

## “Italian and Portuguese marine and maritime clusters: best practices and experience exchange”

- Synergies between the Hub Azul Portugal and the Italian clusters

*La Spezia, 8 June 2023, h 14:00 – 16:30*

An increasing number of countries have already placed blue economy at the core of their governmental strategies, and the national marine and maritime clusters’ role is becoming increasingly fundamental on various aspects.

The blue economy management differs from country to country from various point of view, including but not limited to: research and innovation, business support through targeted industrial policies and financial support, training at various levels, etc.

During this session many experts coming from National Blue Economy Clusters in Italy and Portugal will share their models and experiences in all relevant aspects, with the aim to highlight differences and facilitate the exchange of best practices.

### AGENDA

- 14.00-14:30            *Registration*
- Moderator:            Leonardo Manzari, WestMED Assistance Mechanism – National Hub Italy
- 14:30-14:45            *Welcome & introduction: the blue economy at the core of national strategies and priorities*
- Daniele Bosio**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, WestMED National Coordinator
- 14:45-15:15            *Forum Oceano: the Portuguese blue economy management model*
- Ruben Eiras**, Forum Oceano, WestMED National Hub for Portugal
- 15:15-15:45            *Cluster Blue Italian Growth & Federazione del Mare: the Italian blue economy management model*
- Giovanni Caprino**, Cluster Blue Italian Growth
- Mario Mattioli**, Federazione del Mare

15:45-16:15

Roundtable: *Highlighting differences and mutual inspiration between Italian and Portuguese management models*

**Gonçalo Faria**, Hub Azul Portugal

**Rita Sousa**, FABER - Portugal Blue private operator (online)

**Fabio Fava**, EU MISSION "Restore our Ocean and Waters" - Lighthouse for the Mediterranean (online)

**Alessandro Iafrati**, CNR Institute of Marine Engineering, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

16:15-16:30

*Closing:*

**Marisa Silva** – Director General of Maritime Policy, Ministry of Economy and Sea – Portugal (online)

**Luca Salamone**, Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Minister of Civil Protection and Sea Policies



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