



WW 2025

WATERBORNE WEEK

14 – 16 MAY 2025, MONTENEGRO

INVITATION

FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
WATERBORNE WEEK 2025

EMPOWERING REGIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Transport Community Permanent Secretariat and the Ministry of Maritime Affairs of Montenegro are pleased to invite you to **Waterborne Week 2025**, a unique event designed to foster regional collaboration, innovation, and excellence in the waterborne transport sector. Scheduled from **14 – 16 May 2025 in the beautiful city of Kotor**, The Waterborne Week 2025 will bring together government representatives, industry leaders, international organisations, and maritime professionals to discuss and explore strategies for sustainable, efficient, and safe maritime operations. The event will focus on strengthening regional cooperation and advancing the integration of the Western Balkans into the broader European and global maritime framework.

During the week, we will host a series of high-level sessions, plenary discussions, technical panels, and interactive workshops aimed at addressing the most pressing challenges in the waterborne industry. Topics will include sustainability in port operations, the implementation of green technologies, enhancing connectivity through multimodal transport, and the importance of workforce development. The event will also focus on regional integration efforts to improve infrastructure, including inland waterways, ports, and logistics systems, in line with EU and international standards.

Notable activities include the opening session with high-level addresses from EU representatives, ministers of transport, and experts, along with strategic dialogues on waterborne transport, safety, and innovation. Several specialised activities, the technical committee meeting on waterborne transport and multimodality, an event dedicated to the establishment of the Maritime National Single Window (MNSW) in Montenegro and together with the University of Montenegro, Faculty of Maritime Studies in Kotor we will celebrate the international day for women in maritime and organise the roundtable discussion between maritime faculties in the region, shipping companies, and training institutions to discuss the future of maritime education and career development.

Waterborne Week 2025 provides a valuable opportunity for participants to engage with key decision-makers, share best practices, and explore funding opportunities for the future development of the maritime sector. The event will be an important platform for networking, building cross-border partnerships, and discussing innovative solutions to enhance sustainability and resilience in maritime transport. Whether you are involved in policymaking, infrastructure development, or maritime operations, this event will offer insights and discussions on the latest EU maritime policies, green transport initiatives, and the future of the maritime industry.

We look forward to welcoming you to Montenegro, where together we can shape a more connected, sustainable, and resilient maritime future.

Let's navigate Together Connected towards a brighter waterborne future in the Region!



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DRAFT AGENDA

DAY 1
WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2025
09:00 - 17:15

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VENUE: HOTEL CATTARO
ADDRESS: STARI GRAD 432, KOTOR

09:00	REGISTRATION	
10:00	WELCOME ADDRESS	Mr Matej Zakonjsek Director of Transport Community Permanent Secretariat Mr Filip Radulović Minister of Transport and Maritime Affairs
10:30	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	Empowering Regional Excellence: Strengthening Cooperation, Sustainability, and Innovation in Waterborne Transport
	HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS	Waterborne Transport 2050: Innovation, Connectivity, and Green Transition
	PRESENTATION	VTMIS II and MNSW in Montenegro
12:10	LUNCH BREAK	
14:30	PANEL DISCUSSION	Connecting the Dots: Integrating Adriatic Ports into the Regional Common Market
15:30	COFFEE BREAK	
16:00	PANEL DISCUSSION	Aligning Regional Waterways with EU Standards for Growth
17:00	CONCLUSIONS	Closing of the first day



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DAY 2
THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2025
12:30 - 16:30

EMPOWERING MARITIME PROFESSIONALS BUILDING A SKILLED AND RESILIENT WORKFORCE

VENUE: HOTEL CATTARO
ADDRESS: STARI GRAD 432, KOTOR

12:30	LUNCH BREAK	
13:30	PANEL DISCUSSION	<p>Empowering Women in Maritime. Advancing Gender Equality in Maritime (Celebrating the IMO International Day for Women in Maritime)</p> <p>This session highlights gender inclusivity in maritime, celebrating the International Day for Women in Maritime (18 May) by bringing together key stakeholders to share best practices, inspire female participation, and promote a more inclusive industry.</p>
14:30	COFFEE BREAK	
15:00	ROUNDTABLE	<p>Maritime Careers 2025: Bridging Academia and Industry</p> <p>This session will bring together leading maritime universities in the region, shipping companies, and training institutions to discuss the future of maritime education and career development. Moderated by the Transport Community Permanent Secretariat, this session will explore strategies to attract and train the next generation of seafarers and shipping professionals, foster industry-academia collaboration, and address evolving skill requirements in the maritime sector.</p>



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DAY 3
FRIDAY, 16 MAY 2025
09:00 - 12:30

BOKA BAY AS A SUSTAINABLE NAUTICAL DESTINATION

VENUE:
MUNICIPALITY OF TIVAT
MULTIMEDIA ROOM

09:00	REGISTRATION	
09:30	WELCOME ADDRESS	Mr Željko Komnenović President of the Municipality of Tivat Dr. Frano Tripović President of „Delfin“ Sailing Club Prof. dr Tatijana Dlabuč Dean of Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor
10:00	INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION	Ocean Race representative (TBD)
10:15	INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION	Ms Theodora Riga President of MedCruise
10:30	COFFEE BREAK	
11:00	PANEL DISCUSSION	Cruise Ships in the Bay: Economy vs. Ecology Moderator: Mr Siniša Luković Journalist and publicist Mr Ljubo Radović Port of Kotor CEO Mr Vladimir Jokić President of Kotor Municipality Capt. Goran Idrizović General Director of Directorate for Maritime and Inland Navigation Dr. Slavica Petović Institute of Marine Biology Prof. dr. Danilo Nikolić Faculty of Maritime Studies Kotor
12:30	CONCLUSIONS	Closing of the Conference