Towards the Recovery and Resilience of the National Blue Economy in Malta

08:45-09:00 | Opening of Event
Time allocated for participants to connect. Event will start at 09:00 sharp.

09:00-09:10 | Welcome and Introduction
Mr. Joseph Bugeja (Chairman & CEO, Transport Malta)

09:10-09:20 | Address by the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects
Hon. Dr Ian Borg (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects)

09:20-09:30 | Address by the Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services and Digital Economy
Mr Clayton Bartolo (Parliamentary secretary for Financial Services and Digital Economy, Ministry for Finance and Financial Services)

09:30-10:00 | The WestMED Initiative and the Assistance Mechanism
- Objectives and Priorities
Dr Stephanie Vella and Ms Annabel Vella (National Hub for the WestMED Initiative)

10:00-10:10 | Overview of Missions in Horizon Europe
Ms Anthea Fabri (MCST)

10:10-10:30 | Mission Area: Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters
Prof. Alan Deidun (Member of Horizon Europe Mission Board for Healthy Oceans, Malta’s Ambassador for Ocean Governance)

10:30-10:45 | COFFEE BREAK
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| 10:45-11:05 | Funding Opportunities for Sectors in the Blue Economy                    | Mr Steven Frigerio (Horizon Unit, MCST)  
Mr Gilbert Gauci (Internationalisation Unit, MCST)  
Ms Claudine Dimech (R&I Unit, MCST) |
| 11:05-11:20 | The BlueMed Implementation Plan - providing medium-term operational tools to develop sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean area | Prof. Aldo Drago (Head of the Physical Oceanography Research Group, University of Malta, and Malta's Delegate on the BlueMed GSO Working Group) |
| 11:20-11:50 | The Imperative of Interlinkages between Blue Economy Operators to Avert Common Risks and Exploit Joint Opportunities | Mr Michael Callus (Malta Maritime Forum)                                                                       |
| 11:50-12:15 | Digitisation towards a Circular Blue Economy                             | Dr Adam Gauci (Physical Oceanography Research Group, University of Malta)                                         |
| 13:15-13:30 | Wrap-up and Conclusions                                                  |                                                                                                                   |

**Note:**
To be held virtually on Webex