamberi</b> Department of Management Aquaculture and Fishery (Agricultural University of Tirana, Albania)

Contents and inputs	Analysis of sustainable marine resource utilization, innovation in maritime technologies, policy frameworks, and stakeholder engagement
Expected output	A roadmap for sustainable blue economy growth, highlighting actionable strategies, investment opportunities
<b>13:45 The future of Blue Economy in Montenegro</b>	<b>Mrs. Aferdita Vuljaj, Ministry of Economic Development Montenegro</b>
Content and inputs	Blue Economy and the Role of the Blue Economy in Montenegro
Expected output	Introduce participants to the future of Blue Economy in Montenegro.
<b>14:15 Sustainable Coastal Tourism Development Perspective in Albania. New marinas</b>	<b>Brunilda Liçaj PhD</b> Expert in Coastal & Marine Sustainable development
	Summary of the main features of the coastal tourism and port activities sectors in Albania
	Acquire knowledge relating to the impact of coastal tourism and port activities in Albania
<b>14:45 Conclusions</b> <b>15:00 Working Lunch</b> <b>16:00 End of the meeting</b>	