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Istituto Nazionale Fisica Nucleare – LNS, Catania

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, 4 October: Opening session

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| <b>17:15</b> | <b>Registration</b>   |
| <b>17:30</b> | <b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Santo Gammino, Director INFN-LNS</li><li>Nando Minnella, Director General INFN</li></ul>   |
| <b>17:40</b> | <b>The new Piano per il Mare italiano</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Luca Salamone, Ministry for the Civil Protection and the Sea Policies – CIPOM (online,tbc)</li></ul>                  |
| <b>17:50</b> | <b>Catania and its vocation for Blue Economy in the Mediterranean</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Enrico Trantino, Mayor of Catania</li></ul>   |
| <b>18:00</b> | <b>Malta and its vocation for Blue Economy in the Mediterranean</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shaun Patrick Ebejer, Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects</li></ul> |



### **18:10 | The policy of Sicily Region for the development of the Blue Economy**

- Luca Sammartino, Counsellor for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fishery at the Regional Government of Sicily (tbc)
- Rachele Rocca, Mayor of Portopalo di Capopassero

### **18:30 | The WestMED Initiative and the Assistance Mechanism: a successful story for the Sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean**

- Manuel Pleguezuelo, European Commission - DG Mare (online)
- Anja Detant, CINEA (online)

*WestMED National Coordinators for Malta, WestMED Initiative co-Presidency*

- Shaun Patrick Ebejer, Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects

*WestMED National Coordinators for Italy:*

- Daniele Bosio, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Marco Doglia, Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Cohesion Policies (online)

### **18:50 | The UfM Sustainable Blue Economy policy approach and agenda; A rising tide which lifts all boats**

- Adriana Salazar Olivan, Union for the Mediterranean (online)

### **19:00 | The Italian-Maltese co-operation for the benefit of Southern Shore countries of the Mediterranean**

- Miriam Camilleri, Malta Maritime Forum
- Giovanni Caprino, Cluster Tecnologico Nazionale BIG - Blue Italian Growth
- Francesca Biondo, Federazione del Mare (online)

**Welcome Dinner**



## Thursday, 5 October

**09:00** | Visit to the Istituto Nazionale di Fisica Nucleare – Laboratori Nazionali del Sud

**10:00** | A Novel Research Infrastructure in the Mediterranean Sea: Km3net Project

- Giacomo Cuttone, INFN-LNS

**10:30** | Towards a Mediterranean Network of Energy Communities and Waste Management Distribution in Ports (English language)

- Francesco Di Sarcina, Attilio Montalto, Port Authority of Eastern Sicily
- Alexandra Ellul, Transport Malta
- Mario Mattioli, Federazione del Mare (online)
- Giovanni Consoli, Assarmatori
- Beladjine Boumediene, University of Oran - Algeria
- Manuela Scarsi, Port Authority of Northern Tyrrhenian Sea
- Sergio Prete, Port Authority of Ionian Sea (online)
- Alessandro Panaro, SRM SRM Centro Studi e Ricerche (online)
- Lorenzo Maticena, Caronte & Tourist SpA

**12:00** | Marine Renewables & Desalination (English language)

- Giorgio Riccobene, INFN Catania
- Sara Tedesco, CTN BIG (online)
- Giorgio Micale, University of Palermo
- Tonio Sant, Flasc - University of Malta
- Diego Gavagnin, WSENSE

**12:00** | Parallel events

- Technical Meeting POWER4MED

**13:00** | Lunch break & Informal Networking



## MEDBLEUE 2023

### **14:00** Achievements of the MEDBLEUE 2022 (English language)

- Mario Mattioli, Federazione del Mare (online)
- Giovanni Caprino, CTN BIG
- Emna Sohlobji, Cluster Maritime Tunisien
- Miriam Camilleri, Malta Maritime Forum

### **14:30** Presentation of the INTERREG Italy-Malta, INTERREG NEXT Italie-Tunisie, AICS engagement in the Blue Economy (English language)

- Daniela Bica, Marco Sambataro, INTERREG Italy-Malta
- Abigail Camilleri, INTERREG Italy-Malta
- Daniela Bica, Emanuela Valiante, INTERREG NEXT Italie-Tunisie
- Stefania Fantuz, AICS Tunis (online)
- Evy Copejans, EMSEA Director and Coordinator of the EU Blue Schools

### **15:30** EU funded programs: 2021-2027 priorities and funding calls (English language)

- **EMFAF - LIFE**, Anja Detant, CINEA (online)
- **NEXT MED**, Aldo Puleo, Managing Authority INTERREG NEXT MED
- **EUROMED**, Isabelle Nobio, Managing Authority (online)
- **ITALY - CROATIA**, Francesca Bonesso, Managing Authority (online)
- **EU Mission Restore Ocean and Waters**, Mario Dogliani, Lighthouse for Mediterranean
- **TESIM - INTERACT**, Rosario Sapienza
- **Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership calls**, Alessandro Iafrati, CNR INM (online)
- **WestMED Embedding**: the role of cohesion programs, other EU programs and initiatives, Marco Doglia, Presidency of the Council of Ministers - DPCoe (online)



## **17:00** | Networking and matchmaking sessions

- Maritime Clusters
- Aquaculture
- Coastal Tourism
- Cultural Heritage
- Blue-biotech
- Blue Skills

### **Parallel events & Story-telling**

- Sustainable Fishery and Aquaculture, Dante Mele, DuWo srl
- Aquaculture Technologies, George D. Mantas, AquaBiotech, Malta
- Marine Robotics, Diego Gavagnin, WSENSE
- Innovative Technologies for In-Situ Environmental Water Monitoring and Early-Warning Toxicity Screening, Daniele Paesani, SWAP-TOX
- Robotics and Key Enabling Technologies, Simone Scattareggia Marchese, Signo Motus srl
- Cultural identity and heritage of fishing villages in Sicily, Laura Anello, Le Vie dei Tesori
- Good practices in gathering coastal cities for a better SBE governance, Mario Dogliani, Coalition of Mayors

## **18:00** | Summary and conclusions of the day and outlook for tomorrow



## Friday, 6 October

### **09:30** Sustainable and adaptive fishery in the next Mediterranean scenario (English language)

- Alberto Pulizzi, Fishery Dept. – Region Sicily
- Franco Andaloro, CTN BIG Sicily
- Francesca Biondo, Federpesca (online)
- Antonio Gottardo, AGCI Agrital
- Dante Mele, DuWo srl
- Mario Dogliani, SGD4MED Foundation
- George D. Mantas, AquaBiotech, Malta
- Emna Sohlobji, Cluster Maritime Tunisien
- Samir Bachouche, WestMED National Hub for Algeria
- Baba Hamadi, Mauritanian Marine Cluster
- Masauda Abuarosha, WestMED National Coordinator for Libya

### **11:00** Geology, Oceanography and Marine Ecology: Future Scenarios and Innovation in the Mediterranean Basin (English language)

- Salvatore Viola, INFN Catania
- Teresa Romeo, Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn
- Gianluca Sarà, University of Palermo; NBCF
- Pasquale Castagno, University of Messina
- Rosario Sinatra, University of Catania
- Francesco Italiano, OGS
- Daniele Pulcini, Sapienza Università degli Studi di Roma – CIRPS (online)

### **12:00** Parallel Networking Sessions & Story-telling: initiatives, projects, startups, SMEs

- Story-telling and Testimonials
- Networking & matchmaking sessions

### **13:00** Final summary, conclusions and greetings