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Blue Challenges in the Mediterranean

Boosting new sustainable opportunities

WESTMED
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Istituto Nazionale Fisica Nucleare – LNS, Catania

Wednesday, 4 October: Welcome dinner

18:15	Registration
18:30	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INFN-LNS
18:40	The new Piano per il Mare italiano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry for the Civil Protection and the Sea Policies
18:50	Catania and its vocation for Blue Economy in the Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of Catania (tbc)
19:00	Malta and its vocation for Blue Economy in the Mediterranean <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maltese WestMED National Coordinator, Malta
19:10	The policy of Sicily Region for the development of the Blue Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dept of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fishery at the Regional Government of Sicily



<p>19:20</p>	<p>The WestMED Initiative and the Assistance Mechanism: a successful story for the Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DG Mare • CINEA <p><i>WestMED National Coordinators for Malta, WestMED Initiative co-Presidency</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects <p><i>WestMED National Coordinators for Italy:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Foreign Affairs • Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Cohesion Policies (DPCoe)
<p>19:40</p>	<p>The Mediterranean Basin as a spectrum of global challenges for the Sustainable Blue Economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Union for the Mediterranean
<p>19:50</p>	<p>The Italian-Maltese co-operation for the benefit of Southern Shore countries of the Mediterranean</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malta Maritime Forum • Cluster Tecnologico Nazionale BIG - Blue Italian Growth • Federazione del Mare



Thursday, 5 October

<p>09:30</p>	<p>Blue Skills and International Exchanges for a Sustainable Employability and Entrepreneurship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INFN Catania • Malta Maritime Forum • UNIMED Rome • OGS – ICAP Trieste • CIHEAM Bari • INDIRE – ERASMUS+ Italy
<p>10:30</p>	<p>Towards a Mediterranean Network of Energy Communities and Waste Management Distribution in Ports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Authorities • Port Authorities • Entrepreneurial Associations • Shipowners • Intermodal Logistics Organizations • Universities • Research Institutes
<p>12:00</p>	<p>Marine Renewables & Desalination</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministries • National Maritime Clusters • INFN Catania (tbc) • Universities and Research Institutes • Public and Private companies, consortia
<p>13:00</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK & INFORMAL NETWORKING</p>



	MEDBLEUE 2023
14:00	<p>Achievements of the MEDBLEUE 2022: MoU between the Port of Taranto and Port of Rades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sergio Prete, Port Authority of Ionian Sea • Foued Othman, OMMP Tunisie • Federazione del Mare • CTN BIG • Cluster Maritime Tunisien
14:30	<p>Presentation of the INTERREG Italy-Malta, CTE Italie-Tunisie, AICS calls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INTERREG Italy-Malta • INTERREG Italy-Malta • CTE Italie-Tunisie • AICS Tunis
15:30	<p>EU funded programs: 2021-2027 priorities and funding calls Managing Authorities presenting their Funding Programmes and calls Presidency of the Council of Ministers – DPCoe</p>
16:30	<p>Networking and matchmaking sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquaculture • Coastal Tourism • Cultural Heritage • Blue-biotech • Blue Skills <p>Parallel events & Story-telling: initiatives, projects, startups, SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School, sport and educational tourism • Accelerators&Incubators • Exclusive Economic Zones • The promotion of SBE supply chains across the Mediterranean • Cultural identity and heritage of fishing villages in Sicily • Good practices in gathering coastal cities for a better SBE governance
19:30	NETWORKING DINNER



Friday, 6 October

<p>9:30</p>	<p>Sustainable and adaptive fishery in the next Mediterranean scenario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministries • Regional Dept of Fishery • National and Regional Clusters • Entrepreneurial Associations • Foundations • Private companies
<p>11:00</p>	<p>Geology and Oceanography in the Mediterranean Basin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INFN Catania • Universities and Research Institutes • National Clusters • Foundations • Private companies
<p>12:00</p>	<p>Parallel Networking Sessions & Story-telling: initiatives, projects, startups, SMEs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story-telling and Testimonials • Networking & matchmaking sessions
<p>13:00</p>	<p>Final summary, conclusions and greetings</p>



	STUDY VISITS & EXCURSIONS
14:00	Visit 1: Research Institute
15:00	Visit 2: Organisation...
16:00	Visit 3: Underwater/ Coastal archeological site
20:00	DINNER AND RETURN TO HOTEL