

28th ERVO Annual Meeting

8th – 10th June 2026

Trieste, Italy

Practical Information

The 28th European Research Vessel Operators (ERVO) Meeting will be hosted by **OGS (Istituto Nazionale di Oceanografia e di Geofisica Sperimentale)** at the **NH Hotel Trieste**, from 8th – 10th June 2026.

ERVO meetings address common issues and challenges affecting research vessel operators, with the aim of identifying solutions to improve services to the scientific community and to develop best practice in research vessel operations. Members present National Reports on fleet activities and future plans for vessel acquisitions or upgrades. Presentations on new vessel builds and emerging technologies are also invited, alongside thematic workshops on key operational and strategic topics.

The ERVO meetings provide an opportunity for research vessel managers and operators to exchange information on national fleets, highlight trends in vessel requirements, and discuss new technological developments in research vessel operations.

The ERVO meeting organizing committee are:

- Riccardo Codiglia Rcodiglia@ogs.it
- James Parker (ERVO Chair) James.Parker@cefas.gov.uk
- Aodhan Fitzgerald Aodhan.Fitzgerald@marine.ie
- ERVO Executive Committee

The meeting is organised in association with the PCO **Key Congressi**.

Event Website

All agendas and event details will be available on the ERVO website: www.ervo-group.eu

28th ERVO Meeting Agenda

Meeting Venue

NH Hotel Trieste, Italy

The NH Hotel Trieste will host all conference sessions, coffee breaks and lunches.

For hotel booking information please see page 8.

Meeting Programme Overview

The programme includes a welcome reception, two full days of meetings and workshops, with an official networking dinner on the evening of the 9th of June. Based on the number of presentations received, the programme is expected to run as two full days, allowing additional time for discussion and Q&A.

The meeting room hosts a poster showcase (fixed manifest for poster display! A0, portrait orientation) for participants wishing to present their work with a printed paper poster.

Provisional Schedule

Monday 8th June	Welcome Reception & Icebreaker (RV <i>Laura Bassi</i>)	(18:30 – 20:00)
Tuesday 9th June	ERVO Full Day Meeting	(08:30 – 16:00)
	Lunch & Group Picture	(13:00 – 14:00)
	Visit to RV <i>Gaia Blu</i> and RV <i>Laura Bassi</i>	(16:00 – 18:30)
	Official Networking Dinner: Yacht Club Adriaco	(19:30 – 00:00)
Wednesday 10th June	ERVO Full Day Meeting	(09:00 – 17:00)
	EuroFleets Objectives Workshop	
	Meeting Closure	
	Beyond the Helm: Local Explorations (optional touristic activities)	

Registration

❖ **Participant Registration Fee: €250 (incl. VAT)**

The participant registration fee includes:

- **Welcome Reception & Icebreaker** on Monday evening
- **Conference with Refreshments and Lunch** on both days
- **Official Networking Dinner** on Tuesday

❖ **Accompanying Guest Fee: €150 (incl. VAT)**

The accompanying guest fee includes:

- Welcome Reception & Icebreaker on Monday evening
- Official Networking Dinner on Tuesday

Optional touristic activities are subject to separate registration and fees. Details are under development, stay tuned for logbook updates!

Registration Deadline: 31st March 2026

Registration link:

<https://registrations.keycongressi.it/CMSWEB/Login.asp?IDcommessa=KEY26003&Lang=EN>

Online registration form is available from 9:30 on 23rd February 2026

The registration form includes dedicated fields/sections to collect:

- information on ERVO membership, your professional background (scientific, vessel operator, or industry) and areas of interest. Such information is for internal statistical purposes and conference impact metrics only
- confirmation of attendance at scheduled Social Events included in the registration fee, to help us minimize food waste and maximize experience.
- indication of whether you intend to present a poster, so that we can further send you any useful details regarding onsite poster printing options.

Please note that due to the venues capacity, a maximum of 120 attendees is allowed.

Registration Deadline: 31st March 2026

Click [HERE](#) for online Registration form

Event Locations

Welcome Reception & Icebreaker Venue: RV *Laura Bassi*

The **Welcome Reception & Icebreaker** will be held on board the RV *Laura Bassi* on **Monday 8th June at 18:30**, offering delegates a unique opportunity to network in an informal setting at the start of the meeting.

Location: On board RV *Laura Bassi*, Trieste Harbour (*Exact berth location to be confirmed*)

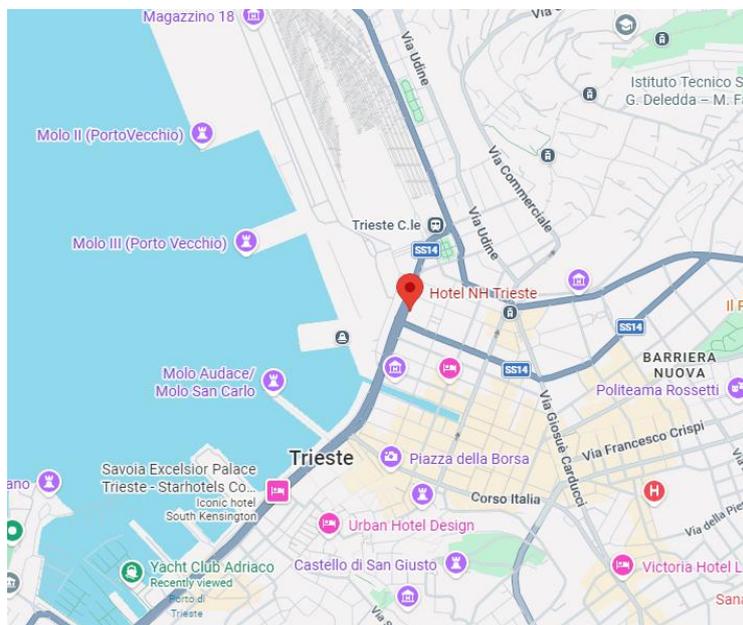


Meeting Venue: [NH Hotel Trieste](#)

The 28th ERVO Meeting will be held at the **NH Hotel Trieste**, located in the heart of Trieste, Italy. The hotel will host all conference sessions, coffee break and lunches providing a convenient and central location for delegates.

Address: Corso Camillo Benso Conte di Cavour, 7, 34132 Trieste TS, Italy

[Link to Google Maps](#)



Tour of RV *Gaia Blu* & RV *Laura Bassi*

There will be a **guided visit to the RV *Gaia Blu* & RV *Laura Bassi* on Tuesday 9th June, starting from 16:00 and running until 18:30**

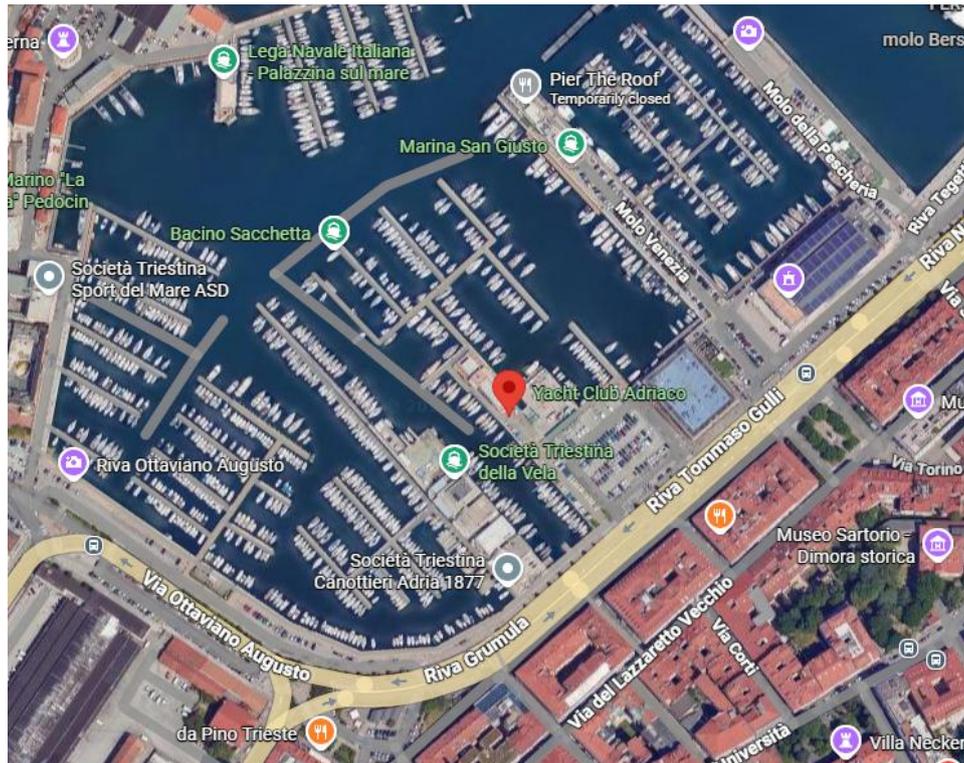
Location: *Exact berth location to be confirmed*



Official Networking Dinner: Yacht Club Adriaco

The official networking dinner will take place at Yacht Club Adriaco, featuring a three-course meal with views over Trieste's harbour and the Adriatic Sea.

Address: Molo Sartorio, 1, 34123 Trieste TS, Italy



Accommodation in Trieste 8th – 11th June

Hotel NH Trieste

A block of 30 rooms has been reserved for ERVO Annual Meeting participants for the nights of 8th, 9th and 10th June at the following special rates:

- Standard room single occupancy incl. breakfast, city tax and VAT: €147,00 per room per night
- Standard room double occupancy incl. breakfast, city tax and VAT: €162,80 per room per night

Check-in/Check-out dates are flexible within the dates mentioned above (no minimum stay required).

Check-in is from 15:00. Check-out is until 12:00

To provide you with the most competitive rates, these rooms are offered under an advance payment and non-refundable policy.

Full payment (online by credit card) is required upon reservation. City tax (€3,30 per person per night) is to be paid onsite. Once confirmed, bookings are final: in case of cancellation, no-show or early departure the stay will unfortunately remain fully due under any circumstance.

Any request for changes in dates or room types is subject to hotel availability and may incur additional costs or be treated as a new booking.

The room block and special rates are available until 9th April or until the block is sold out (whichever comes first). Thereafter, standard hotel rates will apply. Additional nights outside of the official event dates are also subject to standard rates. Please contact the hotel directly for such requests.

Link for reservation:

<https://www.nh-hotels.com/en/eventsweb/ogs---ervo>

Other Alternatives

Accommodation other than at the event venue is suggested at the following 4-star and 3-star hotels:

4-star hotels

Starhotels Savoia Excelsior Palace**, Riva del Mandracchio 4, Trieste TS**

- 800 m from the meeting venue
- Room single occupancy incl. breakfast and VAT: €220,00 per room per night
- Room double occupancy incl. breakfast and VAT: €250,00 per room per night
- City tax € 3,30 per person per night
- Booking conditions:
 - Limited number of rooms has been reserved until 1st April, 2026 – rates apply until 1st April, 2026 or until the block is sold out
 - Reservation requests must be emailed to reservations.savoiaexcelsior.ts@starhotels.it, mentioning ERVO event
 - Credit card as guarantee is required. Settlement onsite upon arrival
 - Cancellation policy will be communicated by the hotel upon reservation request

DoubleTree by Hilton Trieste, Piazza della Repubblica 1, Trieste TS

- 800 m from the meeting venue
- Room single occupancy incl. breakfast and VAT: €250,00 per room per night
- Room double occupancy incl. breakfast and VAT: €270,00 per room per night
- City tax €3,30 per person per night
- Booking conditions:
 - Limited number of rooms has been reserved until 1st April, 2026 – rates apply until 1st April, 2026 or until the block is sold out
 - Reservation requests must be emailed to TRSDT_RES@hilton.com, mentioning ERVO event
 - Credit card as guarantee is required. Settlement onsite upon arrival
 - No charges for cancellations before 1st June, thereafter a penalty of one night will be charged

3-star hotels

Hotel Colombia*, Via della Geppa 18, Trieste TS**

- 350 m from the meeting venue
- Superior single room incl. breakfast and VAT: €105,00 per room per night
- Standard room single occupancy incl. breakfast and VAT: €125,00 per room per night
- Standard room double occupancy incl. breakfast and VAT: €160,00 per room per night
- City tax €3,00 per person per night
- Booking conditions:
 - Limited number of rooms has been reserved until 1st April, 2026 – rates apply until 1st April, 2026 or until the block is sold out
 - Reservation requests must be emailed to colombia@hotelcolombia.it, mentioning ERVO event
 - Credit card as guarantee is required (in alternative, advance payment by bank transfer for one night). Settlement onsite upon arrival
 - No charges/full refund for cancellations before 29th May, thereafter a penalty of one night will be charged

Albergo Alla Posta*, Piazza Oberdan 1, Trieste TS**

- 400 m from the meeting venue
- 10% discount on standard non-refundable rates
- Booking conditions
 - Promo code “ERVO” valid until 1st April, subject to room availability (no room block has been reserved)
 - Promo code should be used for online booking on the website www.albergopostatrieste.it
 - The amount of the stay must be paid in full upon reservation and no refund is possible in case of changes, cancellation, no-show or early departure
 - Online payment can be done by credit card, using American Express or NEXI for Visa and Mastercard cardholders

We kindly suggest considering travel insurance to cover any cancellation penalty resulting from unexpected changes in your plans.

Please visit our [Event Organization Page](#) to view further updates on accommodation options