Maritime Technology Cluster of Friuli Venezia Giulia region: a bridge across Europe and USA.

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Maritime Technology Cluster of Friuli Venezia Giulia region has recently participated at two international events: the European Maritime Day – EMD2017, which took place in Poole, United Kingdom, and the “High Level EU clusters mission to the USA”, where a delegation of 20 selected European technologies clusters have been selected to visit the country and meet similar foreign organizations. In both occasion, Maritime Technology Cluster of Friuli Venezia Giulia is one of the few reality selected to represent Italy: thanks to this participation and the involvement in several international project and partnership, Maritime Technology Cluster of Friuli Venezia Giulia confirms its networking capability at European and international level.

The European Maritime Day took place every year in May: is the annual event to increase the citizens’ awareness of seas. The event is composed by parallel events where participants are European stakeholders. Maritime Technology Cluster of FVG has been choosen by the European Commission as the only Italian representative to the plenary sessions for this year.

“The participation to the Poole’s event is an important recognition for Maritime Technology Cluster FVG, since it prove our greater involvement in processes of international relevance”, said Martina Rossi, Cluster Manager who made a speech on the key role of regional clusters in the implementation of European policies.

Maritime Technology Cluster FVG has travelled beyond the ocean, represented by the project manager Carlo Kraskovic, who visited Washington, Philadelphia and Boston. “The High Level EU cluster mission to the USA” is a key moment in the cluster cooperation agreement signed in 2015 between the US Department of Commerce and the European Commission – Directorate General Industry. Maritime Technology Cluster FVG has been selected, together with Cluster Smart Health – CBM of Trieste and Cluster Torino Wireless, to represent Italy in this occasion. “The mission in the United States has been an important opportunity of comparison with research and innovation sector of the country”, explained Kraskovic. “Guided tours and meetings with cluster have led to a greater awareness of the actors present on the territory and of their mode of operation, a first step necessary for possible future collaborations”.

The mission of Maritime Technology Cluster FVG is to stimulate growth of the regional maritime industry. Relations with knowledge and production systems of other national and international territories are important to achieve this objective”, said Lucio Sabbadini, Maritime Technology Cluster FVG’s CEO. “We are honored of the continuing involvement at the events organized by the European Commission which attests that our efforts is efficient to transmit the value of Friuli Venezia Giulia region regarding maritime topics, so much that Europe enhances as a business card to the United States”. 
