CROATIA

BLUEMED – DIVE IN THE PAST

The BLUEMED project has been implemented in cooperation between DUNEA (The Regional Development Agency Dubrovnik-Neretva County), Konavle Municipality, Museums and Galleries of Konavle, Konavle Tourist Board, Epidaurum Diving Center and partners from Italy, Spain, Cyprus, and Greece. In the scope of the project, a Bluemed Knowledge Awareness Centre opened at the premises of Department of Archaeology of the Museums and Galleries of Konavle. By implementing the DUNEA's project, visitors can virtually immerse and interactively visit the rich underwater archaeological sites of two Roman shipwrecks in the depths of Cavtat maritime region:

- a shipwreck with large earthenware vases called "dolia" from 1st century³³;
- a shipwreck with cca 600 amphoras from 4th century, due to its good state of conversation, the site has been protected *in situ* with a metal cage³⁴

In addition to the above-mentioned shipwrecks, visitors can dive into the seabed of Greece and Italy, a total of six additional underwater archaeological sites that were excavated during the BLUEMED project. Also, there is a flora and fauna section for anyone who wants to know more about the biodiversity of explored regions. Finally, the back room is an audio / visual installation of the seabed with representation of a shipwreck that carries Lamboglia 2 amphorae.

³³ https://registar.kulturnadobra.hr/#/details/Z-55

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Visitor during a Virtual Dive on one of the sites in the Bluemed Knowledge Awareness Centre in Konavle $^{\rm 35}$

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