



**MALTA EU 2017**

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The BLUEMED research and innovation initiative for blue jobs and growth in the Mediterranean Area is firmly on the Agendas of the European countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea. It offers a shared strategic framework for working towards a healthy, productive and resilient Mediterranean Sea that is better known and valued. It is designed to tap the full potential of the marine and maritime sectors, structuring transnational cooperation to boost the Blue Economy, and promote and improve social wellbeing, sustainable prosperity and the environmental status of the region and its surroundings.

Organized under the auspices of the Maltese Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the event *'BLUEMED - A basin of research and innovation for sustainable growth'* aims to open up this initiative, for the first time, to non-EU Mediterranean Partner Countries. The goal is to initiate regional cooperation within the Mediterranean by pooling all efforts together to unlock the potential for Blue Growth and job creation at local, regional and international level.

Research and Innovation is a key driver of this process. Its potential will be disclosed through showcase of relevant projects and discussion on how to connect the Mediterranean and collaborate on innovative activities along the value chain.

## 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 – Day 1

### 13:30 – 14:00 Registration & Welcome Coffee

### 14:00 – 14:30 Introduction and Opening Session

High level representatives open the event by setting the scene for discussions from a political perspective.

Speakers:

**Chris Aguis**, Maltese Parliamentary Secretary for Research, Innovation, Youth and Sport

**John Bell**, Director for Bioeconomy, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

**Miguel Garcia-Herraiz**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

### 14:30 – 16:00 Showcase projects which implement the BLUEMED Initiative: How Research and Innovation can be drivers for sustainable blue growth

Chairperson:

**Sigi Gruber**, Head of Marine Resources Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

**Enrico Brugnoli**, BLUEMED CSA Coordinator

**Georgios Sylaios**, ODYSSEA Coordinator

**José Pérez**, MedAID Project

**Aldo Drago**, COPERNICUS CMEMS and eAIROOS

**Paolo Favali**, EMSO-ERIC Coordinator

**Ilaria Nardello**, EMBRC-ERIC Coordinator

**Alain Deidun**, Med-Jellyrisk Coordinator

**Ben Stuart**, ProCREW Coordinator

**16:00 – 16:30**      **Coffee Break**

**16:30 – 18:00**      **Panel Discussion: A litter-free Mediterranean Sea: Utopia or Reality?**

Chairperson:

**Fabio Fava**, Chair, BLUEMED Initiative Strategic Board

Speakers:

**Gaby Gorsky**, TARA Foundation Expeditions

**Ralph Schneider**, Plastic Europe

**Francesco Degli Innocenti**, Novamont S.p.A

**Anis Ismail**, SWIM-H2020 Support Mechanism - Key Environment Expert

**Nicolas Kalogerakis**, School of Environmental Engineering, Technical University of Crete

**Milena Horvat**, Jožef Stefan Institute

**Cristina Fossi**, Plastic Busters Project

**18:00 – 18:30**      **Wrap-up and Conclusions**

**Sigi Gruber**, Head of Marine Resources Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

**Fabio Fava**, Chair, BLUEMED Initiative Strategic Board

**18:30 – 19:30**      **Networking Cocktail**

**19<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 – Day 2****08:30 – 09:00      Registrations & Welcome Coffee****09:00 – 09:20      Introduction****Enrico Brugnoli**, BLUEMED CSA Coordinator**09:20 – 10:30      Showcase of projects which implement the BLUEMED Initiative (continuation)**

Chairperson:

**Luca Marangoni**, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Speakers:

**Audrey Zammit**, Biodivalue Coordinator**Pierpaolo Campostrini**, SUPREME and SIMWESTMED Coordinator**Chiara Petrioli**, ARCHEOSUB Coordinator**Vedran Slapničar**, BlueNET Project**Jackie Chetcuti**, FiDaCaMS Project**Salowa Sadok**, BIOVecQ and SecurAqua Coordinator**10:30 – 11:00      Coffee Break****11:00 – 12:30      Learning from Partnerships - Unlocking Innovation through Collaboration - how different sectors can collaborate better together to develop new value chains**

BLUEMED fosters new ways to increase cooperation between industry, research and local communities to fully capture the value of innovative technologies, scale them up and bring them to the market.

- How can partnerships lead to success in the marine and maritime sectors?
- How can clusters play a role in facilitating collaboration among

different blue economy stakeholders?

- What are the opportunities and challenges for clusters?

Chairperson: **Laura Yuste**, BLUEMED Initiative Strategic Board

Speakers:

**Shane A. Hunter**, AquaBiotech Ltd.

**Vedran Slapničar**, Croatian Maritime Industry Competitiveness Cluster

**Nikos Papandroulakis**, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research

**José de Lara**, Clúster Marítimo Español

**Mario Dogliani**, Technical Director, SEA Europe

**Gustavo Larrazábal**, Chair, European Aquaculture Technology Platform

#### **12:30 – 12 :45      Wrap-up and Conclusions**

**Luca Marangoni**, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries,  
European Commission

**Laura Yuste**, BLUEMED Initiative Strategic Board

#### **12:45 – 14:00      Lunch**

#### **14:00 – 15:30      Showcase of projects which implement the BLUEMED Initiative (continuation)**

Chairperson:

**Vangelis Papathanassiou**, Vice-chair, BLUEMED Initiative Strategic Board

Speakers:

**Alain Deidun**, Seaofskills Coordinator

**Marcello Scalisi**, Director, Mediterranean Universities Union

**Martina Rossi**, ASSESS Coordinator

**Georgios Georgiou**, MENTOR Coordinator

**Katerina Moutou**, PerformFISH Coordinator

#### **15:30 – 15 :45      Coffee Break**

**15:45 – 17:15**      **Connecting the Mediterranean Sea**

Connecting the major players at basin level to drive and create jobs and growth in the Mediterranean

Chairperson:

**Sigi Gruber**, Head of Marine Resources Unit, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Speakers:

**Raffaele Mancini**, Blue Economy Expert, Union for the Mediterranean

**Laura Giuliano**, Advisor, The Mediterranean Science Commission

**Biagio di Terlizzi**, Director, Cooperation and Planning office, International Center for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies

**Roberto Montanari**, Chair, Bologna Charter Initiative

**Pierpaolo Campostrini**, Management Board, Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans

**Davide Strangis**, Executive Secretary, Intermediterranean Commission, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

**Miguel Bernal**, Fishery Resources Officer, General Fishery Commission for the Mediterranean

**17:15 – 17:30**      **Wrap-up and Conclusions**

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**Gesine Meissner**, Member of the European Parliament

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