

Med Lab Group meeting Western Mediterranean.



Final Agenda, 7 February 2017

**Med Lab Group: Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy
in the Western Mediterranean**

SH Valencia Place. Paseo de la Alameda, 32_ 46023 Valencia, España.





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Background

Maritime strategies are a tool foreseen by the Integrated Maritime Policy to better address cross sectorial challenges and develop the blue economy in EU-shared sea basins. Already, few sea basins based strategies have been set up for the Atlantic, the Baltic Sea and the Adriatic-Ionian Seas (these two last are integrated in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Region and Adriatic and Ionian Region, respectively). The initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the Western Mediterranean is based on the Union for the Mediterranean process and its Ministerial declaration on the Blue Economy, adopted on 17 November 2015,¹ which invites the UfM countries to explore the added value and feasibility of maritime appropriate strategies. This strategy concerns Algeria, France, Italy, Libya, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Portugal, Spain and Tunisia

In order to identify clear needs for the Mediterranean Region, the initiative uses a *bottom-up* approach, organising consultations to stakeholders. In this process, the European Commission and Interact throughout the “Med Lab Group” will consult the relevant ETC and neighbourhood programmes in the area.

Objectives

1. To inform the concerned programmes on the actions related to a Maritime Strategy for the Western Mediterranean and on the development of an action plan for its implementation
2. To discuss the draft on the proposed Action Plan on the Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the Western Mediterranean; check the practical feasibility of these opportunities and measure the level of support for a further development.

Target Groups

This consultation will be focused on the programmes concerned in the area of the west Med. In this regard, the target group will be the Heads of Joint Secretariats and Managing Authorities of the following cooperation programmes:

1. Italy - Malta
2. Italy - France (Maritime)
3. Italy - France (ALCOTRA)
4. Spain - France - Andorra (POCTEFA)
5. Spain - Portugal (POCTEP)
6. Italy - Croatia
7. Interreg MED
8. Interreg ADRIION
9. Interreg SUDOE
10. ENI Italy Tunisia
11. ENI CBC MED.

¹ <http://ufmsecretariat.org/55-dialogue-ministerial-meeting-highlights-the-key-role-of-the-ufm-to-promote-regional-cooperation-in-the-mediterranean/>



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Methodology

The session will have an interactive approach, where participants will be able to discuss together matters of mutual concern, facilitated by Interact team members.

Reference documents

- Roadmap for the Communication of the European Commission on "Initiative for the Sustainable Development of the Blue Economy in the Western Mediterranean":
http://ec.europa.eu/smart-regulation/roadmaps/docs/2017_mare_007_westmed_en.pdf
- Website of the WestMED: <http://www.westmed-initiative.eu/>
- Including the on line registration and the programme of the Stakeholder conference – Towards an initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean: <http://www.westmed-initiative.eu/events/>



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Timetable

Day 1- Tuesday, 7 February

Med Lab Group: West Med Initiative Consultation. (only programmes upon invitation)

8.30 – 9.00	Registration and Coffee.
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome and Objectives of the meeting <i>Luca Marangoni. DG Mare.</i> <i>Tomasz Petrykowski. Interact.</i>
9.30 – 13.00	Initiative for the sustainable development of the blue economy in the western Mediterranean <i>DG Mare, Ecorys, Interact.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Presentation of the West Med Initiative: Objectives, priorities and actions.</i><i>Findings from the ‘Assessment of the feasibility and added value to support a possible sustainable blue economy initiative.’</i>
10.30 – 10.50	<i>Coffee break</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>Mapping of the Programmes (CBC and transnational) priorities and specific objectives. Focus on possible synergies.</i><i>Mapping with the programmes: Outcomes and actions developed in line with the West Med challenges and priorities.</i> <i>Debate:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><i>1) Added value of the west Med Initiative for the programmes.</i><i>2) Specific actions programmes could link to the initiative</i> <i>Conclusions and next steps.</i>
13.00	Lunch Break
	End of West Med Consultation



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Practical Details

Participation in the meeting is free of charge and includes refreshments and lunch. Participants are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

If you registered, but are no longer able to participate, please inform us as soon as possible in order to give other interested people the opportunity to participate.

Venue

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