

**THE WESTMED MARITIME CLUSTERS ALLIANCE:  
ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVOLUTIONS TOWARDS A RICHER PANORAMA  
OF SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY INITIATIVES**

*La Spezia Navy Base, 8 June 2023, 9,30 am CET*

9,00: Registration

Moderator: Leonardo Manzari, Cristian Chiavetta, WestMED National Hub for Italy

9,30: Welcome greetings: WestMED Initiative - Italian National Coordinators

Daniele Bosio - Ministry of Foreign Affairs;

Luca Palazzo, Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Department for Cohesion Policies (DPCoe)

9,35: Introduction: Manuel Pleguezuelo, European Commission - DG MARE (online)

9,40: Adriana Salazar Olivan, Union for the Mediterranean

9,45: Maltese National Coordinator, WestMED Initiative co-Presidency

Shaun Patrick Ebejer, Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects (online)

9,50: Main Achievements of the WestMED Maritime Clusters Alliance and its members:

- **>EMFAF Calls open to the Southern Shore non-EU countries**  
Anja Detant, CINEA (tbc)
- **>Establishment of the Mauritanian Maritime Cluster**  
Hamadi BABA HAMADI, President Mauritanian Maritime Cluster
- **>MEDBLEUE 2022 Tunis**  
Emna Sohlobji, Cluster Maritime Tunisien
- **>The Hub Azul Dealroom**  
Ruben Eiras, Forum Oceano
- **>The position/role of Clusters in the new European Blue Forum**  
Laurence Martin, Federazione del Mare, ENMC

- **>Approved projects**  
ForMare - **EMFAF Maritime Clusters – CALLMEBLUE; ERASMUS+ - MARMED**  
Forum Oceano - **COSME Euroclusters – MedBan**  
CTN BIG – **COSME Euroclusters – IKAT**  
TVT & DLTM - **COSME Euroclusters – LEVIATAD**  
WOC & MARE FVG - **EMFAF Maritime Clusters – Green Marine MED (tbc)**  
Strategis Cluster - **ERASMUS+ - MAQUAM**  
SGD4MED – **EMFAF Ports & Maritime Transport – POWER4MED**  
University of Aveiro – **EMFAF Women in Blue Economy – WINBIG (online)**  
Pole Mer Méditerranée – **COSME Euroclusters – ELBE Alliance (online)**
- **>Established cooperation agreements and synergies**  
Antonio Novo Guerrero, European Clusters Alliance  
Axelle Salvage, ENMC  
Walter Wassallo, **Blue Marina Awards**

11,30: Open discussions about further progresses on the main goals of the WM MCA, Thanos Smanis, WMAM:

- 15 mins > **Cluster dialogue:**
- 15 mins > **Cluster up-scale South-South:**
- 15 mins > **Capacity building North-South:**
- 15 mins > **Investment attraction:**

12,30: Conclusion of the event:

Giovanni Caprino, Cluster BIG – Mario Mattioli, Federazione del Mare