



ADRIATIC MARITIME LAW CONFERENCE VII

Izola, Slovenia, 9-11 April 2026

The AMLC 2026 was the seventh in a series of conferences traditionally co-organized by the national Maritime Law Associations of Italy, Slovenia and Croatia since 2016. The Montenegrin Maritime Law Association joined the AMLC family in 2024, and this year organizers were pleased to welcome the recently established Albanian Maritime Law Association. The Conference is hosted by one of the participating national associations every two years on a rotational basis. This year's host was the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia. AMLC VII was attended by more than seventy participants from Albania, Croatia, Italy, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Slovenia and Switzerland, who discussed current global maritime law developments and issues common to Adriatic coastal states.

The opening ceremony comprised welcome speeches from Milan Bogatič (Mayor of Izola), Jadran Klinec (Director of the Slovenian Maritime Authority) and Boris Jerman (President of the MLAS). During the introductory session, keynote speakers from the four maritime law associations — Giorgio Berlingieri, Vesna Tomljenović, Maja Radunović Čulafić and Marko Pavliha — delivered their speeches. The session concluded with a keynote speech on the IMO and global ocean governance by Prof. Norman Martínez Gutiérrez, who was subsequently presented with a certificate confirming his status as an Honorary Member of the Maritime Law Association of Slovenia.

In addition to the keynote speeches, AMLC VII featured twenty-seven presentations on a variety of topics, categorised within six sessions.

- Recent Developments in the Unification of Maritime Law and Implementation of International Conventions at the National Level
- New Technologies and Challenges in Maritime Transport – Legal Aspects
- Adriatic Seaports - Regulatory Framework for their Sustainability and Connectivity
- Protection of Marine Environment and Exploitation of Resources of the Adriatic Sea
- Decarbonisation in Shipping Industry and Alternative Fuels
- Yachting Industry in the Adriatic Coastal States – Legal Issues

Closing ceremony comprised final remarks by the presidents of the five Maritime Law Associations: Giorgio Berlingieri, Maja Radunović Čulafić, Gordan Stanković, Elson Thana and Boris Jerman. They all expressed their desire and commitment for the next Adriatic Maritime Law Conference that will be organized in Montenegro in 2028, to represent a continuation of the Adriatic associations' excellent ten-year regional collaboration.