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Sharing Effective Lessons Learned and Case Studies in the Mediterranean Towards a Future-Ready Sea Basin: From the Regional to the Global Context

Wednesday, 11 June 2025, from 15:45 to 17:00 CEST, in Room 1

Event Overview and Draft Agenda - 75 min

The Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MEES) and the Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR) of Italy, in collaboration with [REMPEC](#) (UNEP/MAP), [INFO/RAC](#) (UNEP/MAP), the EU-funded [BlueMissionMed](#) Coordination and Support Action, and the [Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership](#) (SBEP), are pleased to convene this high-level event in the framework of the [United Nation Ocean Conference 2025](#).

The sessions will highlight the Mediterranean's strategic role in shaping a sustainable and resilient ocean economy, demonstrating how regional cooperation can drive forward the global ocean agenda and foster an integrated approach to regional transformation and sustainable development through:

- Effective case studies in renewable energy, sustainable maritime transport, eco-tourism, and marine conservation and restoration;
- Regional leadership and knowledge-sharing in the context of the Barcelona Convention and contributing directly to the achievement of SDG 14;
- Systemic innovation supported by EU and non-EU partners through mechanisms such as the SBEP and BlueMissionMed under the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters".

In line with the goals of the UNOC3, this event will also serve as a platform to announce voluntary commitments that reaffirm Italy's leadership and long-standing engagement in Mediterranean marine protection:

- A renewed financial and strategic commitment by MEES to support the objectives of the Barcelona Convention, ensuring continuity of Italy's support over the past decade;
- The promotion of a Blue Mediterranean Innovation Partnership (as platform/facility/community), leveraging the European Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters" and the Mediterranean Component of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership - and in view of contributing to the New Mediterranean



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Pact - to strengthen regional cooperation across Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East for marine protection and restoration, pollution reduction, and sustainable blue economy.

The event emphasizes the importance of knowledge sharing and multi-dimensional stakeholder support, including financial resources, technical assistance, robust policy measures, and capacity building, to drive environmental progress, reduce pollution, restore ecosystems, promote biodiversity, and decarbonize the blue economy.

Opening Remarks (10 minutes)

Moderator 1 Introduction

Welcome Introduction by:

- **Claudio Barbaro, Undersecretary of State, Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MEES):** Italy's commitment to the Barcelona Convention and to the promotion of the key role of Regional Sea Conventions and Action Plans in ocean governance.
- **Michele Mazzola, Head of Internationalization of Research, Directorate General Internationalization and Communication, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR):** "Multi-dimensional collaborative research in the Mediterranean Area".

Session 1 - Sharing lessons learned and actions: from the regional to the global context. (30 min) (chaired by MEES)

Introduction by Francesco Tomas, Director General Biodiversity and Sea Protection, Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MEES): Presentation of Studies funded by the Government of Italy in the context of the Barcelona Convention.

- **Lorenza Babbini, INFO RAC Director** Data policy and data sharing in UNEP MAP, as an excellent example to consider when writing a new global data strategy for the environment.
- **Ivan Sammut, REMPEC Director** The impact of exhaust gas cleaning systems (EGCS) of ships in the Mediterranean Sea.
- **Ivan Sammut, REMPEC Director** The possible creation of green corridors to reduce GHG emissions caused by maritime transport.
- **Conclusions by Tatjana Hema, UNEP/MAP Coordinator (TBC)**



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Session 2- Strategic Approaches, Solutions across Sectors and Long-term Vision for the Mediterranean region. (30 min) (chaired by CNR)

Introduction by Francesco Petracchini, Director CNR: Presentation of R&I actions mapped to support the Mediterranean Innovation Ecosystem – BlueMissionMed CSA.

- **Elisabetta Balzi, European Commission DG RTD:** “The Power of Shared Knowledge for a Future-Ready Mediterranean: EU Mission Ocean and Waters”
- **Margherita Cappelletto, MUR, Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (SBEP) Coordinator,** SBEP cofunded projects in the Med
- **Alessio Satta, Director WWF Mediterranean:** “Mapping the Future: Operational Roadmap for a Mediterranean Innovation Ecosystem” - The BlueMissionMed “Depolluting the Mediterranean” report.
- **Conclusions by Davide Strangis, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) Acting Secretary General**

Closing Remarks and Forward Strategy (5 min)

MEES: A renewed financial and strategic commitment to support the Barcelona Convention objectives

MUR: “Blue Mediterranean Collaboration Framework” for the Voluntary Ocean Commitments