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LIBYAN MARITIME CLUSTER



ITALIAN-LIBYAN CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Best practice sharing and cooperation opportunities

30th April 2026

16:00-19:00 (CET)

Online

The workshop aims to raise awareness about the opportunities and benefits of cluster networks, especially for newly established Blue Economy Clusters. Bringing together a diverse audience of researchers, academia, industry, NGOs, institutions, and other stakeholders, the event will highlight how clusters can drive innovation, knowledge sharing, and international collaboration across key sectors such as fisheries, tourism, ports, and transport.

Through presentations, member testimonials, and interactive discussions, participants will explore best practices, skills development, and concrete advantages of active cluster participation. The workshop will also leverage the expertise and network of Cluster BIG, Federazione del Mare, and the WESTMED Clusters Alliance to connect local initiatives with broader international ecosystems.

The event will also aim to foster bilateral collaboration by encouraging the creation of dedicated working groups to develop joint agendas and project ideas, providing technical assistance through the expertise of Cluster BIG, Federazione del Mare and Libyan Maritime Cluster.

DRAFT AGENDA

- 16:00-16:10** **Opening and welcome**
Giorgio Ricci Maccarini, President, Cluster BIG
Mario Mattioli, President, Federazione del Mare
Ali Shagrune, President, Libyan Maritime Cluster
- 16:10-16:30** **Strategic address: clusters development, benefits and opportunities**
Leonardo Manzari, WestMed Clusters Alliance
- 16:30-16:50** **Cluster development journeys: Italy and Libya**
Short presentation of the development paths and key strategy highlights of the Italian blue economy cluster ecosystem and the Libyan Maritime Cluster. (6-7mins each)

ITALY

Cluster BIG:

Innovation-oriented perspective on key Blue Economy sectors, highlighting how clusters can foster technology transfer, knowledge sharing, and collaboration between research, industry, and institutions.

Giorgio Ricci Maccarini, President, Cluster BIG

Federazione del mare:

Overview of the Italian maritime ecosystem with particular attention to shipbuilding, ports and maritime infrastructures, including the regulatory and governance framework supporting the sector.

Laurence Martin, Secretary General, Federazione del Mare

LIBYA

Overview of the Libyan Maritime Cluster, highlighting the key development steps in building the initiative, as well as the main strategic priorities and sectoral perspectives for the country's blue economy. The presentation will address current challenges, lessons learned in the cluster development process, and opportunities to strengthen the maritime ecosystem through innovation, skills development, and international cooperation.

Sara Almabruk, Libyan Maritime Cluster

16:30 –
18:00

Blue economy sectors overview

Moderator: Leonardo Manzari, National Hub WESTMED Clusters Alliance

Success stories and potential lessons learnt to make progresses in the sectors

The floor to the testimonials:

Italian and Libyan representatives from research, industry, NGOs and institutions will present best practices and cooperation opportunities in key blue economy sectors. (10 mins each):

16:30-17:05 - Ports and Maritime Infrastructure:

- Libyan Maritime Cluster: Emhamed Eshlibta, LMC / Ports and Maritime Transport Authority; Hager Gherwash, Head of Women Support at the Ministry of Marine Resources;
- Technology Cluster Blue Italian Growth: Pietro Angelini, NAVIGO TOSCANA
- Federazione del Mare: Oliviero Giannotti, Assoporti
- Libyan Maritime Cluster Eng. Leila Kadeki, Department of Women Support at the Ministry of Marine Resources; Adel Ibrahim Bakhit

17:05-17:35 - Fisheries and Marine Resources:

- Libyan Maritime Cluster: Fatima Saeed, LMC/Omar Al Mukhtar University; Feras Jabri
- Technology Cluster Blue Italian Growth: Daniela Borriello, Coldiretti
- Federazione del Mare: Francesca Biondo, Federpesca

17:35-18:05 - Maritime Transport and Logistics:

- Libyan Maritime Cluster: Hani Tarbah, LMC /Ministry of Transportation
- Technology Cluster Blue Italian Growth: Fabio Palermo, Caronte & Tourists (TBC)
- Federazione del Mare: Meme Lamlum, Grimaldi

18:05-18:35 - Skills, Training and Capacity Building:

- Libyan maritime Cluster: Abeer Alawami, LMC / Libyan Authority for Scientific Research
- Technology Cluster Blue Italian Growth: Elisa Van Engelenhoven, Polo ForMare
- Federazione del Mare: Beatrice Bazzica, Ufficio Internazionale Accademia Italiana Marina Mercantile

The discussions will focus on:

- *potential cooperation tracks between Italian and Libyan stakeholders*
- *identification of focal points and next steps for collaboration*

18:35-18:55

Towards a Transition Agenda for a Sustainable Blue Economy

Masauda Abuarosha, Libyan Maritime Cluster

18:55-19:00 **Closing remarks**