

STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

Towards concrete 'blue' actions in the western Mediterranean Monday 03rd of December 2018

Hotel El Aurassi
2, Boulevard Frantz Fanon,
Alger Centre, Algeria

DRAFT PROGRAMME (V.0)

8:45-09:30 Registration

Plenary session (*Working languages: EN - FR - AR*)

09:30-10:00 **Opening remarks by:**

HE Mr. Abdelkader Bouazghi, Minister of Agriculture, Rural development and Fisheries, Algeria **(tbc)**

HE Mr. John O'Rourke, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Algeria, **(tbc)**

HE Mr. Ali Mokrani, Director of the Cooperation with the European Union and European Institutions, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

- Moderator: Mr. Taha Hammouche, Director General for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Algeria (WestMED Co-Presidency)

10:15-12:00 **“Paving the way for concrete action in the western Mediterranean”**

- Moderator: Mr Patrick Augier, Deputy Secretary General for the Sea, France (WestMED Co-Presidency) **(tbc)**

The WestMED Roadmap, by Mr. Taha Hammouche, Director General for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Algeria (WestMED Co-Presidency) **(tbc)**



Catching opportunities:

- The Blue Economy Call 2018 (by EASME)
- The External Investment Platform (by DG NEAR)
- The BLUEMED Initiative (by Andrea Barbanti, CNR-ISMAR)
- INTERREG programmes' calls (by PANORAMED Platform and INTERACT)

Roundtable:

- Mr Christos Economou, Head of Unit, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission **(tbc)**
- Mr Miguel Garcia-Herraiz, Deputy Secretariat General, Union for the Mediterranean **(tbc)**
- Representatives of financial institutions
- Other WestMED National Coordinators
- Mr Abdoullah Srour, General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean **(tbc)**
- Mr Gaetano Leone, UNEP-MAP

Q&A from the public

12:00-13:30 Lunch

Parallel sessions (Working languages: EN and/or FR, without interpretation)

13:30-16:30 ***Project development Labs (session 1)***

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-16:30 ***Project development Labs (session 2)***

The project development Labs are organised as workshops of max 8-10 partners with the purpose of creating partnerships and develop projects ideas to support the implementation of the initiative. In this respect, participants are invited to opt for one Lab at the on-line registration. Then, they will be carefully identified and direct contact with them will be made to ensure the best partner match-making by the Assistance Mechanism prior to the Conference. At the end of the parallel sessions, and during the last plenary session, rapporteurs will present the project ideas that have been discussed among participants in the Labs.

List of tentative Labs (to be confirmed based on participant's interest):

Lab 1: Maritime Cluster development

Lab 2: Biodiversity and Marine Habitat Conservation

Lab 3: Innovative marina and leisure boat design (Sustainable consumption and production)

Lab 4: Sustainable Fisheries and Coastal Community Development

Lab 5: Blue skil development

Lab 6: Maritime safety and response to marine pollution

Lab 7: Eco-friendly aquaculture

Lab 8: Marine litter and circular economy

Plenary session: The way forward (Working languages: EN - FR - AR)

16:30-17:45 Chaired by:

- Mr. Taha Hammouche, Director General for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Algeria (WestMED Co-Presidency)
- Mr Patrick Augier, Deputy Secretary General for the Sea, France (WestMED Co-Presidency) **(tbc)**

Reporting from Project Development Labs (*Rapporteurs from the 8 Labs*)
5 minutes each: 40 minutes in total.

Final remarks by

- Mr Bernhard Friess, Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission **(tbc)**
- Mr Michael Koeler, Director for Southern Mediterranean, Directorate General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement, European Commission **(tbc)**
- Mr. Nasser Kamel, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean **(tbc)**
- Mr. Vincent Bouvier, Secretary General for the Sea, France