

Reducing the environmental footprint from aquaculture and fisheries - Solutions for minimizing and mitigating marine pollution



Mobilising Greek stakeholders towards the implementation of transformative innovative solutions for the EU Mission Ocean and Waters within the Mediterranean basin

18 June 2024 from 09.45 to 15.00 (EEST),

Society for Macedonian Studies, Eth. Amynis 4, Thessaloniki 546 21

Registration Link: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/GreekHubBlueMissionMedEvent>

Context	<p>The <u>BlueMissionMed</u> National HUBs are Territorial Multistakeholder Communities which implement the activities and priorities of BlueMissionMed project in alignment with the overarching <u>EU Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters</u>. Their core role is to facilitate and support individuals and organizations by engaging private and public actors, experts, and institutions, facilitating knowledge exchange and playing a pivotal role in providing them with the necessary content and expertise, empowering participants to develop and implement their ideas effectively.</p> <p>Between May and June, BlueMissionMed is organizing a set of events, in collaboration with the French, Greek, Italian, Maltese, Spanish, Tunisian and Turkish BlueMissionMed National and Regional HUBs.</p>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcase and demonstrate selected transformative innovative solutions according to the EU Zero Pollution Hierarchy, to prevent and reduce pollution across the Mediterranean Sea and waters; • Collect stakeholders' feedback and inputs on selected transformative innovative solutions;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate the solutions' adoption and implementation with the aim of achieving the EU Mission objectives.
Organizer	<p>BlueMissionMed https://bluemissionmed.eu/</p> <p>The EU-funded BlueMissionMed project, aimed at supporting the implementation of the EU Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters, is committed to empower all the actors that can take a role in preventing and eliminating pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and waters. The goal of BlueMissionMed is to support, connect and structure existing initiatives and activities, disseminate and upscale transformative innovative solutions, mobilise and synergize relevant actors.</p>
Target participants	National stakeholders from BlueMissionMed National and Regional HUBs and European and international key actors, from Policy, Business, Research & Innovation and Civil Society.
Sectoral priority	The workshop will prioritize circular economy and bio-based approaches tailored specifically for marine applications within the aquaculture and fisheries sectors.

Draft Agenda

09.45-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.30 Opening	<p>Welcome Aris Karageorgis, Director- Institute of Oceanography, HCMR</p> <p>Presentation of the European Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters" by 2030 Spyros Kouvelis, Director- Institute for Sustainable Development, EPLO, EU Mission Board member for the Mission</p> <p>Presentation of the BlueMissionMed project Christina Zeri, Research Director, HCMR</p> <p>The Greek Hub for the Mitigation of Marine Pollution Chrysa Efstratiou, Scientific associate, HCMR</p>
10.30-11.10 "Actions to tackle plastic pollution"	<p>Presentation of transformative innovative solutions selected to respond to specific Greek territory and needs. <small>*s.s.=success stories</small></p> <p>George Sarelakos (Aegean Rebreath): "<i>Marine Litter and ALDFG Collection Stations</i>", more.</p> <p>Simon Diamantidis (DIOPAS S.A.): "<i>Recycling of aquaculture nets into new gear</i>", s.s. BlueNet</p> <p>Dimitris Achilias (Professor, AUTH): "<i>Chemical recycling of marine plastics and conversion into high-quality products</i>", s.s. marGnet</p> <p>Iordanis Magiopoulos (Scientific Associate, HCMR): "<i>Bio-based materials for sustainable aquaculture</i>", s.s. BIOGEARS</p>

11.10-12.00 “Mobilisation and Mutual Learning” session	Mobilising stakeholders towards the Implementation of tailored Transformative Innovative solutions to protect Ocean and Waters: interactive debate to co-create regional implementation roadmaps.
	Facilitator: Nikoletta Digka (Scientific Associate, HCMR)
12.00-12.30	Coffee break
12.30-13.10 “Actions to reduce the environmental footprint”	<p>Presentation of transformative innovative solutions selected to respond to specific Greek territory and needs. In cooperation with the 2B-BLUE Interreg Euro-Med project:</p> <div data-bbox="427 712 1295 784" style="text-align: center;">  2B-BLUE   Co-funded by the European Union </div> <p>Pantelis Katharios (Aquatic Biologicals-HCMR spinoff): <i>“Eco-friendly innovative solutions for aquaculture health”, more.</i></p> <p>Ioannis Karakassis (Professor, University of Crete): <i>“Restorative aquaculture”, s.s IDMA</i></p> <p>Manolis Tsapakis (Research Director, HCMR): <i>“Promote the effective implementation of the Product Environmental Footprint in the Mediterranean aquaculture sector - Presentation of AQUAPEF Life project”</i></p> <p>Antonia Giannakourou (Research Director, HCMR): <i>“ Boosting the Blue Bioeconomy community in the Mediterranean - Presentation of the 2B-BLUE Interreg EuroMed project”</i></p>
13.10-14.00 “Mobilisation and Mutual Learning” session	<p>Mobilising stakeholders towards the Implementation of tailored Transformative Innovative solutions to protect Ocean and Waters: interactive debate to co-create regional implementation roadmaps.</p> <p>Facilitator: Chrysa Efstratiou (Scientific Associate, HCMR)</p>
14.10-14.30 Wrap up and next steps	Conclusions and next steps
	Networking

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