

## WESTMED HACKATHONS

### “BLUE ECONOMY CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUMMIT OF THE TWO SHORES”

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2019**

Real Albergo delle Povere

217, Corso Calatafimi, Palermo, Sicily, Italy

### DRAFT PROGRAMME (V.0)

8:45-09:30 Registration

#### **Plenary session** (Working languages: EN - FR - IT)

09:30-10:00 **Opening remarks by:**

Representative of the Hosting Authority

Representative of the European Commission

Representative of the French Government to introduce **The Summit of the Two Shores**

- Moderator: Representative of the WestMED Co-Presidency, Morocco

#### **What are we doing already to support the Blue Economy in the region? Some elements of good practice and concrete funding opportunities**

- Moderator: Representative of the WestMED Co-Presidency, France/Morocco

10:00-11:00 ***Some illustrative projects in the region:***

- INNO-BLUE GROWTH project (cross-cutting)
- CMES-WestMed Project (skills)
- BleuTourMed, (tourism)
- WestMoPoCo (maritime surveillance)



- 4 Helix Project (clusters)
- ENSAMBLE (coastal communities and fisheries)

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

**11:30-12:15 Funding opportunities:**

- European Investment Bank
- Territorial Cooperation (e.g. ENI CBC, Italy Tunisia and Italy-Malta CBC calls) by Ms Mercedes Acitores, INTERACT and others
- LIFE calls, by EASME
- INTERREG MED strategic approach to enhance governance in the Mediterranean: PANORAMED strategic projects by Mr Antonio del Pino, Project Leader PANORAMED

*Q&A from the public*

**12:15-12:30 Introduction to the “Hackathons”**

by Matteo Bocci, WestMED Assistance Mechanism

12:30-14:00 Lunch

**14:00-16:45 Parallel sessions – Hackathons**

*(Working languages: EN and/or FR, without interpretation)*

*The project development Hackathons sessions are moderated workshops involving selected practitioners across the western Mediterranean (and beyond) with the purpose of creating strong partnerships and develop strategic projects ideas in relevant areas for the WestMED Initiative.....to be completed*

***Hackathon 1: Fight of illegal fishing***

Fight against illegal fishing activities in the Mediterranean requires an efficient and responsible action of flag States in coordination with coastal, port and market States, to ensure an effective



level playing field across the Mediterranean. Greater capacity, know-how and mutual understanding is in this respect required across all involved actors.

Planned project ideas to be discussed during the Hackathon (to be further detailed): *Support in the set-up of a Regional Academy for capacity building activities in the implementation of control obligations established under the GFCM.*

**Moderator:** Marta Pascual (Assistance Mechanism)

**Rapporteurs:** tbc (Spain National Hub), Mohamed Lemine Tarbyia (Mauritania National Hub)

### ***Hackathon 2: Aquaculture***

Aquaculture is an increasing opportunity to sustain economic development across the Mediterranean as well as ensure accessible quality food. A number of challenges remains in this respect in order to boost innovation and diversification in existing practices and ensure greater economic return, quality production and environmental safety and security of existing and future aquaculture practices, particularly in the south.

Planned project ideas to be discussed during the Hackathon (to be further detailed): *Improve uptake of innovative aquaculture and sustainable small-scale fisheries (linked to innovation / advanced aquaculture production) in southern WestMED Countries.*

**Moderator:** Frédéric Herpes (Assistance Mechanism)

**Rapporteurs:** tbc (Portugal National Hub), Mohamed Malouli Idrissi (Morocco National Hub)

### ***Hackathon 3: Marine Litter and plastic***

Marine litter has become a major pollution problem affecting all of the world seas. Increased levels of marine litter originate largely from land-based activities and results in negative impacts on human health, marine wildlife, marine ecological systems, beach quality, and navigational safety, as well as fishing and maritime industries. A number of actions have been implemented to address this issue across the Mediterranean, while stronger focus could be put on the adoption of the “circular economy” concept in relation to the Blue Economy.

Planned project ideas to be discussed during the Hackathon (to be further detailed):

- Boost small scale technologies for artisan solutions and energy production for collecting and reusing land-sea based plastic litter.

**Moderator:** Thanos Smanis (Assistance Mechanism)

**Rapporteurs:** tbc (France National Hub?), tob (tbc National Hub)



#### ***Hackathon 4: Clean transport***

Promoting the uptake of cleaner and more sustainable means of maritime transport by public and private operators is a strategic goal for the Mediterranean, so to boost the ability of the region to improve its economic performance by allowing zero impacts on its vulnerable and valuable ecosystem. Recent evidence collected by Member States in the EU suggests an urgent need for greater policy efforts and concrete actions in this respect by all relevant stakeholders across the region.

Planned project ideas to be discussed during the Hackathon (to be further detailed): Creation of a network of West Med ports for LNG bunkering which can potentially connect East Med (Greece) to the entire region (up to Morocco), as a preliminary step to then discussing a « emission controlled area » for the entire region.

**Moderator:** Christophe Le Visage (Assistance Mechanism)

**Rapporteurs:** Leonardo Manzari (Italy National Hub), Colin Ruel (France National Hub)

#### ***Hackathon 5: Maritime clusters***

Cluster initiatives are essential mechanisms to ensure boosting of innovation and access to sustainable financing resources for the blue economy businesses and researchers at the local level. Currently a number of cluster initiatives are active in the Mediterranean across the various activities related to the Blue Economy, often more developed in the Northern shore. And yet they lack of a common arena where sharing innovation challenges and opportunities and identify areas for knowledge/capacity transfer.

Planned project ideas to be discussed during the Hackathon (to be further detailed): *Creation of a north-south “peers” network – intended as an innovation-platform – for maritime (blue) clusters across the WestMed (and potentially beyond), to share good practices and boost development and cooperation amongst existing clusters (and emerging ones) across the region.*

**Moderator:** Matteo Bocci (Assistance Mechanism)

**Rapporteurs:** Stephanie Vella (Malta National Hub), Salem Miladi (Tunisia National Hub)

#### ***Hackathon 6: Coastal and maritime tourism***

Tourism is one of the larger Blue Economy activity in the Mediterranean, both terms of job generation and GVA. And yet the potentials for promoting more sustainable and innovative practices across the is enormous, including through the uptake of innovative business models,



advanced technologies and the incubation and support for innovative start-ups. This is an area where greater cooperation and transfer of technologies and know-how from north to south can be supported.

Planned project ideas to be discussed during the Hackathon (to be further detailed):  
*Acceleration of innovation and knowledge/technology transfer from north to south in tourism, so to support innovative SMEs and start-ups in the sector that generate local value.*

**Moderator:** Diletta Zonta (Assistance Mechanism)

**Rapporteurs:** Laura Parducci (Italy National Hub), Samir Grimes (Algeria National Hub)

**Plenary session: Wrap-up and the way forward** (Working languages: EN - FR - IT)

16:45-17:45 Chaired by:

- Mr Ludovic Schultz, Director, Secrétariat Général de la Mer, WestMED Co-Presidency, France

**Reporting from Hackathons** (Project leaders, supported by the Rapporteurs: 5 minutes each = 30 minutes in total).

**Final remarks by**

- Representative of Unit for Sea basin strategies, Maritime Regional Cooperation and Maritime Security, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- Mr Miguel García-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat
- Mr Aomar Bourhim, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, WestMED Co-Presidency, Morocco
- Mr Nicola Favia, Head of Office, Department for Cohesion Policy, Presidency of Italian Council of Ministers, WestMED National Coordinator for Italy

