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Joint National Event

WestMED (Italy/Malta), BlueMissionMed - National Hub Malta
and the Malta Maritime Forum

Location: Planetarium Hall, Villa Bighi, Kalkara

AGENDA

08:30 Registration

09:00 Introductory Remarks

- Ministry for Transport, infrastructure and Public Works (Ms Diane Muscat, Strategy & Policy Division)
 - Ministry of Transport and Infrastructures (Italy) – (Mr Pierro Pinelli)
 - Malta Maritime Forum (Mr Godwin Xerri, Chairman)
 - Parliamentary Secretary for Youths, Research and Innovation (MEYR)
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09:30 WestMed National Coordinator Italy (Mr Luca Palazzo, Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Cohesion Policies)

WestMed National Coordinator Malta (Ms Lucienne Meilak, Ministry of Transport, infrastructure and Public Works - EU Affairs & Policy Coordination)

09:45 Ocean Mission EU /BlueMission MED

- **Elisabetta Balzi (tbc)**
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10:00 Keynote Speech

- Former EU Commissioner Karmenu Vella
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10:10 Panel Discussion: The Role of the Private Sector in Powering Innovation in the Maritime Industry

Moderator: Mr Kevin J. Borg (Malta Maritime Forum)

- Malta Freeport (Ms Svetlana Gauci)
- Libyan Ports & Maritime Transport Authority (Mr Mohammed Salim Abduljalil)
- SDG4MED (Mr Mario Dogliani)
- Naval Architectural Services (Mr Kurt Gutteridge)
- WSENSE (Italy) (Mr Diego Gavagnin)
- MedCruise and Winner of the Blue Port & destination Award
- Port Authority of Northern Tyrrhenian Sea (Ms Manuela Scarsi)
- **Federazione del Mare (Ms Laurence Martin) (tbc)**

11:10 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 Panel Discussion: Charting a Sustainable Course: The role of authorities and research institutes

Moderator: Mr Leonardo Manzari (Westmed NH Italy)

- REMPEC (Mr Ivan Sammut)
- Transport Malta (Mr Michael Callus)
- CNR Italy (Ms Elena Ciappi)
- MCAST, Institute of Engineering and Transport (Prof Aldo Drago)
- University of Malta (Prof Alan Deidun, Ocean Ambassador)
- University Maritime Platform (Prof. Adriana Vella)
- University of Oran (Prof. Beladjine Boumedienne)

12:30 The Importance of Clusters in the Maritime Transport Sector (Maritime Cluster Alliance)

Moderator: Dr Stephanie Vella (Westmed NH Malta)

- Blue Italian Growth Technology Cluster (BIG CTN) (Mr Matteo Elli)
- **Federazione del Mare (Ms Laurence Martin) (tbc)**
- Pôle Mer Méditerranée (PMM) (Mr Colin Ruel)
- Malta Maritime Forum (Mr Kevin J. Borg)
- **Cluster Maritime Tunisien CMT (Mr Ezzedine Kacem), online**
- Libyan Maritime Cluster (Mr Ali Shagrune)

13:30 NETWORKING LUNCH

14:30 WestMED Initiative: Technical Group on Sustainable Transport (Leonardo Manzari and Cristian Chiavetta, WestMED National Hub for Italy)

14:45 Blue Mission MED (Xjenza Malta)/ WestMED

Activity 1: Support the capitalization of technology and business models (BlueMission MED/Westmed)

Activity 2: Support access to finance (BlueMission Med/Malta Enterprise)

Activity 3: Support to policy (BlueMission Med)

17:00 Closing Remarks

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