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## Urgency and importance of desalination with respect to the water emergency in the Mediterranean.

Is there an Italian supply chain for desalination?

### AGENDA

13.30-14:00 *Registration*

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Moderatore: Leonardo Manzari, WestMED Assistance Mechanism – National Hub Italy

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14:00-14:10 *Welcome & introduction: the blue economy at the core of national strategies and priorities* – Luca Palazzo, Presidency of the Council of Ministers – DPCoe WestMED National Coordinator

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14:10-14:30 *A brief overview of the water scarcity across the Mediterranean basin and beyond: current scenario and perspectives* – Giorgio Micale, University of Palermo

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14:30-14:50 *The consolidated experience in desalination on the Southern Shore and Middle East* – Emilio Gabbrielli, International Independent Desalination Expert

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14:50-15:10 *The case-study of an Italian company: Hydro Italia srl* – Silvia Poggi, Hydro Italia srl

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15:10-15:50 *Roundtable: Can Italy tackle the challenge of sustainable desalination with its industrial ecosystem?*

- National and regional maritime clusters
- Universities and Research Institutes
- Public and Private organizations/companies of the related supply chain(s)

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15:50-16:00 *Conclusions: Cristian Chiavetta, ENEA RISE*