

High Level Conference

THE BLUEMED INITIATIVE FOR BLUE GROWTH AND JOBS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Venice, October 16, 2015 - "Aqua Venice 2015" Pavillion

Programme

09:30 Registration

10:30 Welcome address

Cesare De Michelis, President of Expo Venice

10:40 Setting the scene: the BLUEMED Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda

Fabio Fava, University of Bologna & Italian Representative in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Programme Committee

11:00 Showcasing the potential of the BLUEMED initiative to stimulate investments, economic growth and jobs

Chair: Sigi Gruber, European Commission DG Research and Innovation and Luca Marangoni, European Commission DG MARE

- *Fishery in the Mediterranean sea*
Javier Garat, European Fisheries Technology Platform & Spanish Fisheries Confederation employers' association (Spain)
- *Marine Spatial Planning and off shore aquaculture*
João Fonseca Ribeiro, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Sea, (Portugal)
- *Cooperation in EU research & innovation projects*
Vangelis Papathanassiou, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece)
- *Tourism and culture heritage*
Leslie Vella, Malta Tourism Authority (Malta)
- *Development of Marine Protected Areas with Artificial Reefs in Cyprus*
Marina Argyrou, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Cyprus)
- *The shorter the coastline the bigger the challenges of BLUEMED*
Vlado Malačič, Marine Biology Station in Piran (Slovenia)
- *Perspectives of the BLUEMED initiative in a new EU Member State*
Ivica Vilibic, Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (Croatia)



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13:00 Networking lunch and welcome address by local Authorities

14:15 Family picture

14:30 Round table: The potential of the BLUEMED initiative to stimulate investments, economic growth and jobs

Chair: Pierpaolo Campostrini, CORILA, Italian Expert in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Programme Committee & Member of Board JPI Oceans and Emmanuelle Klein, French Representative in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Programme Committee

- Courtney Hough, General Secretary of ETP Aquaculture
- Vincenzo Petrone, President of Fincantieri
- Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Director of JPI Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans
- Sofia Loukmidou, Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program, Ministry of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy & Chair of Pillar 1 (Blue Growth) of EUSAIR
- Roberto Montanari, Chair of Bologna Charter
- Christohe Avellan, Pôle Mer Méditerranée

14:30 Informal Ministerial meeting (closed parallel session)

16:00 Closing plenary session

- Stefania Giannini, Minister of Education, Universities and Research
- Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

16:30 Visit to “Aquae Venice 2015” the Universal Exhibition dedicated to Water

17:00 Transfer to Venice

