



SIDE EVENT AGENDA

Round table: Emerging impacts of regional cooperation in the Mediterranean Sea: a special focus on green shipping and sustainable coastal tourism

16th April, 11:00-11:50, Multifunctional Room

Lead: WestMED Initiative

Co-organizers: Direção-Geral de Política do Mar (Portugal)

Since 2017, the WestMED Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the Western Mediterranean has been building bridges between Southern Europe and North Africa while at the same time strengthening relations between the whole Mediterranean region's countries, and acting as pilot for regional cooperation in the whole sea basin. The WestMED Initiative supports project development and connects potential partners and stakeholders across the sea basin. Since then, more than 100 project ideas coming from stakeholders and actors have been supported and more than 40 projects have been approved and funded by relevant EU and multilateral programmes, worth about 55M€. In this workshop, 3 ongoing projects will be showcased as successful examples of cooperation across the sea basin, and focusing on green shipping and decarbonisation of the maritime industry, sustainable tourism in coastal areas and regions and blue skills.



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11:00-11:10	<p>Opening remarks: Aligned Objectives of Our Ocean and WestMED Initiatives on Sustainable Blue Economy</p> <p>Marisa Lameiras da Silva. Director General for Maritime Policy and WestMED Co-Presidency, Portugal</p>
11:10-10:20	<p>WestMED: emerging impacts of regional cooperation in the Mediterranean Sea</p> <p>Thanos Smanis. Synergies Expert, WestMed Initiative, Greece</p>
11:20-11:40	<p>Presentation of successful European funded projects in Sustainable Green Shipping and Sustainable Tourism:</p>
	<p>GreenMED project</p> <p>Manolis Annetis, Project coordinator from Ethnicon Metsovion Polytechnion, Greece</p>
	<p>WeMED NATOUR and ECO-Cruising FU TOUR projects</p> <p>Marika Mazzi Boem, Project coordinator from X23 The Innovation Bakery, Italy</p>
	<p>Blue Ports project</p> <p>Theocharis Tsoutsos, Project coordinator from Technical University of Crete</p>
11:40-11:50	<p>Open discussion</p>