

# How Clusters will accelerate a sustainable Blue Med Economy

**National event organised by the WestMED National Hub Portugal**  
Instituto Hidrográfico, Rua das Trinas 49, 1249-093 Lisbon, Portugal

## AGENDA

- 14:30 | Opening Session**
- Orlando Costa, Head of Cooperation Unit, Directorate General for Marine Policy - DGPM, National Coordinator
  - Ruben Eiras, Secretary-General, Fórum Oceano | WestMED National Hub Portugal
- 14:45 | WestMED Initiative in Portugal - Highlight of main achievements and challenges**
- Javier Fernández | WestMED Central Team
  - Orlando Costa, DGPM - Directorate General for Marine Policy – National Coordinator
  - Ruben Eiras, Fórum Oceano – WestMED National Hub Portugal
- 15:00 | The Role of Clusters in Promoting Collaborative and Sustainable Blue Economy**
- Networks of Clusters as Ecosystems of Innovation - Fórum Oceano - Frederico Ferreira
  - Project MedBAN - Mediterranean Blue Acceleration Network - Fórum Oceano | Representatives of Cluster Partners of MedBAN
- 15:30 | Ports as Innovation Hubs for Blue Economy**
- Project AspBAN – Atlantic Smart Ports Blue Acceleration Network project - Ana Pinela Beta-i
  - Portugal Blue Hubs Network - Powering an innovation ecosystem for blue ESG economy - Fórum Oceano - Ruben Eiras
- 16:00 | Cooperation and funding dynamics - presentation of blue economy development initiatives**
- DGPM (Directorate General for Marine Policy) National Coordinator - Sandra Silva: moderator
  - Fórum Oceano - Frederico Serras Gago
  - Indico Capital - Stephan Morais
  - CCDR Algarve - Maria de Lurdes Carvalho
  - ADRAL Alentejo | projeto MISTRAL - Anabela Caeiro
- 16:40 | Q&A | Discussion**
- 17:00 | Closing session**
- Ruben Eiras, Fórum Oceano – Portugal Blue Economy Cluster | WestMED National Hub Portugal
  - Orlando Costa, DGPM (Directorate General for Marine Policy) National Coordinator

