



“Bridging the Mediterranean and Black Sea: Cross-Basin Learning for Water Solutions”

19 September 2025, 10:00 – 12:30 CEST, Online

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Context	The BlueMissionMed cross-fertilization activities aim to develop synergies and contribute to exchanges of good practices and sharing of innovation solutions with other Missions and Partnerships acting in the Mediterranean Sea basin. With this aim, between Summer and Autumn 2025, BlueMissionMed is organizing a set of webinars.
Objectives	<p>2nd Cross-Fertilization Webinar aims to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand outreach to Southern and Eastern Mediterranean and Black Sea regions. • Foster strategic collaboration with regional initiatives and institutions. • Enrich the Catalogue of Solutions and Services with governance and societal innovations. • Promote cross-basin learning
Organizer	BlueMissionMed https://bluemissionmed.eu/
	The EU-funded BlueMissionMed coordination and support action, aimed at supporting the implementation of the EU Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters, is committed to empower all the actors that can take a role in preventing and eliminating pollution in the Mediterranean Sea and waters. The goal of BlueMissionMed is to support, connect and structure existing initiatives and activities, disseminate and upscale transformative innovative solutions, mobilise and synergize relevant actors.
Target participants	European and international key actors, from Policy, Business, Research & Innovation and Civil Society.
Sectoral priority	<p>The webinar will focus mainly on the indicated priorities of preventing and eliminating pollution of our oceans, seas and waters;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broaden geographic and thematic scope of the Innovative Transformative Solutions • Demonstrate commitment to inclusivity and cross-basin cooperation • Share successful models and solutions. Explore future collaboration opportunities.



EVENT AGENDA

10:00-10:05	Online Session Start & Overviewing the Programme <i>Moderator: Mustafa YUCEL, Deputy Director - METU IMS, BlueMissionMed Türkiye Hub</i>
10:05-10:45	Session 1: Setting the Scene and Showcasing Synergies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The EU Mission Restore Our Ocean & Waters & the Mission Lighthouses <i>Loïc Blanchard, Policy Officer – Oceans, Seas & Waters – DG RTD, European Commission</i> • Mediterranean Lighthouse supporting BlueMissionMed CSA: results, outcomes and expected impact <i>Fedra Francocci, Project Coordinator – BlueMissionMed, CNR</i> • UNEP MAP Mediterranean Action Plan: Vision and its programmes <i>Patrizia Busolini, Socio-Economic and Sustainable Development Officer - UNEP MAP</i> • Danube and Black Lighthouse supporting EcoDalli CSA: Innovative solutions for protect and restore ecosystems <i>Verena Höhn, Project Coordinator – Ecodalli, Steinbeis Europa Zentrum</i> • The Convention on the Protection of the Black Sea Against Pollution: Programmes and Projects <i>Iryna Makarenko, Pollution Monitoring and Assessment Officer - Black Sea Commission</i> • Mediterranean-Black Sea Common Challenges in Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Management <i>Mustafa Mantıkçı, Senior Scientist - METU IMS, BlueMissionMed Türkiye Hub</i>
10:45-11:30	Session 2: Cross-fertilization across Mediterranean and Black Sea Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marine Litter Solutions in the Mediterranean: Lessons from <u>COMMON</u> , <u>CLAIM</u> and <u>Plastic Busters CAP</u> <i>Sana Ben Ismail, Research Associate Professor – INSTM</i> • Novel Black Sea simulations towards basin-wide tracing of pollution <i>Kostas Tsiaras, Project Partner - <u>BRIDGE-Black Sea</u>, HCMR (EU funded Horizon 2020)</i> • Assessing the vulnerability of Romanian coasts to pollution and effects of Danube <i>Luminita Lazar, Project Coordinator - ANEMONE Plus & Consortium Member - <u>ANEMONE</u>, NIMRD (Black Sea ENI CBC Project)</i> • Questions & Answers with the Speakers <i>Comments from other Stakeholders, exploring ways to develop further strategic synergies</i>
11:30-12:30	Session 3: Interactive Session Bridging Black and Mediterranean Sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrating the Workshop Methodology <i>Susanna Albertini, Communication Leader – BlueMissionMed, FVA</i> • Cross-Fertilization Workshop via interactive Miró Board <i>Ezgi Sahin, METU IMS, BlueMissionMed Türkiye Hub and Susanna Albertini, Communication Leader – BlueMissionMed, FVA</i> • Closing Remarks <i>Mustafa YUCEL, METU IMS, BlueMissionMed Türkiye Hub</i>