



supporting the mediterranean sea basin
lighthouse for the implementation of the EU
Mission restore our ocean and waters

1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum

Shaping the future of the Mediterranean Basin to respond to EU Mission Ocean and Waters Objectives



Palermo, Italy, 30 May 2023

09.00 - 13.00 CEST - Hybrid format



Are you a stakeholder representing the following categories?

REGIONS AND ISLANDS CITIES PORTS AND SHIPPING

INDUSTRIES FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE AND CONSERVATION

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION CITIZENS & YOUTH

Join the debate to shape the future for an Healthy, Pollution free Mediterranean Sea

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PROGRAMME OF THE DAY

Palazzo dei Normanni, Piazza del Parlamento 1, Palermo (Italy), Hybrid format

 **“Inspire and Inform” session:** presentation of inspirational case studies of innovative transformative solutions from the abovementioned stakeholder categories to stimulate the discussion and knowledge sharing among participants, about the Mediterranean hydrosphere depollution and restoration.

 **BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum debate:** participatory thematic discussions involving representatives of the abovementioned stakeholder categories in parallel round tables.

The outcomes will be presented in the plenary session of the high-level event “The Mediterranean lighthouse in action” in the afternoon.

The 1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum is organized by the EU funded project BlueMissionMed in the context of the EU Mission Ocean and Waters high-level event “The Mediterranean lighthouse in action”, organized by the European Commission.

NOTE: if you are interested in participating also to the the high-level event organized by the EC (30 and 31 May), you will need to registrar separately at <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/RegistrationPalermoPax>

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Context

The 1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum takes place as side event in the context of the high-level event EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030' - [The Mediterranean lighthouse in action Palermo](#) - organised by the European Commission in Palermo on May 30-31. In line with the European Green Deal, the [EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030'](#) aims to eliminate pollution and make the blue economy (the economic activities that depend on the sea) carbon-neutral and circular. The Mission supports regional engagement and cooperation through area-based "Lighthouses" in major sea/river basins. Mission Lighthouses are sites to pilot, demonstrate, develop and deploy the Mission activities across EU seas and river basins.

The high-level event represents an opportunity to witness the political commitments of the Mediterranean countries towards the Mission and to present the actions and initiatives which contribute to the Mission objectives for the microregion that may be scaled up and replicated in other sea basins.

Organizer

[BlueMissionMed](#)

The EU-funded BlueMissionMed project will inspire, inform, assess, mobilise, connect and empower all the actors that can take a role in preventing and eliminating pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and waters. The project builds on, connect and structure existing initiatives and activities with the aim to design and support a well-functioning basin scale innovation ecosystem and to upscale solutions in all forms (technological, social, business, governance) ensuring fast progress towards the achievement of the Mission objectives.

Expected Outcomes

- Engage, mobilise and facilitate the commitment of the Mediterranean stakeholders from Policy, Business, Research and Innovation and Civil Society, as well as the so-called Ecosystem Enablers to synergize the actions of the Mission Lighthouse in the reduction of pollution of the Mediterranean hydrosphere.
- Establishing and amplifying the communities, networking, exchanging best practices and identifying needs, bottlenecks, opportunities and concrete key actions (on-going and upcoming) to meet the Mission objectives, particularly towards preventing and reducing pollution in the Mediterranean Sea basin.

Objectives

- To raise awareness, inspire and inform and facilitate the stakeholder engagement on the Mission and its impacts;
- To promote networking and collaboration opportunities to interconnect the ecosystem actors within the Mediterranean Sea basin;
- To activate the target audiences involved;



- To engage multi-stakeholders in mutual learning and co-creation activities to address Mission Ocean objectives.

Target Participants

- BlueMissionMed project coordinators and WP leaders;
- Lighthouse project (IAs) coordinators and WP leaders;
- EC representatives;
- Mediterranean basin Country delegates/representatives;
- Signatories to the [Mission Charter](#);
- Stakeholders - from the Mediterranean basin and including Third Countries:
 - International Organisations and Associations
 - Sea basin intergovernmental organisations
 - Representatives from Regions and Islands; Cities; Ports and shipping; Industries; Fisheries, Aquaculture and Conservation; Research and Education; Citizens and Youth
 - Ecosystem enablers

To participate [Registration form for the 1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum \(hybrid format\)](#)

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30

Scope of the day, overview of the agenda.

Co-Chairs: Fabio Fava (BlueMissionMed Coordinator), Elisabetta Balzi (European Commission)

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome by Paloma Aba Garrote - Acting Director CINEA

09:30 – 13:00

Presentation of inspirational case studies and parallel roundtables with representatives of 7 stakeholder categories

Inspire and Inform Session & BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum debate

1. Regions and Islands
2. Cities
3. Ports and shipping
4. Industries
5. Fisheries, Aquaculture and Conservation
6. Research and Education
7. Citizens and Youth



13:00 – 14:30 Light Networking Lunch