

Side-event: SOPHIE (Seas, Oceans & Public Health in Europe)*

Future outlooks on Oceans and Health for Europe's marine waters

Date: Monday 14 October (from 10.30 – 13.30) – Museo Alborania, Palmeral de las Sorpresas, Muelle 2, 29015 Málaga

Draft Agenda

Ecosystem-Based Adaptation: A pulse for transformative changes in the Mediterranean Sea



14 October 2019 – Afternoon : Official opening

Venue: Salón de los Espejos - Ayuntamiento de Málaga - Avda. Cervantes 4, Malaga

Language: Simultaneous interpretation (Spanish and English)

15:00 - 15.30 Welcome and registration of participants

15: 30 - 16.30 Opening ceremony

Welcome speech from high level officials

- **Francisco de la Torre**, Mayor of the City of Malaga
- **Joaquin Villanova**, Vice-president, Andalusian Federation of Towns and Provinces (FAMP)
- **Curzio Cervelli**, Interreg Med Programme
- **Juan Teodomiro**, University of Malaga
- **Rosa Estaras Ferragut**, Member of the European Parliament, former EP Intergroup SEARICA

16.30 - 17:15 Keynote speech – Why we need transformative changes in the Mediterranean

- **Ronan Uhel**, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Tatjana Hema**, UN Environment / Mediterranean Action Plan Coordinating Unit (UNEP/MAP)

The keynote speeches will explain why the loss of biological diversity is not only an environmental issue, but a developmental, economic, security, social and moral issue, and on the way to push forward transformative changes in the region.

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11:00 - 12:30 Technical session 2 : Protecting biodiversity while promoting growth; how can it be achieved?

The Mediterranean region is a biodiversity hotspot with a high concentration of human activities. The coexistence of these two elements is often challenging to balance and human activities are often developed at the detriment of the protection of the ecosystem and its biodiversity. Interreg MED projects and other framework cooperation initiatives are designing solutions to make biodiversity protection and growth coexist.

Starting from an assessment of the combined effect of different human pressures on Mediterranean ecosystems, this session will explore synergies amongst actors sharing the same mission in different perspectives and regions, and promote a regional approach encompassing North and South shores of the Mediterranean. It will focus on indicators to monitor the pressures of human activities on biodiversity to support decision-making for managers and policy-makers, as well as on solutions to reduce them while promoting a sustainable socio-economic development in Protected Areas and Biosphere Reserves. European Institutions will illustrate policy frameworks for future cooperation on sustainable development, blue growth, research and innovation.

Moderator : Josep Canals Molina, MedCities

Setting the stage: Mihollaq Qirjo, REC Albania

Roundtable followed by Q/A:

- **Christel Georges**, City of Marseille
- **Rafael Fernández**, Andalusia Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries Development, REINWASTE
- **Mercè Escrichs**, Generalitat de Catalunya / NECSTOUR
- **Said Boujrouf**, Mohammed V University, Rabat

12:30 - 14:00 Technical session 3 : Solutions in hand for healthier Mediterranean ecosystems

The knowledge and tools generated by the Interreg Med Biodiversity protection community and others and how successfully tested examples are useful to ensure healthier Mediterranean ecosystems and natural resources will be highlighted during this session. It will shed light on the potential transferability of new governance and management models in the Mediterranean as supporting mechanisms to a better integrated and common approach with a view to fill data and management gaps in environmental protection and support ecosystem-based strategic directions in future governance decisions.

Moderator: Sergi Tudela, Catalan Directorate General of Fisheries and Maritime affairs

Setting the stage: Magali Outters, UNEP MAP SCP RAC

Roundtable followed by Q/A:

- **Josep Lloret / Arnau Carreño**, University of Girona, PHAROS4MPAs
- **Maria del Mar Otero**, IUCN-Med, POSBEMED
- **Simonetta Frascchetti**, University of Naples Federico II, AMAre
- **Cristina Panti**, University of Siena, PlasticBusters MPAs

14:00 – 15:15 Lunch break

15:15 - 18:00

The “Mediterranean Optimism Tour”: A journey along the INTERREG Biodiversity Protection Community’s Transformative Actions to Save the Mediterranean



Facilitator: Julia Vera, Travelecoology

The objective of the interactive session is to showcase the work undertaken by the more than 200 institutions forming the Mediterranean Biodiversity Protection community in support of biodiversity protection in the Mediterranean between 2016-2019 and inspire future action, guided by the vision of the “Mediterranean Declaration for biodiversity Protection” and the confidence that we can see it through.

This interactive session will serve as a channel to convey the key messages stemming from the comprehensive work undertaken by the Community since its inception, revolving around the following pivotal themes: The process to weave a new **network** (the Biodiversity Protection Community); the **outreach** of technical & scientific actions by Modular projects; the practical **solutions** and tools developed through Modular projects; the use of **technology** to facilitate knowledge generation; and the **road ahead** and mechanisms available for biodiversity protection.

18:00 - 19:00

The Mediterranean Community in images: networking cocktail on site



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08:30 - 09:00

Welcome and registration of participants

09:00 - 10:30

Policy uptake session 1: Priority actions to improve biodiversity in Protected Areas

This session will build on conclusions from the technical sessions the day before and draw attention to key findings on the situation of protected areas in the Mediterranean according to the latest assessments. The debate will consider existing solutions and priority actions to enhance the management and coherence particularly of marine protected areas and their functionality individually and as a network for recovering and preserving healthy ecosystems. Emphasis will be placed on those tools and actions which should most urgently be considered in the post 2020 policy agenda.

Moderator: Paolo Lombardi - WWF Mediterranean

Roundtable followed by Q/A:

- **Victoria Gonzalez**, Fundación Biodiversidad - Spanish Ministry of Ecological Transition (tbc)
- **Marie Romani**, MedPAN Network
- **Khalil Attia**, UNEP MAP SPA/RAC
- **Vedran Nikolić**, EU Directorate-General for Environment

10:30 - 11:00

Break

11:00 - 12:30 Policy uptake session 2: Priority actions in sensitive hotspot areas in the Mediterranean Sea

This roundtable discussion will focus on available tools, solutions and recommendations for priority actions to manage cumulative impacts in sensitive transboundary areas in the Mediterranean. Collaborative mechanisms and an ecosystem-based approach based on science will be the basis for addressing a multisectoral framework to maintain ecosystem services across key threatened biodiversity areas. Readymade solutions will be showcased as effective measures available for policy uptake.

Moderator: Peter Mackelworth, Blue-World Institute

Roundtable followed by Q/A:

- **Leonardo Tunesi**, ISPRA
- **Valentina Cappanera**, Italian Network of Marine Protected Areas
- **Marko Prem**, UNEP/MAP PAP/RAC
- **Luca Santarossa**, Federparchi – Europarc Italy, FishMPABlue2
- **Enric Sala**, Pristine Seas, National Geographic (tbc)

12:30 - 13:30 Policy uptake session 3: The way ahead and future priorities to reduce pressures on Mediterranean biodiversity

The last policy uptake session will review existing solutions and instruments in place at different scales to reduce pressures on Mediterranean biodiversity and that are transferable to support post 2020 targets including Mediterranean (UNEP-MAP), European (EU DGs ENV/CA) and global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs/CBD/UN ENV) agendas. The session will summarize the main steps ahead in the accomplishment of better cooperation actions in the coming years.

Moderator : Dania Abdul Malak, ETC-UMA

Roundtable followed by Q/A:

- **Elen Lemaitre Curri**, UNEP MAP Plan Bleu
- **Paolo Lombardi**, WWF Mediterranean
- **Peter Mackelworth**, Blue-World Institute
- **Sergi Tudela**, Catalan Directorate General of Fisheries and Maritime affairs
- **Elsa Tsioumani**, International Institute for Sustainable Development (tbc)

13:30 – 13:45 Concluding remarks by the Rector of the University of Malaga

13:45 - 19:00 Lunch and outdoor demonstration activities

A practical workshop on science and practice concerning marine litter monitoring, impacts, management and fake news in collaboration with PlasticBustersMPAs, MedSeaLitter and Act4litter partners will help raise awareness on current challenges at EU and Mediterranean level.



Thank you

Side-event



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Project workshop: Future outlooks on Oceans and Health for Europe's marine waters

The majority of Europe's population lives in urban areas characterized by inland waterways and coastal margins. Future trends, like climate change, migration, an ageing population, pollution and technology, will have a great impact on societies in Europe. So far, the impacts of these trends have been studied at a continental or national level and policy development is often based on these high level studies. The implications of global trends on a local level, are barely understood so far. However, local authorities need to take action now to anticipate the impacts of future trends to keep their citizens healthy and safe. For the H2020 projects BlueHealth (<https://bluehealth2020.eu/>) and SOPHIE (<https://sophie2020.eu/>) a participatory approach has been developed and tested to identify challenges at a local level arising from global trends. During an interactive workshop, the participants will discuss on the relevancy of different trends for different the Mediterranean Sea, their perspectives on how to deal with these trends and potential research gaps. The outcomes of the workshop will serve as input for the research agenda to be delivered by H2020 SOPHIE project, but may also support questions regarding transferability of cases from one location to another and input for policy plans.

Registration to all sessions: click [here](#)