

# PORTS AND SHIPPING

## KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE 1ST BLUEMISSIONMED STAKEHOLDER FORUM



### CHALLENGE #1

Lack of involvement of all sectorial stakeholders to approach holistically the problem of ocean protection.



### SOLUTIONS

-  Supporting research, investment and innovation and engaging with various stakeholders in local communities is crucial;
-  Promote common goals, new visions, ideas, and solutions also involving fresh-minded young people.

### CHALLENGE #2

Lack of clear data about the impact and contribution of the cruise tourism industry to mitigate environmental impact and contribute to ocean health.



### SOLUTION

-  Perform destination assessments based on sustainability;
-  Gather more valuable data to enable decision-making, particularly in the measurement of pollution, emissions and noise;
-  Implement science-based tools and solutions.

## CHALLENGE #3

Lack of awareness about the actions and support of the industry for the preservation of our oceans.



## SOLUTION

Raise awareness, train and promote actions with local stakeholders at ports.

## CHALLENGE #4

Industries are lacking of knowledge about challenges, impacts and possible solutions.



## SOLUTION

Promote workshops in ports with all shipping industry stakeholders, e.g. to devise action plans for reducing plastic waste and optimising waste management.

## CHALLENGE #5

Lack of clear policy frameworks and incentives.



## SOLUTION

Develop a long-term industrial and political agenda on these issues.

## CHALLENGE #6

Regulations and procedures are not in line with the variety of ports.



## SOLUTION

Share good practices in terms of more sustainable cruising to provide guidelines for the sustainability of the cruise sector and the recreational boat sector, considering the diversity of ports.

## CHALLENGE #7

Financial support is limited to the EU borders while the shipping sector is global.



## SOLUTION

Foster synergies between the funding programmes and initiatives.

## CHALLENGE #8

Lack of private sector participation in many destinations along with a lack of efficient destination management.



## SOLUTION

Improve cooperation between ports and destinations to collaborate on innovative solutions (e.g., waste management), particularly encouraging public and private sector partnerships.

## CHALLENGE #9

Lack of infrastructures for waste collection and separation in ports.



## SOLUTIONS

- 🐟 Setting up circular systems for ports, including collecting and upscaling end of life gear, mapping and collecting ghost gear, and investing in gear marking;
- 🐟 Implement waste management programmes in ports to include the fishing industry.

## CHALLENGE #10

Lack of engagement of cruise passengers and tourists to promote more sustainable cruising.



## SOLUTIONS

- 🐟 Improve awareness about the cultural offerings that cruise ship tourists can experience and on how cruise sector (and passengers) can address the need to protect the environment;
- 🐟 Encourage boat-pooling in the leisure sector for transfers and holiday.

This document collects the main takeaways emerged during the 1st BlueMissionMed Stakeholder Forum and has been elaborated by the facilitators of the session to be used as a starting point for future activities.



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