

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

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## Opening Session

Presentation

Prof. BRUNA ZÜBER, University of Ljubljana — Faculty of Law (PF)  
Prof. ANDREA CRISMANI, University of Trieste — DISPeS  
Prof. DARIO DERDA, 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 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**

CARLO MODICA DE MOHAC DI GRIS,  
President of the Administrative Court  
for Friuli Venezia Giulia

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