

WESTMED | NATIONAL INITIATIVE | EVENT-MALTA



Horizons Europe
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The Malta Council for
Science & Technology

Friday, 4 September 2020

*National Event organised by the WestMED National Hub and the WestMED National Coordinator,
in collaboration with the Horizon Europe Oceans Mission Board and
Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST)*

Towards the Recovery and Resilience of the National Blue Economy in Malta

- 08:45-09:00 | **Opening of Event**
Time allocated for participants to connect. Event will start at 09:00 sharp
- 09:00-09:10 | **Welcome and Introduction**
Mr. Joseph Bugeja (Chairman & CEO, Transport Malta)
- 09:10-09:20 | **Address by the Ministry for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects**
*Hon. Dr Ian Borg (Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Government of Malta) **TBC***
- 09:20-09:30 | **Address by Transport Malta**
Capt. David Bugeja - Chief Officer Ports and Yachting Directorate
- 09:30-09:40 | **Address by the Parliamentary Secretary for Financial Services and Digital Economy**
Mr Clayton Bartolo (Parliamentary secretary for Financial Services and Digital Economy, Government of Malta)
- 09:40-10:00 | **The WestMED Initiative and the Assistance Mechanism - Objectives and Priorities**
Dr Stephanie Vella (National Hub for the WestMED Initiative)
- 10:00-10:10 | **Overview of Missions in Horizon Europe**
Ms Anthea Fabri (MCST)
- 10:10-10:30 | **Mission Area: Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters**
Prof. Alan Deidun (Member of Horizon Europe Mission Board for Healthy Oceans, Malta's Ambassador for Ocean Governance)
- 10:30-10:45 | **COFFEE BREAK**

- 10:45-11:10 | **Funding Opportunities for Sectors in the Blue Economy**
Mr Steven Frigerio (Horizon Unit, MCST)
Mr Gilbert Gauci (Internationalisation Unit, MCST)
Ms Claudine Dimech (R&I Unit, MCST)
- 11:10-11:40 | **The Imperative of Interlinkages between Blue Economy Operators to Avert Common Risks and Exploit Joint Opportunities**
Mr Michael Callus (Malta Maritime Forum)
- 11:40-12:10 | **Digitisation towards a Circular Blue Economy**
Dr Adam Gauci (Physical Oceanography Research Group, University of Malta)
- 12:10-13:10 | Workshop Session:
Identification of Challenges and Opportunities for the Recovery and Resilience of the Blue Economy
- 13:10-13:30 | **Wrap-up and Conclusions**

Note:

To be held virtually on Webex