



ADRIATIC MARITIME LAW CONFERENCE VII

Izola, Manzioli Palace, 9-11 April 2026

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 9 April 2026

- 12:00 – 13:00 **Registration and Welcome Reception**
- 13:00 – 13:15 **Opening Ceremony:** Milan Bogatič, Mayor of Izola
Jadran Klinec, Director of the Maritime Authority of the Republic of Slovenia
Boris Jerman, President of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia
- 13:15 – 15:15 **Keynote Speeches Session** (*Chair: Mitja Grbec*)
Giorgio Berlingieri: Maritime Liens – An Historical Overview on the Centenary of the 1926 Brussels Convention on Maritime Liens and Hypothecs
Vesna Tomljenović: Highlights of the European Courts' Case Law in the Context of Maritime Law
Maja Radunović-Ćulafić: Navigating Change – Montenegro's Evolving Maritime Legal Framework
Marko Pavliha: Quarter-Century of the Slovenian Maritime Code
Norman Martinez Gutiérrez: IMO and the Global Ocean Governance – IMO's Role in the Development of Generally Accepted International Rules or Standards
Discussion
- 15:15 – 15:45 **Coffee break**
- 15:45 – 17:15 **Recent Developments in the Unification of Maritime Law and Implementation of International Conventions at the National Level** (*Chair: Igor Vio*)
Jasenko Marin: The Requirement of Periculum in Mora in the Ship Arrest Procedure under Croatian Law
Petar Djurović: A Way forward for Ship's Register in Montenegro
Martina Kos: The Implications of the Recent Entry into Force of the Ballast Water Convention in the Republic of Slovenia
Alberto Bregante: Entry into Force of the Hong Kong Convention for the Safe and Sound Recycling of Ships
Lawrence Dardani: Possible Revision of the 1910 Collision Convention
Discussion
- 17:15 – 17:30 **Short break**
- 17:30 – 19:00 **New Technologies and Challenges in Maritime Transport – Legal Aspects** (*Chair: Daniele Casciano*)
Fiorenza Prada: From Drones to MASS – Liability Issues
Zoran Tasić: The Impact of New Technologies to Certain Clauses of Shipbuilding Contracts
Patrick Vlačič: Latest Developments on the Electronic Bill of Lading
Ilaria Tani: The Underwater Dimension and New Legal Challenges at National and International Level
Discussion
- 20:00 – 22:00 **Dinner – Hotel Marina**

Friday, 10 April 2026

- 09:00 – 11:00 **Adriatic Seaports - Regulatory Framework for their Sustainability and Connectivity**
(Chair: Iva Tuhtan Grgić)
- Elson Thana: Ports as Legal and Strategic Gateways in the Adriatic – Infrastructure Capacity, Connectivity, and Readiness in the Western Balkans
Boris Jerman: Impact of Sustainability Reporting on the Port Sector
Dorothea Ćorić – Adriana Vincenca Padovan: FuelEU Maritime Regulation with a Focus on Seaports
Jana Borić Kassal – Nina Perko: Implementing FuelEU Maritime in Seaports – Challenges from the Perspective of the Croatian Maritime Administration
Tamara Đukić: Green Transition of Seaports – Challenges Faced by Small Ports
Vittorio Torbianelli: The Model for Governance of Adriatic Ports
- Discussion*
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 13:00 **Protection of Marine Environment and Exploitation of Resources of the Adriatic Sea**
(Chair: Mitja Bricelj)
- Marko Starman: Marine Protected Areas in the Adriatic and Ionian Seas and the 2030 EU Biodiversity Strategy
Guglielmo Bonacchi: The New Shape of Maritime Jurisdiction over the Adriatic Sea: The Italian Perspective on the Protection of the Marine Environment after the EEZ Declaration and the Agreement with Neighbouring States
Božena Bulum – Gorana Jelić Mrčelić – Marija Pijaca: Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Aquaculture Regulations in the European Union – The Croatian Context.
Nebojša Krivokapić – Marija Popović: Marine Protected Areas in Montenegro – Legal Framework, Management and Protection
- Discussion*
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**
- 14:00 – 15:00 **National Maritime Law Associations Meeting** (*Delegates only*)
- 15:00 – 16:30 **Decarbonisation in Shipping Industry and Alternative Fuels** (Chair: Maja Radunović-Ćulafić)
- Marco Manzone: The Path to Decarbonising Shipping – Regulatory Developments at IMO and EU Level
Aleksa Martinović – Zuzanna Pełowska-Dąbrowska – Ante Vojković: The Introduction of Alternative Fuels in Shipping and the Civil Liability Aspects
Margita Selan Voglar: Decarbonisation in the Shipping Industry and Alternative Fuels – An Insurer's View
Petra Amižić Jelovčić – Nikola Mandić: Regulatory Challenges Arising from the Decarbonisation of Maritime Transport – Impact on Seafarers' Training and Education
- Discussion*
- 16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee break**
- 17:00 – 18:30 **Yachting Industry in the Adriatic Coastal States – Legal Issues** (Chair: Massimiliano Musi)
- Mitja Grbec: Legal Status of Ports and Marinas in the Republic of Slovenia
Gordan Stanković – Agata Dajčić: Extension of Concessions for Nautical Tourism Ports – A Comparative Legal Perspective
Cristina Pozzi: Marinas, Concessions and Competition in the Adriatic under EU Strategy
Andrej Jelenković – Petra Marijanović: Safe Harbour or Legal Minefield – Case Study from a Montenegrin Marina
- Discussion*
- 18:45 – 19:00 **Closing Ceremony: NMLAs Presidents**
- 20:30 **Dinner**

Saturday, 11 April 2026

10:30 – 14:30 *Sightseeing Tour – Visit to Izola and Koper with light lunch*

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