

On January 21-22, 2025, the Third Transnational Project Meeting of the project "The Digital Blue Carrier for a Post-Carbon Future - Curriculum Innovations in Aquaculture [DiBluCa]" under the Erasmus+ KA2 program took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, with the participation of the Odesa National University of Technology alongside partners from four European countries.

The Odesa National University of Technology (ONUT) is an equal partner in this project, along with the coordinating country Lithuania, represented by Vytautas Magnus University (VMU Agriculture Academy's Aquaculture Center); Balikesir University, Turkey; the University of Dubrovnik (Department of Applied Ecology), Croatia; and the University of Thessaly (Department of Ichthyology and Aquatic Environment), Greece. This time, the University of Dubrovnik hosted the international meeting.

During the meeting, following a year of project activities, all partner countries presented their educational modules and syllabi for aquaculture programs in higher education institutions for discussion and further implementation. The ONUT team, consisting of Professor Halyna Krusir and Associate Professor Olha Sahdieieva from the Department of Ecology, Water, and Environmental Technologies, as well as Professor Maryna Mardar from the Department of Marketing, Entrepreneurship, and Trade, developed and presented the educational module "Global Warming and Breeding, Biotechnology in Aquaculture," which became a key component of the curriculum content.

The meeting also addressed the development of a Website with E-learning Platform and Educational Resources, strategies for Pilot implementation for delivering educational curricula, a Best Practice Guidance for Academics, Teachers, Trainers, Students and Decision-Makers in Aquaculture, as well as a Dedicated European Aquaculture Handbook/E-book.

On the second day of the Transnational Meeting in Dubrovnik, the project team visited the Mariculture Research and Development Center in Ston, renowned for its ancient tradition of mollusk farming. The visit included a presentation of the Center's activities, projects, and potential collaboration opportunities with the Laboratory for Mariculture.

As a result of the Third Transnational Project Meeting of the project "The Digital Blue Carrier for a Post-Carbon Future - Curriculum Innovations in Aquaculture [DiBluCa]" under the Erasmus+ KA2 program, positive outcomes of the work were highlighted, and the project's implementation was confirmed to be on schedule and aligned with its objectives.









