

High Level Conference

THE BLUEMED INITIATIVE FOR BLUE GROWTH AND JOBS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

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Speakers' Profiles



HOSTS

Stefania Giannini

Minister of Education, Universities and Research of Italy



Elected member of the Senate in February 2013 where she served in the Education and Culture Committee, Stefania Giannini has been the Italian Minister of Education, Universities and Research since February 2014.

From 2004 to 2014, she was Rector of the University for Foreigners of Perugia, and served as a government expert in national and international committees in the fields of education and cultural promotion.

From 2006 to 2011, she was the representative for international relations of the Conference of Rectors of Italian Universities. Prior to taking up her functions as Minister, Prof. Giannini was also a member of the National Commission for the Promotion of Italian Culture Abroad, President of the Study Commission for Research Ethics and Bioethics of the Italian National Research Council, member of the Steering Committee for scientific and cultural relations between Italy and France, and President of the Central European Initiative Parliamentary Delegation.

Stefania Giannini studied at the Universities of Pisa and Pavia, and became Full Professor of Glottology and Linguistics in 1999.

Carlos Moedas

European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation



Carlos Moedas was born in Beja (Portugal) in 1970. He graduated in Civil Engineering from the Higher Technical Institute (IST) in 1993 and completed the final year of studies at the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées in Paris (France). He worked in engineering for the Suez-Lyonnaise des Eaux group in France until 1998.

He obtained an MBA from Harvard Business School (USA) in 2000, after which he returned to Europe to work in mergers and acquisitions at investment bank Goldman Sachs in London (UK).

He returned to Portugal in 2004 as Managing Director of Aguirre Newman and member of the Executive Board of Aguirre Newman in Spain. In 2008, he founded his own investment company, Crimson Investment management.

In 2011, he's elected for the National Parliament and was called for the government to Secretary of State to the Prime Minister of Portugal in charge of the Portuguese Adjustment Programme.

In 2014, he became Member of the European Commission, as Commissioner in charge of Research, Science and Innovation.

Setting the scene

The BLUEMED Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

SPEAKER**Fabio Fava**

University of Bologna & Italian Representative in H2020 SC2 Programme Committee



PhD & Professor, Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Bologna, Italy. Fabio Fava (1963), with a Laurea degree in “Chemistry and Pharmaceutical Technologies” (University of Bologna, Italy) and a Ph.D. in “Applied Microbiology” (ICT, University of Prague, Czech Republic), is Full Professor of “Industrial & Environmental Biotechnology” at the School of Engineering of the University of Bologna (Italy) since 2005.

He has about 120 papers on international journals of industrial and environmental biotechnology, the fields in which he is working in the frame of the FP7 EU projects NAMASTE and BIOCLEAN (as coordinator), ECOBIOCAP, BIOCHEM, MINOTAURUS, ULIXES, ROUTES, WATER4CROPS, BIORICE and KILL SPILL (as partner). He is the Deputy Chair of the “Environmental Biotechnology” section of the European Federation of Biotechnology (EFB) and the Italian representative in the “Working Party on Biotechnology, Nanotechnology and Converging Technologies” at OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development). He is joining different panels and committees of the European commission, namely the “High Level Group on Key Enabling Technologies” and the “Expert Group on biobased products” at the DG-GROW and the JRC “Expert Group on eco-industries”. He is the Italian Representative in the Horizon2020 Programming Committee “European Bioeconomy Challenges: Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and inland water research” and in the States Representatives Group of the Joint Technology Initiative Biobased Industry (JTI/PPP BBI).

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CHAIRS

Sigi Gruber

European Commission DG Research and Innovation



Head of the *Marine Resources* Unit, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission, Belgium.

Since January 2014 she is heading the Marine Resources Unit in the Directorate General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission. Amongst other things the Unit follows the BLUEMED Initiative and will ensure its implementation. Her passion for marine resources started in April 2011 when she took responsibility for EU science, research and innovation cooperation with North America, Latin America and the Caribbean, where she coordinated the launch of the Canada-EU-US Atlantic Ocean Research Alliance. She has been working for the European Commission since 1991.

Luca Marangoni

European Commission DG MARE



Luca is an official of the European Commission, responsible for the coordination of Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea at the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. During last years he has been involved in the establishment of the EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region, the development of the BLUEMED Initiative and in the intergovernmental dialogue on Blue economy and Integrated Maritime Policy in the Mediterranean, including through cooperation with the Union for the Mediterranean.

In his previous positions at the European Commission he has been coordinator for Private Sector Development Policy in Developing Countries (Directorate General for Development and Cooperation) and Coordinator for Cohesion Policy in Northern and Central Italy (Directorate General for Regional Policy). Before joining the European Commission he was an official of the Region Emilia-Romagna and responsible mainly for actions co-funded by the European Structural Funds, notably rural and local development policies.

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Javier Garat

Chairman of the European Fisheries Technology Platform. Secretary General of Cepesca (Spanish Fishing Confederation) and Chairman of Europêche



Javier Garat was born in Sanlúcar de Barrameda (Cádiz, Spain) in 1971. He has a Law Degree, graduated in Community Law by the Complutense University of Madrid (CEU San Pablo) and holds a Master Degree in International and European Law by the Catholic University of Lovaina (U.C.L. Belgium).

After Working in Brussels during two years (1996 and 1997) in the Fisheries Team of the Legal Service of the European Commission and as assistant of the Fisheries Counselor of the Spanish Permanent Representation to the EU, he practiced law during four years in the Dutch International Law Firm Nauta Dutilh. In April 2001, he joined the Spanish Federation of Fisheries Organisations, FEOPE, as Secretary General. Since July 2007, he is the Secretary General of the Spanish Fishing Confederation (Cepesca) and The Chairman of Europêche. He speaks Spanish, English and French. He has also participated as a lecturer in various conferences, and, he has focused his work in the defense of the Spanish fisheries interests around the world.

João Fonseca Ribeiro

Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Sea (Portugal)



João Fonseca Ribeiro is a Navy captain with a 25 year's naval service career, either on naval, joint and combined forces and staff, and mostly dedicated to operations, communications and information systems, as well as interagency and international cooperation. More recently, he served as technical advisor to the Head of the Task-Group Maritime Affairs and, lately, to the Secretary of State for the Sea in the Ministry of Agriculture, Sea, Environment and Spatial Planning. Since February 2012, and under the new governance structure for the Ocean management, he becomes Director-General Maritime Policy. He is participating in the coordination, definition and implementation of the National Ocean Strategy and, within the EU, is the High Level Focal Point for the Integrated Maritime Policy, and Multinational Coordinator for the Atlantic Strategy Group within the EU Maritime Strategy for the Atlantic Area Action Plan. Under the EEA Grants Financial Mechanism he is the Programme Operator for the Integrated Marine and Coastal Water Management.

Vangelis Papathanassiou

Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece)



He obtained his first degree in Biology from the University of Athens and a Ph.D. degree on Marine Biology from University of Swansea (UK). He is currently Research Director of the Institute of Oceanography in the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (HCMR), Greece. He was also the Director (2003-2006) and Acting Director (2009-2012) of the same Institute. His work was in the fields of ecotoxicology, marine biology and ecology and has long experience in international marine policy and management. His current work focuses on marine research as well as on policy-relevant marine research in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea. He was involved in expeditions and research work in the Red Sea (2012-14). He was the Greek representative member of Environment Committees of DG research for the 5th FP and 6th FP and for the Horizon2020-SC5. He was the Coordinator of several projects including the EU Projects IASON-SSA, and SESAME-IP (2006-2011). He is currently leading the FP7 EU project PERSEUS (2012-2015).

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Leslie Vella

Malta Tourism Authority (Malta)



Leslie Vella was born in Floriana, Malta in 1964 and graduated from the University of Malta with a BA (Hons) in Business Management in 1988. He can boast of a 32-year career in tourism with the Malta Tourism Authority. He has occupied various senior management roles and is currently Deputy CEO and Chief Officer Strategic Development. His major expertise is in the fields of Policy, Strategy, Research and Planning. Leslie has been active on the international front with a 17-year stint as Chair of the European Travel Commission's Market Intelligence Group between 1997 and 2014. He also served as Malta's Permanent Representative to the UNWTO between 2013 and 2014. In 1999 he co-authored "The Economic Impact of Tourism in Malta" and in 2015 was the main drafter of Malta's National Tourism Policy document covering the period 2015-2020. He is currently focusing on translating the Policy into a Strategic Tourism Development Framework for the Malta Tourism Authority.

Marina Argyrou

Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Cyprus)



Marina Argyrou has a BSc on Biology from Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece and an MSc on Marine Ecology from Tulane University, USA. She is the Head of the Marine Environment Division of the Department of Fisheries and Marine Research of the Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment, Cyprus. She is the National Focal Point for the Protocol concerning Specially Protected Areas and Biodiversity (SPA/BD) of the Barcelona Convention, as well as the Marine Director of Cyprus for the implementation of Marine Strategy Framework Directive. Her responsibilities include inter alia the implementation of Habitat Directive as regards marine Natura 2000 sites, monitoring of Cyprus coastal waters under the Water Framework Directive, development of Marine Protected Areas and protection and conservation of endangered marine species and habitats.

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Vlado Malačič

Marine Biology Station in Piran (Slovenia)



Dr. Vlado Malačič, born in Koper, Slovenia, is experienced in coastal oceanography and was involved in national and international field surveys of the Gulf of Trieste. As a physical oceanographer he continuously collaborates with marine ecologists at his home institute, and with physical oceanographers at other institutes/universities. In December 2000 he acquired a position of scientific councilor. He is running courses on oceanography and physical oceanography. He was driving projects, related to the setup of the information system, centered on the coastal buoy 'Vida'. Recently, he was running a national applied research project with international partners that studied maritime traffic on sediment transport in wide open bays. Since February 2009 he is acting as the head of the research group at the Marine Biology Station of the National Institute of Biology in Slovenia.

Ivica Vilibic

Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (Croatia)



Ivica Vilibic, senior researcher at the Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries, Split, Croatia. During a 20-year long research career in oceanography, Ivica published a hundred of research papers in different fields of geosciences, particularly of marine sciences. He participated in a dozen of international research projects and is/was representative in a number of international and intergovernmental organisations, like UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), Programme Committee for H2020 Societal Challenge 2, European Marine Board (EMB), European Network of Research Integrity Offices (ENRIO) and more.

Round table CHAIRS

Pierpaolo Campostrini

CORILA, Italian Expert in H2020 SC2 Programme Committee & Member of Executive Committee of JPI Oceans



Dr Pierpaolo Campostrini was born in Venice in 1960. Educated in classic studies, took Electrical Engineering degree from Padua University in 1984 and Diploma in Plasma Physics in 1985. In the first part of his professional life, in the field of Fusion research, he was CNR tenure researcher, visiting researcher in the University of Madison (WI, USA), contract professor in the Universities of Udine and Padua. Since 2000, he is Managing Director of CORILA, an association of Universities and public research bodies, supervised by the Ministry of Education, University and Research. CORILA manages Italy's funds for interdisciplinary research projects on Venice.

He acted as PI in several EU Projects and he's the coordinator of the EC-DG MARE pilot project on MSP in the Mediterranean, ADRIPLAN. He is author of several scientific publications, editor of books and journals, member of scientific panels.

He is member of the Executive Committee of the MB of JPI "Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans" and of the Italian delegation in the Program Committee of H2020 - SC 2 "Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy".

He is also Associate Researcher of the Institute of Marine Science of the National Research Council of Italy (ISMAR-CNR) and since 2015 Procuratore di S. Marco, i.e. member of the Board in charge for the maintenance of St.Mark's Basilica in Venice.

Emmanuelle Klein

French Representative in H2020 SC2 Programme Committee



Emmanuelle Klein works at the French Ministry for Research and Higher Education. She is delegate to the Programme Committees of Horizon 2020, for two societal challenges : The challenge 2 "Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine, Maritime and Inland Water Research and the Bioeconomy » and the challenge 5 «Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials». She was part of the Bluedmed working group, and animates a "mirror group" which represents the main actors of the sector in France. She was previously a European officer at INRA, the French Institute for Agricultural Research (for food and nutrition aspects, livestock, research infrastructures, etc). She also worked at AgroParisTech for lifelong training in the fields of water, biodiversity and European policies, and at the Livestock Office for the monitoring and payment of the livestock premiums of the Common Agricultural Policy.

Round table SPEAKERS

Courtney Hough General Secretary of ETP Aquaculture



He received a scientific education in the UK and, after developing a pilot farm for warm water fish production, was involved in project development and consultancy, overseeing technical and marketing services in Europe, Latin America and Africa. He is the General Secretary of the Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP), which groups 26 National European Aquaculture Associations, representing the FEAP in different European advisory committees and development actions. As coordinator of 5 EC projects and participating in more than 20 since 1998, the FEAP has been active in promoting and disseminating industry-relevant research and innovation actions. He was closely involved in the creation of the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform (EATiP), becoming its Secretary in 2008. Courtney has also cooperated with international organisations on aquaculture issues, notably the FAO, OECD and IUCN, with a focus on governance, environmental and development issues. He was recently appointed to the new Bioeconomy Panel of DG Research and Innovation.

Vincenzo Petrone President of Fincantieri (Italy)



Amb. Vincenzo Petrone, on 1971 joins the Diplomatic Service, was Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet of the Vice Minister and Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in New York, Economic Division. Head of the Economic Affairs Office, Embassy of Italy, New Delhi, and First Secretary at the Embassy in Bonn, 1981 promoted to the rank of Counselor, Deputy Chief of NATO Bureau. First Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in New York, First Counselor and Deputy Head of Mission, Italian Embassy in Buenos Aires, Head of the Crisis Unit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On 1997 promoted to the rank of Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director General for International Development Cooperation, Ambassador to Brazil, Director for International Relations and Diplomatic Counselor at Confindustria, Ambassador to Japan and than Full Ambassador. President of Simest and now Chairman of Fincantieri and Chairman of Assonave, the Italian Association of Shipbuilders and Related Industries.

Kathrine Angell-Hansen Director of JPI Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans



Kathrine Angell-Hansen, MSc, is Director in RCN, Director of the JPI Oceans Secretariat and project coordinator of the CSA Oceans project. She has been responsible for the strategy development and innovation from major marine and maritime industries in Europe as well as covering these fields as a Deputy Director in RCN on research and innovation. She was a Deputy Director General on research in the Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs. She was seconded to DG MARE in the development of the EU maritime policy prior to her present position.

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Sofia Loukmidou

Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program, Ministry of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy & Chair of Pillar 1 of EUSAIR



Biologist-Ichthyologist MSc and Head of Unit at the Implementing Authority for the Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program of the Hellenic Ministry for Rural Development & Food. At the beginning of 2015 she was appointed as National Representative and Coordinator of Pillar I “Blue Growth” of EUSAIR. From December 2008 until July 2014 she worked as Fisheries Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Greece to the EU, in Brussels, dealing with all aspects of the EU Common Fisheries Policy and its reform and representing Greece in the Council Working Group for Internal and External Fisheries Policy. During the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the EU (first semester 2014) she was President of the Council Working Group for Internal and External Fisheries Policy and responsible for the final dialogues and adoption of the Regulation for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund as well as for other important files in the fields of fisheries management, market and trade, Fisheries Partnership Agreements and bilateral and multilateral relations.

Roberto Montanari

Regione Emilia Romagna, Chair of Bologna Charter (Italy)



Roberto Montanari is an official of the Emilia-Romagna Region, responsible for the coordination of European projects and interregional initiatives on Coastal Protection and Integrated Management, at the Directorate General for Environment, Soil and Coast Protection. During last years he has been charged for the start and development of the Bologna Charter initiative and relative Joint Action Plan, contributed to the EU Strategy for the Adriatic-Ionian Region and has been involved in the development of the BLUEMED Initiative. He coordinated the Bologna Charter Board within the Integrated Maritime Policy Group by the InterMediterranean Commission of the CRPM. Recently he's the coordinator of the working group for the formulation of the National Guidelines for the Management of Coastal Dynamics within the National Board on Coastal Erosion, instituted by the Italian Ministry for Environment, Territory and Sea Protection. In a previous position at the Emilia-Romagna Region he contributed to the formulation of the regional Guidelines for the Integrated Coastal Zone Management for the specific sector of Coastal Risks and Protection Strategies.

Christohe Avellan

Pôle Mer Méditerranée



Christophe Avellan is deputy manager of Pôle Mer Méditerranée, specifically in charge of the R&D project team.

He began his carrier as production supervisor in SMEs, and joined in 2002 a territorial economic development agency (Toulon Var Technologies), as Technical & Business Development Consultant. Involved since the creation in 2005 of the Sea Innovation & Business Cluster Pôle Mer Méditerranée, he manages its transport theme since the origin, and drives innovative R&D projects that fall within both “Ship of the Future” and “Port of the Future” programs.

He is a member of CORICAN (French orientation board for research and innovation in naval activities) and of the French Naval Strategic Committee.

He is also member of the national French committee that organize the Port of the future annual conference.

