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BLUEMED High-level Conference - 16 October at Pavillion Aquae – Expo Venice, Venice, Italy

Event date:

16/10/2015 - 00:00

The BLUEMED initiative (as part of the Marine Research and Innovation agenda) represents a huge effort to create coherence amongst marine research and innovation priorities at EU, sea basin and national levels and to mainstream blue growth objectives into the relevant instruments. The BLUEMED initiative will be endorsed by nine EU Member States (Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Malta, Slovenia, Croatia, Greece and Cyprus) on 16 October in Venice, in the presence of Commissioner Moedas.

High Level Conference
**THE BLUEMED INITIATIVE
FOR BLUE GROWTH AND JOBS
IN THE MEDITERRANEAN**

Venice, October 16, 2015 - "Aquae Venice 2015" Pavillion

09:30 Registration

10:30 Welcome address

Cesare De Michelis, President of Expo Venice

10:40 Setting the scene: the **BLUEMED Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda**

Fabio Fava, University of Bologna & Italian Representative in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Programme Committee

11:00 Showcasing the potential of the **BLUEMED initiative to stimulate investments, economic growth and jobs**

Chair: Sigi Gruber, European Commission DG Research and Innovation and Luca Marangoni, European Commission DG MARE

- *Fishery in the Mediterranean sea*

Javier Garat, European Fisheries Technology Platform & Spanish Fisheries Confederation employers' association (Spain)

- Marine Spatial Planning and off shore aquaculture

João Fonseca Ribeiro, Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Sea, (Portugal)

- Cooperation in EU research & innovation projects
Vangelis Papathanassiou, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research (Greece)
- Tourism and culture heritage
Leslie Vella, Malta Tourism Authority (Malta)
- Development of Marine Protected Areas with Artificial Reefs in Cyprus
Marina Argyrou, Department of Fisheries and Marine Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Cyprus)
- The shorter the coastline the bigger the challenges of BLUEMED
Vlado Malačič, Marine Biology Station in Piran (Slovenia)
- Perspectives of the BLUEMED initiative in a new EU Member State
Ivica Vilibic, Institute of Oceanography and Fisheries (Croatia)

13:00 Networking lunch and welcome address by local Authorities

14:15 Family picture

14:30 Round table: **The potential of the BLUEMED initiative to stimulate investments, economic growth and jobs**

Chair: Pierpaolo Campostrini, CORILA, Italian Expert in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Programme Committee & Member of Board JPI Oceans and Emmanuelle Klein, French Representative in Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 Programme Committee

- Courtney Hough, General Secretary of ETP Aquaculture
- Vincenzo Petrone, President of Fincantieri
- Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Director of JPI Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans
- Sofia Loukmidou, Fisheries and Maritime Operational Program, Ministry of Productive Reconstruction, Environment and Energy & Chair of Pillar 1 (Blue Growth) of EUSAIR
- Roberto Montanari, Chair of Bologna Charter
- Christohe Avellan, Pôle Mer Méditerranée

14:30 Informal Ministerial meeting (closed parallel session)

16:00 Closing plenary session

- Stefania Giannini, Minister of Education, Universities and Research
- Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

16:30 Visit to “Aqua Venice 2015” the Universal Exhibition dedicated to Water

17:00 Transfer to Venice

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