



**CONFERENCE**  
**ENHANCING “CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE AND MARITIME AFFAIRS”**  
**REGIONAL FOOTPRINT AS MARITIME SERVICES PROVIDER**  
***6 March 2023***  
***VENUE: Durrës Port Authority***

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Under the framework of SAGOV Plus, Cooperation and Development Institute organises the Conference “On enhancing Centre of Excellence and Maritime Affairs regional footprint as maritime services provider” on 6 March from 10:30 to 15:00 in the premises of Durrës Port Authority. The event will focus on reinvigorating and reinforcing CEMA regional component in the South Adriatic Area. In this event, we will discuss what has been done so far through CEMA, lessons learned, plans as well as share the best practices from the South Adriatic Area.

The event will start with key note addresses of the Director of the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, Mr. Zakonjšek as a key stakeholder in planning and supporting for the establishment of CEMA.

The **first panel** will focus on how to improve CEMA’s work through the quadruple innovative model which offers a perfect liaison between the government, academia, civil society and private sector. In this panel CEMA’s work will be elaborated and plans for the future as well as the link between the academia and port from will be tracked by the University of Vlora representative, the link between academia and business will be shared by business operators in Durres Port. Port representatives from Albania will share their views.

The **second panel** will focus on the ways to increase regional cooperation in the maritime sector in terms of human capital, by analysing the example on maritime education and management of trainings in port services of both Montenegro and the Puglia Region. Furthermore, the link between Universities in the South Adriatic Area (the once dealing with the maritime sector in terms of exchanging experience) and mobility will be discussed. Furthermore, CPMR Member will share more information on the youth participation on the blue economy.

The event will aim to raise awareness and promote maritime connectivity and human capital with the goal of reaching decision-makers in national institutions, regional ones and in EU, international financing Institutions, as well as academia and other actors involved in the connectivity sector.

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## PROGRAMME

**6 MARCH 2023, AT DURRES PORT AUTHORITY, "HYSNI ARUÇI CONFERENCE ROOM"**

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30-10:35	Welcome Note	<b>Ardian Hackaj</b> , Research Director and Coordinator of Tirana Connectivity Forum, CDI Albania
10:35-10:40	Welcome Note	<b>Pirro Vengu</b> , CEO, Durrës Port Authority
10:40-10:45	Short Presentation of the Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro	<b>Davide Marcianò</b> / Legal Officer, Joint Secretariat of Interreg IPA CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro (tbc)
10:45-11:00	Keynote address	<b>Matej Zakonjšek</b> , Director, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (online)
11:00-11:10	Main highlights of CEMA in 2022 and objectives for 2023.	<b>Endrit Pollo</b> , Director, CEMA/ Durrës Port Authority;
<b>Panel 1: ENCOURAGING BLUE CAREERS WITH THE QUADRUPOLE INNOVATIVE MODEL</b>		
11:10-12:10	<p>This panel will focus on how to improve CEMA's work through the quadruple innovative model which offers a perfect liaison between the government, academia, civil society and private sector. In this panel CEMA's work will be elaborated and plans for the future as well as the link between the academia and port from will be tracked by the University of Vlora representative, the link between academia and business will be shared by business operators in Durres Port. Port representatives from Albania will share their views.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Elson Thana</b>, Transport Community Permanent Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Kristofor Lapa</b>, Professor, Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Vlora;</li> <li>- <b>Artis Pugacs</b>, General Manager at Mariner Adriatic, Hili Company;</li> <li>- <b>Malvina Jani</b>, Deputy Director Port of Saranda;</li> <li>- <b>Eriona Toslluku</b>, Head of the Human Resources Department, Port of Vlora.</li> </ul>
12:10-12:25	Q & A	

12:25-12:30	Panel Conclusions	CDI Albania
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12:30-13:30	Buffet Lunch
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**Panel 2 : REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THE SOUTH ADRIATIC AREA FOR BETTER HUMAN RESOURCES**

13:30-14:30	<p>This panel will focus on the ways to increase regional cooperation in the maritime sector in term of human capital, by analysing the example on maritime education and management of trainings in port services of both Montenegro and the Puglia Region. Furthermore, the link between Universities in the South Adriatic Area (the once dealing with the maritime sector in terms of exchanging experience) and mobility will be discussed. Furthermore, CPMR Member representative will share more information on the youth participation on the blue economy.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Ardian Hackaj</b>, Research Director and Coordinator of Tirana Connectivity Forum, CDI Albania</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Zorica Durovic</b>, Professor, Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor, University of Montenegro;</li> <li>- <b>Ugo Patroni Griffi</b>, President of ADSPAM – Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mare Adriatico Meridionale, Bari – Puglia (online);</li> <li>- <b>Osman Metalla</b>, Professor, Aleksander Moisiu University, Durrës;</li> <li>- <b>Maria Lekakou</b>, Professor and <b>Markella Gota</b>, Researcher, University of the Aegean, CPMR North and South Aegean Member Region (online).</li> </ul>
14:30-14:45	Q & A	

14:45-15:00	Conclusions	CDI Albania
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