

hunting and fishing of the Emilia-Romagna Region - and the Region Emilia-Romagna will be present both with initiatives dedicated to the production of fishing and aquaculture but also welcoming the VIII National Seminar of the Italian Network of FLAG's (coastal action groups for the development of areas of fisheries), with all 53 Italian coastal action groups, committed to implementing the participatory local development of fisheries and aquaculture communities, established under the EMFF (European Maritime and Fisheries Fund) 2014-2020. In this context, delegates will also have the opportunity to visit on the field our local production realities". Present at SEALOGY® also the Ministry for Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies with an institutional space and various conference initiatives on issues related to digital commerce, information to consumers but also to the enhancement of little-known fish species. "We could not miss this important event fair - says Eleonora Iacovoni, Director of the PEMAC IV Office of MIPAAF -unique in its kind on the national scene and that will allow our companies to promote themselves and seize this opportunity for new business opportunities but also to bring together national and international stakeholders engaged in the many scheduled activities". And in the three days dedicated to the sea and blue growth in the Estense city, there are several off-show initiatives offered to national visitors and foreign ones. "The city of Ferrara is ready to welcome the guests of the SEALOGY Exhibition® - with the participation of Matteo Fornasini, Councillor for Budget and Accounting, Participations, Commerce and Tourism of the Municipality of Ferrara - and we will offer the opportunity to visit our museums and our city even at night, precisely because we believe it is a great opportunity for Ferrara, for the Ferrara area but for the whole of Emilia-Romagna".

At SEALOGY® the European FARNET Network will also be present with an initiative dedicated to participatory coastal development, which will be attended by about 30 delegations from different EU countries. The initiative brings together FLAG, Authority of Management, National Networks and other subjects for dynamic exchanges around different projects that have contributed to resilience in their areas. The atelier in program aims to show how local associations, businesses and individuals are innovating to build a new and sustainable future for their communities. The projects that will be presented will range from social capital strengthening to adaptation to climate change or to the effects of different crises suffered, such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

"With the Exhibition dedicated to the Blue Economy - says Andrea Moretti, President of Ferrara Fiere Congressi - our exhibition centre is confirmed as a driving force oriented to planning and innovation. Therefore, our commitment continues towards the development of new business trade fairs and I take this opportunity to thank all the public and private subjects who in some way have contributed to the realization of SEALOGY®". Headlights also focused on the theme of investments and the financial support to boost recovery in the field of the blue economy with Blue Invest and its platform that will be present with dedicated initiatives for intercept the sectoral stakeholders and share their support for the transition to

more sustainable value chains, based on activities related to oceans, seas and coastal areas.

And to provide a concrete contribution to policies for employment in the Blue Economy SEALOGY® dedicates an entire thematic area to professions with Blue Skills & Jobs: education, environmental education, training, professional and entrepreneurial orientation towards blue professions with spaces and moments dedicated to seminars, workshops, educational and experiential laboratories but also presentation of projects and activities aimed at promoting the blue professions and bring the younger generations closer to the different economic sectors linked to the sea.

"In the course of this last year - says Alessandra Atti, Project Manager of Ferrara Fiere Congresses - we have had the opportunity to build this important event and we came into contact with the world of the blue economy and with all the subjects who somehow work in it and participate actively in it.

The strong and recognized interest that we have found will be the success of SEALOGY® beating heart of the Blue Economy".

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