

**European Blue Economy Exhibition
Quartiere Fieristico di Ferrara**

FRIDAY 19th November 2021

14h.00 – 15h45

Grecale Room– Pav. 2

PANEL DISCUSSION

**“Guardian of the sea: cooperation and active participation
strategies in the circular economy”**

Strengthening participatory and collaborative networks for development processes in the circular economy. The initiative focuses on the recovery of waste at sea and on the collection and reuse of disused and abandoned networks. Legacoop Agroalimentare and the Greek social enterprise Enaleia have signed a cooperation agreement aimed at involving the largest number of Italian seafarers for the cleaning of the seabed and for the collection of disused nets. On this occasion, the operating procedures, the first results but also the formalization of further membership agreements will be illustrated.

Moderation: **Simona Caselli**, *Head of EU affairs of Legacoop Agroalimentare*

Speakers:

Anna Montini, *Blue Economy Councilor Rimini Municipality*

Cristian Maretti, *Legacoop Agroalimentare President*

Nikos Therapos, *Blue Economy Policy Manager ENALEIA*

Giancarlo Cevoli, *Lavoratori del Mare Cooperative Rimini President*

Kalin Todorov Verbanov, *Manager International Relations PLASTIX*

Eraldo Rambaldi, *Mediterranean Aquaculture Association Director*

Michele Marinelli, *technical services Pescatori Motopescherecci of Ancona Cooperative*

Nicola Tontini, *Casa del Pescatore Cooperative of Cattolica Director*

On this occasion, further cooperation agreements will be formalized with other fishing cooperatives