

BLUE SMART

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Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the project Blue Education for Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources – BLUE SMART.

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One of the BLUE SMART project partners is Zadar County Rural Development Agency (AGRRA), a public institution established by the County of Zadar with the aim to develop sustainable agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture with an emphasis on environmental protection. Find out more about them!

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## New graduate study Program is created

The Program of the new graduate study "Sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems" was created within the BLUE SMART project. The beginning of the graduate study is scheduled for October 2017 and classes will be held at the Department of Ecology, Agronomy and Aquaculture, University of Zadar.

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## The Ocean Conference 2017

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one of the sustainable development goals, SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Find out how it was!

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## Lanterna

In the new issue of the university journal Lanterna, the project Blue Education for Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources – BLUE SMART was presented.



## Project website



*BLUE SMART (BS)* project got its official website!

After four months of working on the project website, since 14th July you can find all available information about the project, as well as related activities carried out within the project at [www.bluesmart.hr](http://www.bluesmart.hr).

The site is also optimized for use on smartphones so content can be viewed "on the go" as well.

*The website* serves as a platform with information on the activities carried out within the project, results achieved so far and announcements of new planned activities. Also, on this site there is a description of the graduate study *Sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems* where future students can find useful information if they are interested in this type of study.

For those who are already employed or seeking employment in the blue sector, and want to expand their knowledge about sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, there will be a possibility to log in to the new online course *The basics of good practice in fisheries* through the [www.bluesmart.hr](http://www.bluesmart.hr).

The web site, apart from project activities, offers news from Croatia and the world on the marine topics; ocean, fishing, new trends in the blue sector, the problems we face in the blue sector today but also the solutions that are offered.

Over time, this site will also offer various studies within blue sector that will be publicly available.

### BS PROJECT WEBSITE

Stay tuned!

Take a look at our new website!

[www.bluesmart.hr](http://www.bluesmart.hr)

The BLUE SMART team led by WWF Adria works on the visual identity and project website.



*Zadar County Rural Development Agency (AGRRA) is a public institution established by the County of Zadar.*

## Zadar County Rural Development Agency - AGRRA

Zadar County Rural Development Agency (AGRRA) is a public institution established by the County of Zadar with the aim to inform, coordinate and implement the activities related to the Rural Development Program 2014-2020.

AGRRA researches and develops information and communication technologies in the frame of rural development and fishery.

AGRRA offers technical and advisory help in the *international* and *interregional cooperation programmes* focused on technical development and development of innovative entrepreneurship, as well as sustainable activities of rural areas.

Agency is divided in two departments (*Department for Economy and Department for Development and EU Funds*) which fully cover all the aspects of Zadar County's rural development.

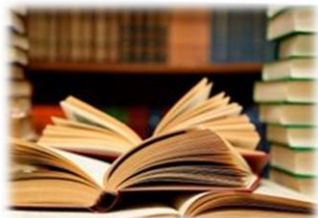
Over the years AGRRA has built a solid team with vast expertise in different sectors to consolidate a multidisciplinary approach and build a vast partners' network which includes private and public entities. AGRRA is a *public institution* established by the County of Zadar with the aim to develop sustainable agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture with an emphasis on environmental protection.

## Program of the new graduate study is created

The Program of the new graduate study "Sustainable Management of Aquatic Ecosystems" was created within the BLUE SMART project.

From the next academic year 2017/2018 Department of Ecology, Agronomy and Aquaculture of the University of Zadar is launching the mentioned university graduate study.

The graduate study is part of the **biotechnical sciences** and will last for two years (four semesters).



The **enrollment** requirements for the graduate study are undergraduate university study (180 ECTS) at the Department of Ecology, Agronomy and Aquaculture of the University of Zadar, or another related undergraduate study, and completed courses of "Marine Biology" and "Biochemistry" within the undergraduate study.

Upon completion of this study, students acquire the title Master of Sustainable Management of Aquatic Ecosystems.

The **Study Program** is in all segments related to the development of fisheries, aquaculture, sustainable development of coastal and island areas and conservation of nature and is in line with the objectives of the strategic documents of the University of Zadar, Zadar County, Croatia and the whole EU.

The planned **enrollment quota** is 30 students. The beginning of the graduate study is scheduled for October 2017. More information about the study and dates for application can be found on the website <http://www.unizd.hr/poljodjelstvo/>



## The Ocean Conference

*United Nations Ocean Conference* was held from 5-9 June 2017 at the *UN headquarters* in New York. This was the first conference that aims to achieve one of the sustainable development goals, SDG 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Global sustainable development goals are part of the UN Program on sustainable development, *Agenda 2030* adopted by UN members in 2015.

This five-day conference gathered more than **1000 participants**: governments, NGO's, scientific community, intergovernmental organisations etc. It represents *the first step towards the change to reverse decline of our ocean health for people, planet and prosperity*. Main outcomes of this conference are Call for action, partner dialogues between countries and voluntary commitments.

A *Call for action* is a document affirmed by all parties which recognizes adverse effects of climate change on the ocean and it emphasizes the need for behaviour change to reverse ocean decline. Global collaboration is needed among all sectors (scientific research, reducing marine pollution, ending destructive fishing practices, reconsidering certain fishing subsidies, etc.) and enhancing conservation and sustainable use of our ocean.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Partnership dialogues revolved around topics like marine pollution, management, conservation and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems, ocean acidification, sustainable fisheries etc.

These dialogues focused on *strengthening existing and creation of new partnerships* increasing the implementation of *SDG14 and its targets*.



# From the media (in Croatian language)

U novom broju sveučilišnog časopisa *Lanterna* predstavljen je projekt *Blue Education for Sustainable Management of Aquatic Resources – BLUE SMART*.

*Ana Zubčić*, savjetnica za međunarodnu suradnju i EU fondove u AGRRA-i u Odjelu za gospodarstvo, jedna je od najzaslužnijih za dobivanje projekta BLUE SMART.



„Trebali poznavati natječaje, proceduru pisanja projekata, ali najvažniji je entuzijazam. Mi smo bili poprilično entuzijastični kad smo ušli u ovu priču, a u svakom projektu najvažnije je partnerstvo. Bez dobrih partnera nijedan projekt ne može biti ni dobro napisan, a pogotovo dobro proveden.“

*Izv.prof.dr.sc. Bosiljka Mustać* pročelnica je Odjela za ekologiju, agronomiju i akvakulturu Sveučilišta u Zadru i voditeljica projekta BLUE SMART. Završila je Gimnaziju Jurja Barakovića, nakon čega je studirala biologiju (ekologiju) na PMF-u u Zagrebu. Nakon studija, vratila se u Zadar i dobila pripravničko mjesto u Adriji.



„Kod njih sam radila u laboratoriju, te sam upisala poslijediplomski studij na PMF-u u Zagrebu. Magistrirala sam na biološkim svojstvima srdele, a zatim upisala doktorat na Agronomskom fakultetu u Zagrebu, te doktorirala na srdeli golemoj pod

mentorstvom dr.sc. Gorenke Sinovčić s Instituta za oceanografiju i ribarstvo iz Splita“.



*Dr.sc.Slavica Čolak*, voditeljica je Veterinarske službe Cromaris d.d., poduzeća koje je jedan od partnera u projektu. Diplomirala je na Veterinarskom fakultetu u Zagrebu 1998., nakon čega je osam godina radila u Cenmaru, te u nastavila u Cromarisu.

Slavica Čolak u projektu BLUE SMART jedna je od ključnih osoba. Ona će u ime Cromarisa prikupiti i Sveučilištu u Zadru dati ključne podatke o tome koje su potrebe plavog sektora kako bi se na osnovu toga izradili studijski programi.

## SOURCE

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