

NEWSLETTER #5:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

December 2022

SUSPORT PARTNERS PHYSICALLY MET FOR THE FIRST TIME IN BARI

On Dec. 6th and 7th SUSPORT project partners met physically for the first time in Bari, hosted by the Port Network Authority of the Southern Adriatic Sea. After more than two years of virtual meetings caused by COVID-19-related travel restrictions, SUSPORT partners had the chance to know each other and discuss the status of the project activities. More specifically, partners exchanged the experiences and expertise gathered in the implementation of the pilot actions in several sectors – e.g. low-carbon mobility, replacement of port's lighting systems with LED technology, retrofitting of existing port buildings, project design of on-shore power supply equipment. Finally, partners agreed on the next steps for the finalization of all remaining project activities and decided that the SUSPORT final event would take place in Trieste in June 2023.



November 2022

SUSPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN ZADAR

On November 23rd, Zadar Port Authority and their partners from AGRA organized a joint press conference in the port of Zadar Authority for their projects ECOWAVES and SUSPORT. After the presentation of ECOWAVES, Knežević briefly presented the SUSPORT project, which the Zadar Port Authority carries out in cooperation with Italian ports, saying that as part of that project they built canopies and that the construction of solar panels is also planned. The press conference was followed by the local event where results from both projects were presented to the local stakeholders. Here are some links from the articles that were produced after press conference:

- <https://www.057info.hr/vijesti/2022/11-23/u-gaznenici-postavljeni-eko-otok-i-meteo-stanica>
- <https://www.mtenazadar.hr/clanak/2022/11/u-gaznenici-postavljena-dva-eko-otoka-i-meteo-stanica-za-mjerenje-kvalitete-zraka-pintur-cilj-je-zastiti-okolis-i-prevencija-onesciscenja-jadrana/>
- <https://www.zadarskilist.hr/zadar-zupanija/u-luci-gaznenica-instalirana-meteo-stanica-za-mjerenje-kakvoce-zraka/>

SUSPORT PRESENTED AT THE "THE GULF OF TRIESTE BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY" EVENT IN TRIESTE

On 23rd November 2022, SUSPORT was presented at the "The Gulf of Trieste between development and environmental sustainability" event organised by the Europe Direct office of the Municipality of Trieste.

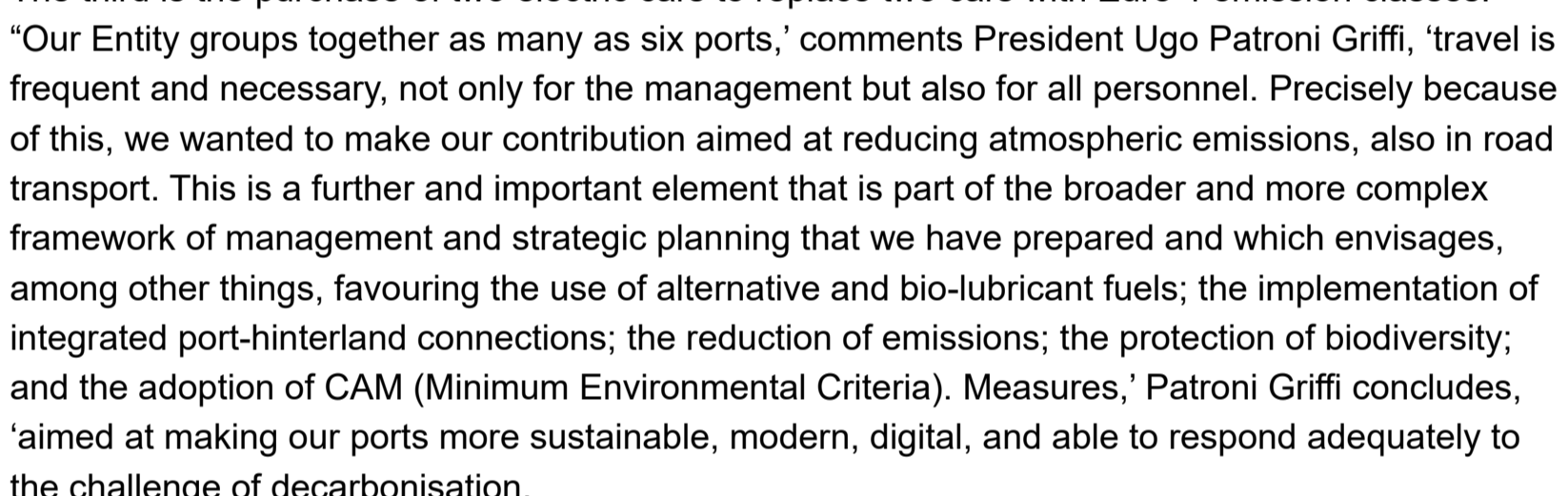
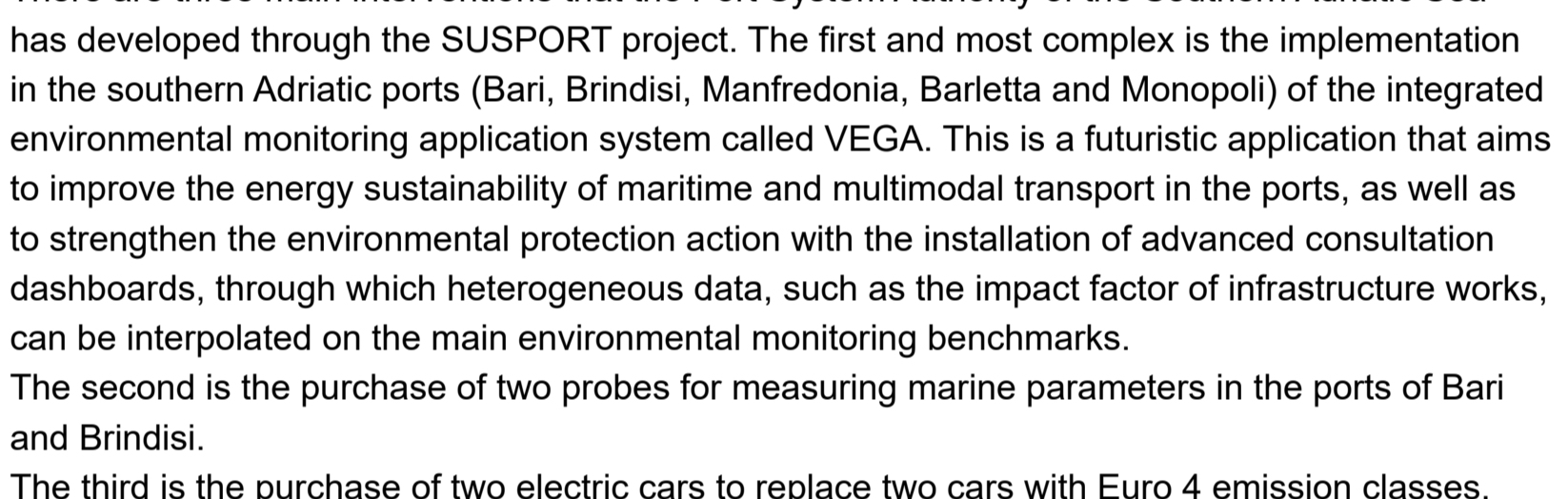
Europe Direct is a European information network designated by the European Commission, whose main goal is to inform and engage European citizens on the EU's activities and initiatives. The event's aim was to showcase the regional best practices in European use of EU funds in the domain of environmental sustainability. After the welcome speeches of the City's and Regional Councillors, Mr. Alberto Cozzi – representing the project's LP, Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea – illustrated the main purpose and achievements of SUSPORT (Interreg Italy-Croatia) and CLEAN BERTH (Interreg Italy-Slovenia) projects. Also, the Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region presented MOSES and ARPA FVG FIRESPELL (Interreg Italy-Croatia).

Besides, Area Science Park explained the main contents of the North Adriatic Hydrogen Valley initiative, a joint cooperation between Friuli Venezia Giulia Autonomous Region, Slovenia and Croatia, and Fincantieri described the most recent developments in environmentally friendly ship engines. The event was held both in presence and online, the target group being the local and regional journalists, for a further uptake on the print and digital media.



ARTICLE ABOUT SUSPORT PUBLISHED IN NAŠE MORE MAGAZINE

"Naše more" is an international scientific journal of marine sciences with a long tradition. You can read the article about SUSPORT project here: <https://lnkd.in/dsEqrsyQ>. There are few journals in the world with such a rich history. The journal was founded in Dubrovnik in 1919 by prominent ship-owners, seafarers and bankers. The main scientific fields that the journal covers are: technical, biotechnical, and natural sciences related to the sea, the shore and the underwater environment. Topics are discussed on a scientific, professional and popular level and include navigation, ship technologies and marine engineering, maritime industry, transport, shipping, maritime law, oceanology, aquaculture, environmental protection and marine biology, i.e. maritime and seafaring topics in the broadest sense. In addition, the journal covers the topics concerning nautical tourism, as well as the education of seafarers.



SUSPORT WAS FEATURED AT ECOMONDO – THE GREEN TECHNOLOGY EXPO, IN RIMINI, BETWEEN NOV. 8TH AND NOV. 11TH 2022.

The results achieved so far by SUSPORT partners were presented at the ECOMONDO – the Green Technology Expo in Rimini between Nov. 8th and 11th 2022. ECOMONDO is the benchmark event in Europe for technological and industrial innovation. An international event with an innovative format that brings together all sectors of the circular economy on a single platform: from the recovery of materials and energy to sustainable development. The Institute for Transport and Logistics (ITL) set up a stand at ECOMONDO showcasing the results of three Interreg Italy-Croatia projects – SUSPORT, MIMOSA and FRAMESPORT – focusing on environmental sustainability of transport and mobility. During the fair, several stakeholders approached the stand, gathering information of the project's outputs and results achieved.



October 2022

CEREMONY FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE ELECTRIC VEHICLES BOUGHT WITHIN SUSPORT

On Oct. 10th 2022 ceremony was held at the Port of Bari for the delivery of the brand new electric cars purchased by the Port System Authority of the Southern Adriatic Sea through the "SUSPORT - Sustainable PORTs" project, financed by the Italy-Croatia Interreg Programme 2014-2020, in which the Port Authority is a partner. "The project aims to improve environmental sustainability and energy efficiency in the Italian and Croatian ports falling within the area of the Interreg Programme, both through specific actions aimed at reducing polluting emissions and by fostering greater institutional cooperation, aimed at creating a coordinated and permanent governance to manage environmental sustainability interventions in the port area and energy efficiency at cross-border level. In the Adriatic ports involved, in fact, pilot and pioneering actions have been set up through the project to intervene in various areas and criticalities, such as noise pollution, air quality, and CO2 emissions," reads the press release.

There are three main interventions that the Port System Authority of the Southern Adriatic Sea has developed through the SUSPORT project. The first and most complex is the implementation in the southern Adriatic ports (Bari, Brindisi, Manfredonia, Barletta and Monopoli) of the integrated environmental monitoring application system called VEGA. This is a futuristic application that aims to improve the energy sustainability of maritime and multimodal transport in the ports, as well as to strengthen the environmental protection action by the installation of advanced consultation dashboards, through which heterogeneous data, such as the impact factor of infrastructure works, can be interpolated on the main environmental monitoring benchmarks. The second is the purchase of two probes for measuring marine parameters in the ports of Bari and Brindisi.

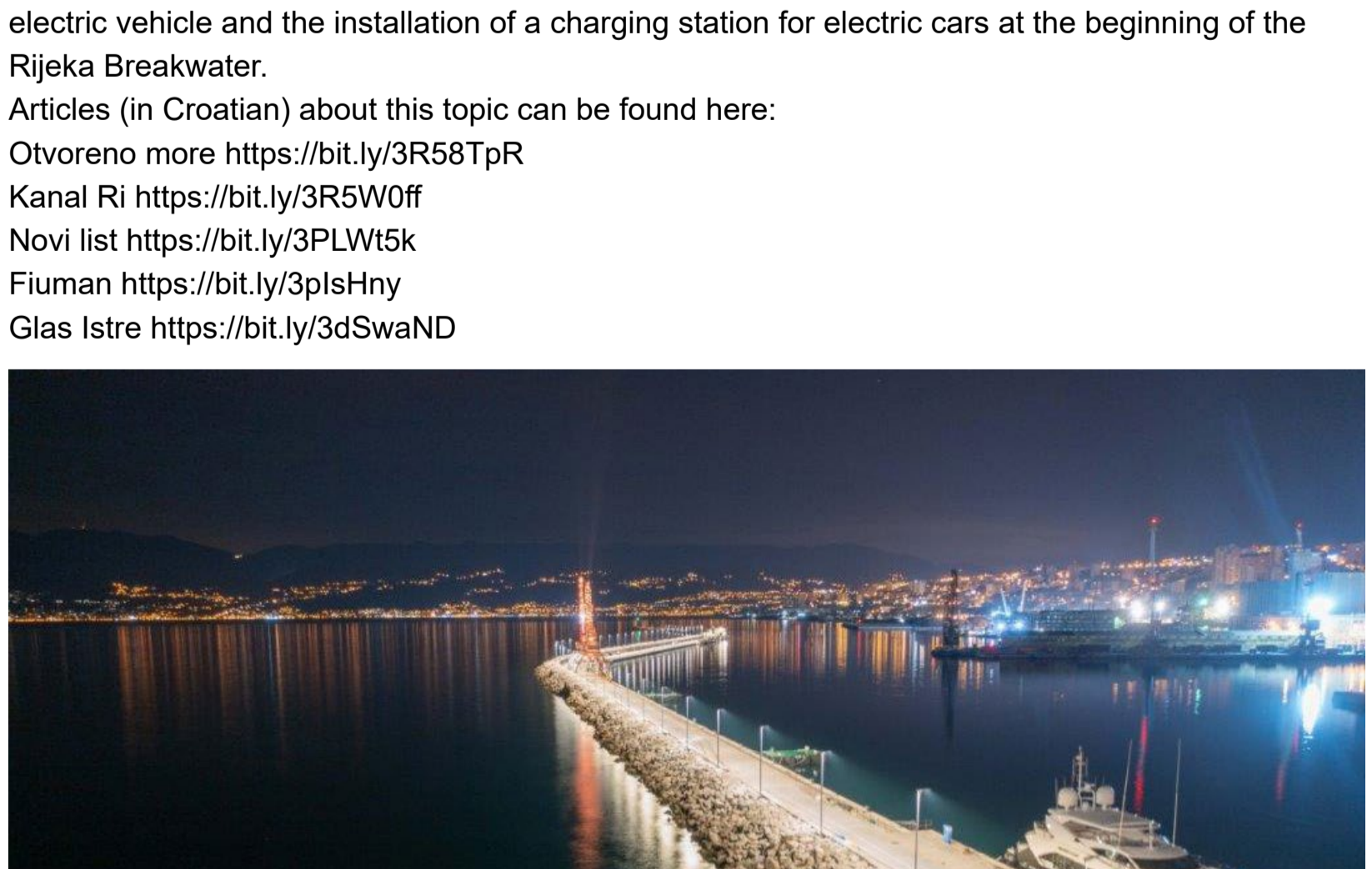
The third is the purchase of two electric cars to replace two cars with Euro 4 emissions classes. "Our Entity groups together as many as six ports," comments President Ugo Patroni Griffi, "travel is frequent and necessary, not only for the management but also for all personnel. Precisely because of this, we wanted to make our contribution aimed at reducing atmospheric emissions, also in road transport. This is a further and important element that is part of the broader and more complex framework of management and strategic planning that we have prepared and which envisages, among other things, favouring the use of alternative and bio-lubricant fuels; the implementation of integrated port-hinterland connections; the reduction of emissions; the protection of biodiversity; and the adoption of CAM (Minimum Environmental Criteria). Measures," Patroni Griffi concludes, "aimed at making our ports more sustainable, modern, digital, and able to respond adequately to the challenge of decarbonisation."



SUSPORT PRESENTED AT GREEN LOGISTICS EXPO 2022

The Lead Partner, Port Network Authority of the Eastern Adriatic Sea, presented the main features and results achieved so far in the framework of the Green Logistics Expo 2022, which took place in Padova on Oct. 5th-7th 2022.

Green Logistics Expo is an international event of business, marketing, culture, in-depth analysis, exhibition and comparison on the most advanced issues of logistics, with a specific focus on sustainable logistics. You can read more at our web site: <https://lnkd.in/djdlHwe3>



SUSPORT WAS FEATURED AT THE ADRIATIC SEA FORUM 2022, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN BARI ON OCT. 6TH AND 7TH 2022.

The Adriatic Sea Forum is the most relevant event dedicated to maritime transport in the Adriatic Sea, focusing on passenger and freight transport. More specifically, the two-days forum, attended by at least 200 participants, offered the opportunity for intense debate and a close look at issues of importance for the cruise, ferry, sailing and motorboat sectors in the Adriatic, an area looked onto by 7 nations (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, Italy and Slovenia) and which includes 25 regions and over 150 tourist destinations. During the 2022 edition, other Interreg Italy-Croatia funded projects were featured on top of SUSPORT: MIMOSA, FRAMESPORT and TECHERA. Several SUSPORT beneficiaries were present – the Ports of Bari, hosting the event, Trieste, Ravenna, Ancona and Zadar.

More specifically, Mr. Francesco Magagnoli – Port of Ravenna Authority – illustrated the project's main features and results during a session titled "LNG and SSE in Adriatic: something in sight?", the challenges tackled by the project – and potential solutions – being debated with representatives of the cruise and passenger transport sector.



August 2022

INSTALLATION OF LED LIGHTING ON THE RIJEKA BREAKWATER

As part of the SUSPORT project, the Rijeka Port Authority installed LED lighting on about 1.7 kilometers of the Rijeka Breakwater. The works carried out by the company Elektro-energetika from Zagreb cost HRK 1,384,198.75 including VAT, and in several stages the poles were replaced and LED lighting installed. With this project, the entire Rijeka Breakwater is equipped with ecologically sustainable and energy-efficient public lighting that ensures minimal electricity consumption, low maintenance costs and minimal CO2 emissions. In addition, the favorite promenade of the people of Rijeka shined with a new glow in its entire length, and gave the passenger port and the center of Rijeka a new view from land and sea. Thus, in addition to large infrastructure projects in the port area for the development of the cargo port, the Rijeka Port Authority continues with investments in the development of the passenger/ nautical port in the center of Rijeka and other facilities important to the citizens and visitors of Rijeka for smooth and safe access to the port area and the sea. The project is co-financed by EU funds from the Susport project, according to the financing model 85% of the project value's comes from the Interreg Italy – Croatia program, and 15% comes from the Rijeka Port Authority's own funds. In addition to the Rijeka Breakwater lighting project, the Rijeka Port Authority plans to use funds from the Susport program in 2022 for the purchase of an electric vehicle and the installation of a charging station for electric cars at the beginning of the Rijeka Breakwater. Articles (in Croatian) about this topic can be found here: Otvoreno more <https://bit.ly/3R58TPR> Kanal Ri <https://bit.ly/3R5W0ff> Novi list <https://bit.ly/3PLWf5k> Fiuman <https://bit.ly/3plshny> Glas Istre <https://bit.ly/3dSwaND>



July 2022

ZADAR PORT AUTHORITY JOINS NIKOLA TESLA RALLY WITH RENAULT TWINGO E OBTAINED THROUGH SUSPORT

"The most beautiful and quietest rally in the world finished on Saturday, 11th of June 2022, in Zadar on the location with "The most beautiful sunset in the World" as Alfred Hitchcock once said. The 9th edition of international "Nikola Tesla EV Rally Croatia 2022" traditionally started in Istria, this year in city of Rovinj where the official accreditation ceremony hosted by Mayor of Rovinj, mr. Marko Paliaga took place and next 7 day international participants from Europe and all over the world spent driving on panoramic roads on the 888 km long route through amazing landscapes and national parks visiting 12 cities. Luxury e-tour with its unique and innovative concept combines e-mobility, ecology and green tech that offers its participants the best of Croatia's cultural heritage, natural beauty and wine/gastro experience with plenty of attractions on the route officially called the "Green electric Highway" that offers charging stations that are, in cooperation with partners, set on the most significant locations. Fun and adrenaline was guaranteed with sport program on 2 locations, Vrsar airport track – Aero Klub Vrsar and in the center of the city in Zadar, "skill exam" at "Višnjik Sport Center" and the award ceremony hosted by the Mayor of city of Zadar, dr.Branko Dukić took place by the sea on one of a kind solar panel installation "Greeting to Sun"."

SUSPORT brings together 17 partners from Italy and Croatia:

