

## Context

The Med 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.

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**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

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**Link for**


**registration**

[Registration form for the 1st Med Stakeholder Forum in Palermo \(May 30\)](#)

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## AGENDA

<p><b>09:00 - 09:30</b></p> <p><b>Welcome and Introduction</b></p>	<p><b>Scope of the day, overview of the agenda.</b>  <b>Co-Chairs: Fabio Fava (BlueMissionMed Coordinator), Elisabetta Balzi (European Commission)</b></p> <p><b>Elisabetta Balzi</b>, EC DG RTD Head of Unit (7')</p> <p><b>Fabio Fava</b>, BlueMissionMed Coordinator (7')</p> <p><b>Paloma Aba Garrote</b>, Acting Director CINEA, the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (7')</p> <p><b>Fedra Francocci</b>, BlueMissionMed PM (7')</p>	
<p><b>09:40 – 10:40</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Interactive Session</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 1 – Piersanti Mattarella (Sala Gialla)</b></p> <p>Sector: <b>Fisheries, Aquaculture, and conservation</b>  <i>Facilitators: HCMR &amp; CSIC IEO</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspire&amp;Inform session from sectoral stakeholders</li> <li>▪ BMM Stakeholder forum debate supported by interactive online tools</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Room 2 – Pio La Torre (Sala Rossa)</b></p> <p>Sector: <b>Ports and shipping</b>  <i>Facilitator: MedCruise</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspire&amp;Inform session from sectoral stakeholders</li> <li>▪ BMM Stakeholder forum debate supported by interactive online tools</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>10:40 – 11:00 Networking Coffee</b></p>		

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<p><b>11:00 – 12:00</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Interactive Session</b></p>	<p>Sector: <b>Industries</b> <i>Facilitators: <b>Ecorys &amp; BusinessMed</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspire&amp;Inform session from sectoral stakeholders</li> <li>▪ BMM Stakeholder forum debate supported by interactive online tools</li> </ul>	<p>Sector: <b>Regions and Islands, Cities</b> <i>Facilitators: <b>CPMR, MedCities, SDG4MED</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspire&amp;Inform session from sectoral stakeholders</li> <li>▪ BMM Stakeholder forum debate supported by interactive online tools</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:00</b></p> <p><b>Parallel Interactive Session</b></p>	<p>Sector: <b>Research and Education</b> <i>Facilitators: <b>CNR &amp; IFREMER</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspire&amp;Inform session from sectoral stakeholders</li> <li>▪ BMM Stakeholder forum debate supported by interactive online tools</li> </ul>	<p>Sector: <b>Citizens and Youth</b> <i>Facilitators: <b>FVA &amp; WWF</b></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inspire&amp;Inform session from sectoral stakeholders</li> <li>▪ BMM Stakeholder forum debate supported by interactive online tools</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:00 – 13:15</b></p> <p><b>Plenary</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How BlueMissionMed can support this implementation?</li> <li>▪ Conclusions and next steps</li> </ul>	
<p> <b>13:15 – 14:15 Networking Lunch</b></p>		