

The venue

The kick-off meeting will be held in the Great Hall 'Attilio Alto' of the Polytechnic University of Bari, a public scientific-technological university offering programs in engineering, architecture, and industrial design. The Great Hall is dedicated to the first Rector of the University from 1991 to 1994; seats approximately 500 people. The Polytechnic University of Bari was founded in 1990 and it is the youngest Polytechnic in Italy and the unique in the the South. Currently, the Polytechnic University of Bari is structured in 5 departments, focusing on quality of research and education innovation, internationalization and the diversity of its higher education courses.

Visit Bari

The region of Apulia, known locally as Puglia, stands as a significant economic hub in Southern Italy, forming the distinctive heel of the Italian peninsula and nestled in the Southern Adriatic Sea. In recent years, Puglia has garnered recognition as a pivotal link between the Western and Eastern worlds, reflecting a burgeoning multiculturalism, openness, tolerance, and warmth that foster connections among individuals and businesses from diverse countries and cultures. Bari, the capital city of Puglia, epitomizes this blend of modernity and tradition. With its maritime essence, Bari beckons with a captivating seafront promenade, a testament to its rich heritage. The cultural and historical tapestry of Puglia is adorned with numerous landmarks. From the St. Nicholas' Basilica and the imposing Swabian Castle commissioned by Frederick II in Bari, to the majestic Castel del Monte, an octagonal marvel also attributed to Frederick II in Andria, and the iconic Trulli stone huts nestled in the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Alberobello in the metropolitan city of Bari, Puglia offers a captivating journey through time and culture. Additionally, the opulent baroque architecture in the town of Lecce adds yet another layer of historical splendor to this region.



TURNING THE WEAKNESSES OF EACH INTO THE STRENGTHS OF ALL

Kick-off Meeting

Bari 16 • 17 MAY 2024

Aula Magna Attilio Alto
POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY OF BARI
Via Orabona, 4, Bari



MediCoRe introduction

The Mediterranean basin is continuously exposed to environmental hazards such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, floods, fires, droughts, affecting several sectors and ecosystems: water, food, health, and security. The constant changes the basin is experiencing are deeply influenced by human activities, with uncontrolled land and sea use (it is one of the world's busiest shipping routes), urbanisation, rapid industrial development, leading to significant and increasing risks in the coming decades. To meet these challenges, today more than ever, our interconnected world needs to build bridges that can help us to find suitable solutions together that leave no one behind. Higher education, along with its links to research and innovation, plays a crucial role in both individual and social progress. It aims to provide the highly skilled human capital needed by Europe and neighboring countries. This capital is essential for creating jobs, improving quality of life, and advancing sustainable development.

The kick-off meeting is the inauguration event of the MediCoRe initiative, which aims to improve the "Mediterranean Community Resilience" through cooperation in research, education, and technological transfer in the fields of Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Building Engineering, Urban and Regional Planning, Engineering Geology, Geotechnics, Hydraulics and Chemistry. The focus of the event is the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding that establishes the MediCoRe partnership among Mediterranean Institutions under the Coordination of the Department of Civil, Environmental, Land, Building Engineering and Chemistry (DICATECh) of the Polytechnic University of Bari.

MediCoRe Kick-off Meeting AGENDA

The morning sessions will be devoted to the presentation of the contents and key challenges of the MediCoRe initiative and to the signature of the Memorandum of Understanding. The afternoon sessions will be devoted to the First General Assembly and to the visit to DICATECh laboratories. The expected objective of the event is the definition of the main strategic directions for the activities of the network and its reinforcement.

Thursday May 16th

18.00 Welcome drink – Registrations
Location: Riva Del Sole Hotel, GIOVINAZZO

Friday May 17th

09.00 Registration

09.30 Institutional Greetings

Prof. Francesco Cupertino
Rector of the Polytechnic of Bari
Prof. Fabio Pollice
Rector of the University of Salento
Prof. Eugenio Di Sciascio
Deputy Mayor of Bari
On. Francesco Sisto
Deputy Minister of Justice
On. Marcello Gemmato
Deputy Minister of Health
Sen. Alessandra Gallone
Special Advisor of the Ministry of University and Research

10.00 MediCoRe Initiative
Presentation of the MediCoRe Initiative

Prof. Laura Grassini
Polytechnic University of Bari – DICATECh Department
Dr. Matilda Mali
Polytechnic University of Bari – DICATECh Department

10:30 MediCoRe Memorandum of Understanding
Signature of the Memorandum of Understanding

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 Key challenges for Mediterranean Network

Chair: Prof. Gabriella Balacco
Polytechnic University of Bari – DICATECh Department
Avv. Maurizio Raeli
Director of CIHEAM, Bari
Avv. Vito Bruno
Head of the Apulian Environmental Protection Agency
Ing. Gianfredi Mazzolani
International Activities of the Apulian Aqueduct
Dr. Ondine Gaerty
Policy Executive of the Energy and Water Agency, Malta
Prof. Ugo Patroni Griffi
Chair of the Port System Authority for the Southern Adriatic Sea
Dr. Nisrine Iouzzi
Director of Construction Work, New Dakhla Atlantic Port, Morocco
Dr. Gianna Elisa Berlingiero
Head of the Department for Economical Development of the Apulia Region
Prof. Piero Portincasa
General Secretary of CUM
Dr. Leonardo Manzari
Coordinator of WestMED Initiative – UE

13:00 Lunch Break

14:30 First General Assembly

Chair: Prof. Leonardo Damiani
Director of DICATECh Department
Co-Chair: Prof. Nicola Lamaddalena
Professor Emeritus of CIHEAM

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Visit to DICATECh Laboratories

20.30 Social Dinner
Location: Riva Del Sole Hotel, GIOVINAZZO

