

Rivers, Seas, Energy: Cross-Border Governance of Strategic Resources

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Opening Session

Presentation

Prof. BRUNA ZUBER, University of Ljubljana — Faculty of Law (PF)
Prof. ANDREA CRISMANI, University of Trieste — DISPeS
Prof. DARIO BERDA, University of Rijeka — Faculty of Law (PRAVRI)

Opening the XII ICERNA: A Trilateral Conversation

Introduction

Prof. GIACOMO BIASUTTI, University of Trieste (DISPeS)

**The Governance of Strategic Resources:
Legal Frameworks, Institutional Choices,
and Emerging Challenges**

Morning Session — Session I 10.00–12.30

Chair: Judge ALEN RAJKO, PhD,
Administrative Court in Rijeka, Croatia

Hydroelectric Power Plant Mokrice: Dominance of Public Interest and Environmental Impacts

Judge VALENTINA RUSTJA, Head of the Department
of Nova Gorica, Administrative Court of Slovenia

Construction and Management of Multipurpose Water Infrastructure in Croatia: Experience and Challenges

Judge ANTUN ŽAGAR, PhD, President
of the Administrative Court in Rijeka

The Italian Higher Public Water Court: Institutional Framework and Jurisdiction

Judge MARCELLO M. FRACANZANI, Italian Supreme
Court of Cassation, Tax Section; former Full
Professor of Administrative Law

Afternoon Session — Session II 14.30–16.30

Chair: Judge JASNA ŠEGAN, President
Administrative Court of the Republic of Slovenia

Water as a Strategic Resource and Constitutionally Protected Value: Two Founts in the Case Law of the Slovenian Constitutional Court

Prof. MATEJ ACCETTO, PhD, University of Ljubljana
— Faculty of Law; former President of the
Constitutional Court of Slovenia

Afternoon Session — Session II (continued)

Offshore Wind and Floating Solar: Authorisation Procedures and Public Interest in the Energy Transition

Prof. GAETANO ARMAO, PhD, University of Palermo
— Dept. of Political Sciences and Int. Relations

Aqua publica or Exclusive Use — Rethinking Croatian Hydroenergy Concessions in Light of Roman Water Law?

Prof. INES MATIĆ MATEŠKOVIĆ, PhD,
University of Rijeka — Faculty of Law

Final Session — Session III 16.30–19.00

Chair: Prof. ANNARITA IACOPINO, University of Trieste (DISPeS)

Introducing the Research Framework for Early-Career Scholars

Emerging young researchers from Italy,
Croatia, and Slovenia present their work.

Public Interest in the Electricity Sector: Between Sustainability and Security

EVA RUŽIĆ, mag. iur., PhD Candidate and
Assistant, University of Rijeka — Faculty of Law

The Public-Private Partnership Model in the Energy Sector

MARIA VITTORIA CAROBOLANTE, PhD Candidate
and Assistant, University of Trieste — DIA

How Much Protection Can the Energy Transition Afford? Legal Challenges of Hydropower Development in Slovenia

NEJC URANKAR, PhD Candidate and Teaching
Assistant, University of Ljubljana — Faculty of Law

Closing Remarks

Cross-Border Governance and Strategic Resources:

A Concluding Reflection

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