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Maritime Cluster Alliance

The development factor of the Mediterranean Maritime Cluster Ecosystem, and the valorization of Territorial Vocations

The ways to convey an acceleration in Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean basin, as well as in the other ones, may differ from case to case, but the capacity to comprehend them in a joint effort towards common goals is a WestMED achievement.

Let's discuss and find the way to improve and scale-up!!!

AGENDA

09:00-09:30 Registration

Moderator: Leonardo Manzari, WestMED Assistance Mechanism - National Hub Italy

09:30-09:45 Welcome & introduction: the Sustainable Blue Economy at the core of the European and Mediterranean strategies and priorities

- Irene Vecchiato, DG MARE (online)
- Adriana Salazar, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean –Water, Environment & Blue Economy Division (online)

09:45-10:00 The Italian Blue Economy in the Mediterranean contest

- Luca Palazzo, Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Cohesion Policies, WestMED National Coordinator
- Giuseppe Cavuoti, Ministry of Civil Protection and Maritime Policies - Department of Maritime Policies (online)

10:00-10:15 Seven years of WestMED Technical Assistance, a significant contribution to the growth of the Mediterranean ecosystem of maritime clusters

- Thanos Smanis, Marta Pascual - Sea Basin Assistance Mechanism

10:15-10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30-13:30 The Technical Assistance as a way to recover the gaps of the ecosystem

- **Investments: funding programmes and investment initiatives**
BlueInvest, Green Assist (online), EUDIS (tbc), Forum Oceano, Le Quéré, Travel Verse srl
- **Water Management, Desalination and Water Re-use: stakeholders and associations**
AIDARA, TEHA Valore Acqua, Suez Italia SpA, COGEA-BIP, Seamoretec
- **Incubation and Acceleration: Incubators, Accelerators, Maritime Clusters**
European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC), Center of Excellence of Robotics – STRATEGIS, Fabbrica Italiana dell’Innovazione, Federazione del Mare, Cluster BIG, Cluster Maritime Tunisien, Libyan Maritime Cluster Initiatives
- **Initiatives, Horizon Partnerships and Assistance Mechanisms**
Energy Transition Partnership – Assistance Mechanism for Fishery and Aquaculture; FAO-GFCM General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean; Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership; S3 Partnership on Shipbuilding “Alternative Fuels Propulsion Systems Alliance”
- **Sustainable Models: innovative start-ups and SMEs.**
DuWo srl, Test1 Solutions, Blue Insight, VD System, Navirego

13:30-14:30 LUNCH BREAK

14:30-15:15 Blue Mission Med – Peer Café: Project Synergies and Supporting Solutions towards the EU Mission “Restore Our Ocean & Waters” –

- Mario Dogliani, SDG4MED; Matteo Bocci, Ecorys

Conclusions