

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

# Blue Economy – The key towards Mediterranean Regional Sustainability

### Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Athens, POSIDONIA event, 07 June 2024



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#### **INVITATION**

On behalf of the EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (bluepartnership.eu), I am pleased to invite you as a speaker to the workshop "Blue Economy – The key towards Mediterranean Regional Sustainability" on 7th June 2024 (09:00-17:00 CEST) at POSIDONIA exhibition taking place in Athens, Greece.

The EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership is a key and growing EU initiative promoting innovative solutions and technologies for a digital, green and inclusive transition of the blue economy, considering the present environmental scenario, including climate change and biodiversity crisis. It brings together national governments, research organizations, innovation funds and regional authorities from 29 countries around the Atlantic Ocean, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the North Sea, pooling resources together with the European Commission to boost the transformation towards a climate-neutral, sustainable, productive, and competitive blue economy by 2030.

The first of a series of cofunded projects were selected and the next call is open until April 2024. As part of its structuring activities, the Partnership organizes a series of regional workshops to connect with the sea basins scale and integrate practices and needs into the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA).

POSIDONIA (posidonia-events.com) is a worldwide event that brings the whole shipping actors to its exhibitors. It offers a unique opportunity to promote the partnership approach of applying the quintuple helix principle, by engaging all key actors in the Mediterranean sea basin. In particular, the presence of maritime industry will boost the partnership agenda to attract industrial partners and possibly private funding in the implementation of the co-funded projects. Some of them will be showcased.

In this framework, the workshop "Blue Economy – The key towards Mediterranean Regional Sustainability" to which you are invited as a speaker, will offer to the audience the opportunity to network with their counterparts, to exchange experience, knowledge and good practice and explore the potential of common undertakings as well as opportunities for enabling cooperation.

Through brief presentations and an interactive discussion with the audience, including in the format of 'World Café', this workshop aims at bringing together relevant stakeholders of the blue economy sector, including authorities, research and business communities, industry as well as the European Commission and international organizations.

I would appreciate if you could confirm your participation by 20th March by responding to sbep@mur.gov.it and copying Angiolo Boncompagni (angiolo.boncompagni@est.mur.gov.it). Preliminary logistic information including on how to reach the venue and accommodation are also attached.

With my kind regards,

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Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research Coordinator of the EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

09:30	Arrival and registration	
10:00	Opening remarks	TBC, Greek General Secretariat for Research and Innovation (GSRI) EUSAIR Presidency
	Moderator: Sofia Dimitropoulou, Greek General Secretariat for Research and Innovation	Elisabetta Balzi, European Commission (EC – DG R&I) on-line Christos Econmou, European Commission (EC – DG MARE) Welcome message Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council of Norway (RCN) Setting the scene/1: the EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda Angiolo Boncompagni, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) Setting the scene/2: Aim of the workshop
10:50	Thematic panel discussion 1: <i>Marine Energy</i> <i>and Multi-Use</i> <i>Offshore Platforms</i> Moderator: George Pethiakis, Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR), SBEP Med node	Luciano Mule-Stagno, University of Malta and formerly Heritage Malta Offshore platforms, renewable energy: state of play in the Mediterranean TBC, Services from the Mediterranean ocean observing system (MONGOOS) Lorenzo Cappietti, University of Florence (Italy) SBEP cofunded project on Sustainable, Reliable and Socially Acceptable Modular Floating IslAnds for Multi-use Offshore Spaces (FAMOS) Q&A with the audience
11:30	Coffee break	
12:00	Thematic panel discussion 2: <i>Coastal and</i> <i>maritime tourism</i> Moderator: Maria Azzopardi, Ministry for Education, Sport, Youth, Research and Innovation of Malta (MEYR), SBEP Med node	Lina Tode, Plan Bleu (RAC UNEP/MAP) Blue Tourism initiative Stella Arneri, Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and Europear Union Funds, EUSAIR Pillar 4 Coordinator Sustainable Tourism in the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion Jaap Gebraad, Zero Emission Waterborne Transport Platform Sustainable cruising
12:40	Thematic panel discussion 3: Spatial planning and Mediterranean Ports Moderator: Julie Olivier, Project Management Jülich (FZJ)	Christos Economou, European Commision DG MARE Community of Practice on Maritime Spatial Planning for the Mediterranean Miitja Briceli, Ministry for Environment and Spatial Planning (Slovenia) Green transition in the Mediterranean: from decisions to actions Olivier Laroussinie, Centre for Studies and Expertise on Risks, the Environment, Mobility and Urban Planning (CEREMA) Challenges for a 'Particular Sensitive Area (PSSA)' Q&A with the audience

13:10		Networking lunch	
14:10		Panel discussion on enablers 1: <i>Synergies</i> Moderator: Alessandra Sensi, Union for the Mediterannean	Cristina Zeri, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research BlueMissionMed - Supporting the Mediterranean sea basin for the implementation of the EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters Angelo Riccaboni, University of Siena (Italy) Partnership for R&I Initiative in the Mediterranean area Thanos Smanis, CLIMAZUL WestMed Initiative Mathilde Konstantopoulou, Ministry of Economy and FinanceGreece, EUSAIR national coordinator, Blue Economy asset of the Adriatic Ionian Euroregion (EUSAIR) Monica Bellisario, Italian Presidency of the Council of Ministers Role of INTERREG in the Mediterranean area, how to strengthen synergies for the integration of funds Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP International cooperation as key enabler for a blue green strategy
15:00		Panel discussion on	Q&A with the audience Martin Humburg, European Investment Bank (EIB)
		enablers 2: Business and funding opportunities	EIB's support to a sustainable blue economy Mahdi Khomsi, BusinessMed, Tunisia Trends for sustainable business in the Mediterranean area José Delara, Spanish Maritime Cluster
		Moderator: Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council Norway	Leveraging opportunities from and for maritime networks Q&A with the audience
15:40		Coffee break	
16:10		World café	Good practices, innovative technologies, running projects, funding schemes Facilitator: Julie Olivier, Project Management Jülich (FZJ) Rapporteur: Hayet Souai, Tunisian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
16:50		Wrap up and closing remarks	Moderators, Facilitator and Rapporteur
17:00		End of the workshop	

## More information:



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