

“Feel natural, think blue” in Durres, Albania

In the framework of the GEF Adriatic Project, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism and the National Agency of Protected Areas of Albania are preparing an awareness-raising event, followed by the workshop/panel discussion, organized in the Port of Durres, with the theme: "Marine resources, the energy of Blue Tourism". The event is taking place on the occasion of three international days: **Coast Day**, Environmental Health Day and International Tourism Day. These three days, celebrated one after the other, are to remind us that we must further develop important maritime activities but without damaging marine life and its habitats.

The workshop agenda will be as follows:

Marine resources, the energy of blue tourism

TIME	Activity
11.00	Opening of the workshop, purpose and programme (Mr. Zamir Dedej, NAPA)
11.10	Benefits of sustainable planning of blue tourism, the role of the Municipality Durrësi Mayor (Ms Emirjana Sako)
11.25	Sustainable and environmentally friendly marine tourism activities, opportunities and challenges
11.40	Effective measures for the protection of natural marine resources and development of tourism activities (marine buoys)
11.50	Effects of the climate change on the marine environment (marine erosion affecting the coastline)
12.00	The importance of relevant coastal habitats (rehabilitation of sand dunes)
12.10	Developing adequate policies and improving the legal framework to support sustainable marine tourism as an important segment of tourism development strategy of Albania (Mr. Blendi Klosi, Minister of Tourism and Environment)
12.20	Discussion
13.20	Conclusions and closing of the meeting
13.30	Cocktail for the participants