

COST ACTION RETHINKBLUE MID-TERM CONFERENCE

DATE	TIMES	ACTIVITIES
Monday 26/1	After 14.00 19.00	Arrive and check-in to hotel Hestia. Registration desk open Lecture: Introduction to Estonian culture and history (informal part of the program, followed by a social gathering)
Tuesday 27/1	08.30-09.00 09.00-09.15 09.15-10.30 10.30-11.00 11.00-12.30	Registration Opening of the conference Plenary session I: Adaptation to change in the Baltic Sea area Moderator: Joanna Storie Speakers: Amit Sharma, Maciej Kowalewski and Ann-Leena Miller Coffee/tea break Plenary session: Paper session I Chair: Natasa Vaidianu & Simon Bell <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sabri Alkan: Coexistence of Offshore Wind Farms and Small-Scale Fisheries: Governance Challenges and Opportunities for Türkiye 2. Iddrisu Amadu: Bridging indigenous and technocratic epistemologies of the sea: understanding the nomadic Fante experience and navigation of West Africa's changing coast 3. Jesus Argente: Strengthening Alliances between Science and the Artisanal Fishing Sector to Foster Digitalisation, Short Supply Chains, and the Promotion of Local Fish Consumption 4. Furqan Asif: The blue economy and its discontents 5. Marta Ballesteros: Rooted in Place: Can Fisheries Communities Profiles help us understand generational renewal in the EU? 6. Simon Bell: Regeneration of redundant harbours for economic, social, environmental and health and well-being benefits to coastal communities 7. Jorge Luis Bermúdez Pérez: The Emergence of Offshore Wind Energy as a Source of Opportunities and Challenges: A Bibliographic and Methodological Review 8. Atila Bezdan: Marine Heatwaves and Coastal Vulnerability in the Balkan–Mediterranean Blue Economy Region 9. Senija Causevic: Governance and Competing Visions: Building Resilience in Atlantic and Mediterranean Port Cities 10. Carina Cerqueira: Coastal Memory and Blue Justice: Women's Voices as Storytelling Portraits of Maritime Life

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Michael Chatziefstathiou: From a research concept to policy implementation: Establishing a Regional Pact for Blue Skills in EUSAIR 12. Emilio Cocco: Blue Jobs, Coastal Resilience, and Climate Change: Exploring the Potential of Fisheries Tourism in Abruzzo (Italy) and Tenerife (Spain) 13. Jaroslav Dvorak: Blue flag initiative for blue economy and marine tourism around the Baltics 14. Cagatay Edgucan Sahin: Onboard working conditions on substandard vessels: An ethnographic inquiry on seafarers of Global South
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-13:45		Information on the Grant Awards offered by our Action
13.45-15.00	Plenary session: Paper session II Chair: Irmak Ertör & Mana Taheri Talesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marija Gjosheva Kovachevikj: Integrating Small-Scale Blue Economy Principles for Rural Diversification in North Macedonia's Aquaculture Sector 2. Carla Gonçalves: An overview of coastal landscape governance in Northern Portugal 3. Klodiana Gorica: Cultural Heritage impact in Resilience of Coastal Communities for Port Sustainability 4. Pinar Gültekin: Ecosystem-Based Climate Resilience in Coastal Areas: A Participatory Landscape Planning Approach in the Case of Akçakoca Black Sea Coast 5. Emine Güneş: Structural Contradictions in the Blue Economy: Evaluation of Efficiency-Oriented Solutions in Maritime with Greenwashing and Degrowth Perspectives 6. Irit Ittner: Political dynamics around transboundary gas extraction in the Dutch and German North Sea 7. Noelle King: Farming Fish, Framing Frictions: Aquaculture as a Lens on the Blue Economy 8. Arkadiusz Kolodziej: Spiritual diversity of the deep-sea vessels' crews – strategies of managing religiousness and superstitions on board 9. Ermelinda Kordha: Digital Skills in the Blue Economy: A Stakeholder-Driven approach across four countries. 10. Iliyan Kotsev: Ecosystem-Based Adaptation for Resilience of the Southern Bulgarian Coast: The MapBGBeachDune Project 11. Sanja Kovacic: From the Adriatic to the Aegean: Comparing Residents' Attitudes Toward Tourism Development in the Port Cities of Kotor (Montenegro) and Athens (Greece) 12. Khanssa Lagdami: Nutritional Challenges and Opportunities for Seafarers in the Blue Economy:

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		<p>Towards Equitable and Sustainable Maritime Occupations</p> <p>13. Bertrand Le Gallic: Impacts of climate change on (small-scale) fishing activities: three cases in Brittany in 2025.</p> <p>14. Marinela Petrova: Inclusive Energy Change in One of Bulgaria's Most Complex Industrial Regions</p>
	15.00-15.30	Coffee/tea break
	15.30-16.30	<p>Plenary session: Paper session III</p> <p>Chair: Gesa Praetorius & Mana Taheri Talesh</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Helena Martínez-Cabrera: When deviating is a social norm. The case of small-scale fisheries poaching in Galicia (NW Spain) 2. Miquel Ortega: Challenges of an unplanned degrowth in a thriving area: the fisheries case in the Western Mediterranean Sea 3. Jaime Ramón-Bruquetas: Poaching or Blue Justice? The Case of the Canary Islands 4. Georgios Remoundos: Assessing Social Acceptability for Zero-Emission Ferry Deployment: A Participatory and Quantitative Stakeholder Consultation on the Perama-Salamis Route 5. Adriana Ressureicao: A Participatory SWOT Analysis of the Blue Economy's Impact on Maritime Occupations in Europe: Insights from an Expert COST Action Workshop 6. Pekka Salmi: Societal barriers and generational renewal in Finnish small-scale fisheries 7. Nicolás Santelices: Imbalances of power and representation in Marine Spatial Planning: Evidence from Portugal 8. Amit Sharma: Pilot onboard versus Pilot onshore: Understanding cognitive challenges in Remote Pilotage Operations 9. Ana Sliskovic: Initial Findings on Career Plans Among Maritime Students: A Comparative Study Across Five Countries 10. Joanna Storie: From Closed to Connected: Transforming Places of Exclusion into National Landscapes
	17:00-18:00	Young researchers' meeting (organized by the Mentorship team)
	Evening	Free
Wednesday 28/1	09.00-10.30	Working Group meetings
	10.30-11.00	Coffee/tea break
	11.00-12.30	Work meetings I: paper writing teams & Mentorship book

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	12.30-13.30	Lunch
	13.30-14.30	Visit to the fishing harbour, located in the immediate vicinity of the hotel.
	14.30-16.00	Work meetings II: paper writing teams & Mentorship book
	16.00-16.30	Coffee/tea break
	16.30-18.00	Work meetings III: paper writing teams & Mentorship book
	19.00-22.00	Conference dinner (Kochi Aidad)
Thursday 29/1	09.00-09.30	Board buses and drive to Viimsi
	09.30-10.30	Visit Viimsi, look at harbour and Soviet heritage of Kirovi Ribkhoz (fishing collective)
	10.30-11.30	Depart Viimsi, arrive Loksa
	11.30-12.30	Visit Loksa in Lahemaa National Park (old harbour, beach, Soviet border relics, Baltic Green Belt)
	12.30-13.00	Depart Loksa, arrive Sagadi Manor
	13.00-14.30	Lunch and visit to manor park (historic manor which belonged to Baltic Germans)
	14.30-15.30	Depart Sagadi, arrive Hestia Hotel
	15.30-16.00	Coffee/tea break, (Core Group prepares for CG meeting, everyone else is free)
	16.00-17.00	Core Group meeting
	Evening	Free
30/1	By 12.00	Checkout and depart