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RESTORE OUR OCEAN & WATERS



Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges

2024 Ocean Decade Conference

The Mediterranean Flagship Event

Turn ideas into action. The Mediterranean Lighthouse as a pilot to upscale the challenges of the Decade from local to global

13:15-14:45 CET, Atlantic Ocean Room (Area 06), Barcelona International Convention Centre (CCIB), Ground Floor

This event, organised jointly by the European Commission, BlueMissionMed, MedCités, the Barcelona City Council, IEO-CSIC and the Union for the Mediterranean, provides a high-level overview of current actions and initiatives with key examples that have been collected in the framework of the EU Mission 'Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030' starting from the Mediterranean Lighthouse.

This event provides a platform for multi-stakeholders from cities and local communities engaged in the Ocean Decade to discuss impactful solution-oriented initiatives in preventing and eliminating pollution in the ocean and waters that are accessible, reliable, scalable, and transferable from the local to the global scale.



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Chair: **European Commission, BlueMissionMed**

13:15 – 13:30 Welcome coffee and interactive session

13:30 – 13:35 Opening and Welcome

Josep Canals Molina, *MedCities Secretary General*

13:35 – 13:45 Key note speaker

John Bell, *Deputy Mission Manager and Director Healthy Planet, DG RTD*

13:45 – 14:15 ROUNDTABLE: Chartering a Healthy Med for 2030 with communities of actors

Moderator: **Claudia Pecoraro**, *Policy Officer DG RTD, EC*

Participants: Cities from the Charter of the Mission

- *Barcelona City Council: Mrs **Anna Majó Crespo**, Director of Strategic Sectors and Innovation at Barcelona Activa, and BlueEconomy leader*
- *Mersin City Council: Mr **Kemal Zorlu**, Head of Climate Change and Zero Waste Department, Mersin Metropolitan Municipality, Turkey*
- *Ancona City Council: Mr **Fabio Vallarola**, Head of the Environment and Green Economy Department, Municipality of Ancona, Italy*
- *Burgas City Council: Mrs **Vesna Baltina**, Deputy-Mayor for Strategic development, ecology, digitalization and climate change adaptation, Municipality of Burgas, Bulgaria*

14:15 – 14:35 Dialogue among Mediterranean Stakeholders, community needs for implementation of solutions

Moderator: **MedWaves**, with support of **CNR**

- Examples of solutions to enhance the blue transition at local level
- Examples of synergies with Mission Ocean & waters (ex. of UNEP MAP and UfM)

14:35 – 14:45 Conclusion

Pascal Lamy, *Chair of the Mission Board for the Mission Ocean & Waters*



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