



**A Plastic-free healthy Mediterranean Sea:
the BLUEMED R&I Pilot**

Beacon Conference at ECOMONDO 2019

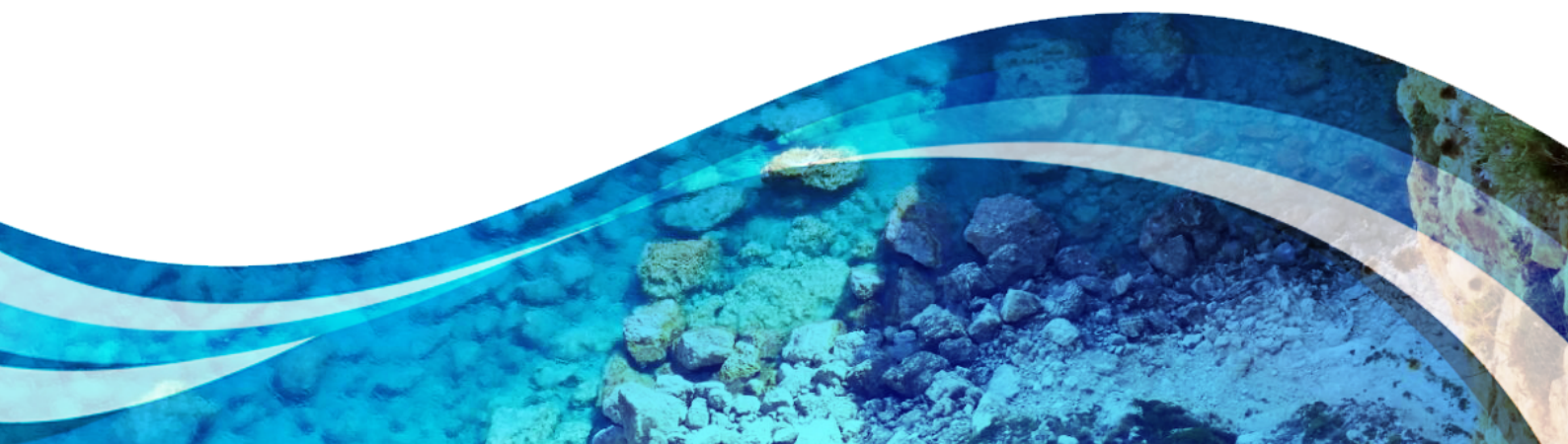
Agenda

2019, November 7th, 10:00-14:00

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In October 2018, the BlueMed R&I Initiative for blue jobs and growth in the Mediterranean Area launched a Pilot Action “Plastic-free for a healthy Mediterranean Sea”. Mediterranean countries decided to coordinate and to face together the cross-border threat of plastic litter. The aim is to avoid that the Mediterranean is turning into a plastic trap, endangering not only the environment and human health, but also key economic sectors that depend on a vibrant blue economy and healthy marine ecosystems such as fisheries and tourism. Integrating knowledge and innovation in a circular economy perspective; promoting recycling systems and technologies; supporting sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors; creating new “blue” jobs; inform policies, these are the objectives of the Pilot.

This **BlueMed special event at ECOMONDO 2019** will mark a key milestone for turning this Pilot into a success story by showcasing, discussing and developing a portfolio of actions and concrete measures, and mobilise key actors in the plastics value chain for solutions oriented research and innovation. Together we will tackle the “plastic litter” challenge, together we will succeed.

Section Chairs

- **Sigi Gruber**, Head of Healthy Oceans and Seas Unit, DG RTD European Commission;
- **Giuseppe Provenzano**, Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat.

Conference organization

ECOMONDO Scientific Technical Committee, BLUEMED WG EuroMed GSOs, BLUEMED CSA and the Healthy Ocean and Seas Unit of the European Commission

Program

10:00	Introduction by the Chairs
10:20	The BLUEMED Pilot for a plastic-free, healthy Mediterranean Sea Sigi Gruber, Head of the Healthy Oceans and Seas Unit, European Commission DG RTD
10:30	The BLUEMED Pilot in action: national hubs with good practice and round table with Country contributions Representatives of the countries in the BLUEMED, EuroMed Group of Senior Officials
12:30	The Horizon funded Coordination and Support Action and its role in sustaining the Pilot Fabio Trincardi, Chair of the BLUEMED CSA
12:45	Discussion and Conclusions Chair: Sigi Gruber Speakers: - Susan Kholeif, NIOF & Expert Group for the UN-Decade for Ocean Science; - Cristina Pedicchio, OGS, Member of the Board of Mission Healthy oceans, seas, coastal and inland waters
13:00	Visit to the BLUEMED Stand and ECOMONDO booths exhibiting technologies/solutions for the plastic collection and recycling, biodegradable plastic production, marine litter prevention, sea plastic recovery and reuse
13:30	End of the Conference



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