

PRESS RELEASE

BARCOLANA STARTS WITH A JOURNEY - THE MOBILITY PLAN IS PRESENTED

THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ORGANIZES A ROUND-TABLE WITH RAILWAYS, REGIONAL AND LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PROVIDERS, MOTORWAY AND AIRPORT REPRESENTATIVES

Trieste, 27 September 2019 – Barcolana starts its journey! This is the message Barcolana has chosen for its awareness campaign ahead of the 51st edition of the regatta. It will be launched on on Barcolana's social media on 28 September. Everybody's involved in the project: railways, regional and local public transport, motorways and the local airport will share the same message – Barcolana starts with a journey. Thanks to a coordinated public transport system, you can reach the city centre in many ways to enjoy the great celebrations, leaving your car at home or in a car park in the outskirts of the city.

Mitja Gialuz, chairman of sailing club Società Velica di Barcola and Grignano (SVBG) stated: “Let me thank the FVG Region and all those that, together, are helping us reduce the number of cars in the city during the event. What we love about this project is the fact that it involves the whole Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and that it is part of the Barcolana Zero Impact Event concept. Our social media are ready to promote this initiative and to work together with the Region and the whole transport system.”

“Barcolana 2019 will be more enjoyable and safer thanks to increased and coordinated public transport services for which the region invested an additional €40,000 and start working to this end last April”, said Graziano Pizzimenti, president of the regional council for Infrastructures and Territory. In the Region's building, Pizzimenti illustrated the integrated transport system which will allow visitors from different places to reach Trieste by train or bus, or through Trieste Airport's intermodal hub.

Under the direction of the region, services offered by Barcolana, Trieste Town Council, Trenitalia, Trieste Trasporti, APT, Trieste Airport, Ferrovie Udine Cividale and Autovie Venete include 46 extra regional trains, of which 22 will be operational on Sunday 13 October (13 more than last year), a shuttle bus service on Sunday afternoon and evening to connect Monfalcone Station and Trieste Airport, and a greater number of buses from Trieste Airport/Monfalcone to Trieste, as well as local buses, thanks to an electric shuttle bus service from Trieste park Bovedo to Piazza Tommaseo.

Pizzimenti said: “Barcolana is a test for the implementation of an integrated intermodal transport network, with an especially important role played by Trieste Airport.” Besides being a railway junction and bus terminal on the way to Barcolana, the airport in Ronchi will offer up to 1,600 parking spaces at a special cost of €3 a day (valid from Saturday 12 to Sunday 13 and Friday 11 from 1 pm) and 50 camper/caravan spaces at a cost of €10 a day.

There are special tickets for the park and ride service in Trieste (at a cost of 1€ for the whole network) and you can use your Trenitalia or APT ticket from and to Trieste Airport or Trieste Centrale/Central Bus station either on a bus or on a train. Customers will also be provided with more assistance and information. It will also be easier to reach Barcolana51 from outside the region, with major connections from and to Venezia through Portogruaro or Udine/Gorizia and also from and to Ljubljana (available from September 2018) and from and to Austria (Mi.Co.Tra. train).

On Sunday 13, you can also reach the regatta and the events of Barcolana on the historic train “Barcolana Express” which connects Udine to Trieste. Created with the support of the region and Fondazione FS, this train operates on a diesel locomotive and has 1930s vintage coaches “Centoposte”.

Pizzimenti concluded “At the end of Barcolana51, the coordinating team will have to analyze outcomes and feedback on such a great plan of integrated public transport system, that aims to help everyone participating in the event”. In 2018, 44,000 visitors used Trenitalia trains to go to Barcolana, 22,000 of them on the day of the regatta.