



BARCELONA CONVENTION

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## SIDE EVENTS

**THEME 1: Responding to the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity and nature loss, pollution and waste**

**Tuesday, 5 December 2023, room: EMERALD 1**

	Time slot	Title of side event	Headlines	Organizers
<b>SIDE EVENT 1:</b>  <b>Pollution, including marine litter.</b> <b>- Part one</b>	13:00 - 15:00	Navigating Change: Progress and prospects in the Mediterranean's Plastic Pollution Battle	1. Navigating Change: Progress and Prospects in the Mediterranean's Plastic Pollution Battle  2. Marine litter: From pollution to solution  3. Tackling marine plastic pollution in the Mediterranean: Collaborative solutions for a sustainable future  4. Ghost Net & marine debris removal initiative	1. Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE ) 2. Association of continuity of generations 3. Arab network for environment development (RAED) 4. EnerGeo Alliance
			<b>Concluding remarks by the Secretariat.</b>	

<b>SIDE EVENT 1:</b>  <b>Pollution, including marine litter.</b> <b>- Part two</b>	18:00 - 19:30	Navigating Change: Progress and prospects in the Mediterranean's Plastic Pollution Battle	1. Ways to enhance plastic treaty negotiations and circular economy, Success stories from YLE  2. Plastic second life: Towards a circular economy for the sustainable management of plastic waste in Mediterranean beach and Ocean ecosystems  3. Ocean noise pollution and reduction of the environmental footprint of shipping (cetaceans)	1. Youth love Egypt Foundation  2. The Mohammed VI Foundation for Environmental Protection  3. ACCOBAMS
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**Tuesday, 5 December, room: MEDITERANEA**

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<b>SIDE EVENT 2:</b>  Legal aspects	13:00 - 14:00	Towards a better implementation of Barcelona Convention and protocols	Des indicateurs juridiques pour mieux appliquer la convention de Barcelone et ses protocoles /  Legal indicators for a better implementation of Barcelona Convention and Protocols	Centre International de Droit Comparé de l'Environnement (CIDCE), membre of the MCDS
Best practices of cooperation	14:00 - 15:00	Best practice of cooperation	Transboundary collaboration from source-to-sea: Danube, Mediterranean and Black Sea	Black Sea Commission's Permanent Secretariat

**Wednesday, 6 December, room: EMERALD 1**

	<b>Time slot</b>	<b>Title of Side event</b>	<b>Headlines</b>	<b>Organizers</b>
<b><u>SIDE EVENT 3:</u></b> <b>Climate change</b>	13:00 - 15:00	Enhancing Mediterranean resilience to climate change	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Green transition in the Coasts of Türkiye: Enhancing resilience through integrated coastal zone management and planning</li> <li>2. Unpacking the potential of Ecosystem Restoration in the Mediterranean to address Climate change and Biodiversity loss.</li> <li>3. National marine monitoring programme</li> <li>4. Reuse of treated Wastewater</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. General Directorate of Spatial Planning of Türkiye</li> <li>2. Plan Bleu</li> <li>3. Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Türkiye</li> <li>4. Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Türkiye</li> </ol>
<b><u>SIDE EVENT 4:</u></b> <b>Climate change</b>	18:00 -19:30	From COASTAL to FOREST ecosystems: Mediterranean Nature-based Solutions to tackle climate change and ensure the Resilience of natural Ecosystems and People	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RESTCOAST project: Effective restoration through transformative governance and upscaling</li> <li>2. RESCOM project: Implementing Nature-based Solutions for ecosystems and communities' resilience</li> <li>3. Forest Research for Resilient Mediterranean</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN-Med)</li> <li>2. Tour du Valat and MedWet on behalf of Mediterranean Biodiversity Consortium</li> <li>3. European Forest Institute (EFI)</li> </ol>

			<p>4. Innovation and cooperation for improved forest action and informed decision prioritization to face global change</p> <p>5. The Mediterranean Forest Initiative: to reduce disaster risks, protect and restore critical ecosystems, promote adaptation</p>	<p>4. European Topic Centre – University of Malaga (ETC-UMA)</p> <p>5. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</p>
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<b><u>SIDE EVENT 5:</u></b> <b>Blue economy</b>	13:00 - 15:00	Up-to-date tools to promote a sustainable Blue Economy	<p>1. Opportunities and challenges for MSP in the Mediterranean</p> <p>2. “ONLY ONE”: One Planet, One Ocean, One Health - The Italian best practices for the sea protection</p> <p>3. Fostering sustainable Blue Tourism in the Mediterranean: Regional Diagnosis, Policy Pathways and Action plan</p> <p>4. The governance of blue economy: The Italian case</p>	<p>1. Priority Actions Programme Regional Activity Centre (PAP/RAC)</p> <p>2. Marevivo Environmental Foundation</p> <p>3. Institut du developpement durable et des relations internationals (IDDDRI)</p> <p>4. International Federation for sustainable development and Fight against poverty (FISPMED Onlus)</p>

**Thursday, 7 December, room: EMERALD 1**

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<b>SIDE EVENT 6:</b> <b>Biodiversity and Marine Protected Areas and - Part one</b>	13.00 - 15.00	Together to contribute to GBF through the effective implementation of the SAP BIO	1. The Mediterranean Poseidonia Network (RPN) Roadmap 2030: blue carbon financing mechanism and concrete solutions around Mediterranean Sea	1. French biodiversity agency
			2. The PSSA in the north-western Mediterranean Sea to protect cetaceans from international shipping	2. France: Ministry of ecological transition, DGALN, - Italy: Ministry of environment and energy security - Principality of Monaco, -Spain: Ministry of ecological transition and demographic challenge
			3. Studies of Marine protected areas of Türkiye	3. Ministry of Environment, Urbanization and Climate Change Türkiye
			4. The new GBF and target 30 opportunities and challenges for Mediterranean MPAs towards 30x30	4. Center for Mediterranean Cooperation (IUCN)
			<b>Conclude remarks by the Secretariat.</b>	

<b>SIDE EVENT 6:</b> <b>Biodiversity and Marine Protected Areas</b> <b>- Part two</b>	18:00 - 18:45		Bilateral cooperation between Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security and UNEP/MAP	UNEP/MAP and MASE
	19:00 - 20:00		6. PAMEx and its Local Investment Finance Facility (PLIFF)	PAMEx and its Local Investment Finance Facility (PLIFF)

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<b>SIDE EVENT 7:</b> <b>Marine protected areas and Biodiversity</b>	13.00 - 14.30	30 x 30 biodiversity target in the Mediterranean - time for action	<p>1. Informing marine spatial planning for sharks, rays, and chimaeras in the Mediterranean and Black Sea</p> <p>2. Enhancing ecological connectivity: Why and how? Adriatic Sea as a case point</p> <p>3. What is role can play NGOs in MPA preservation</p> <p>4. The Dolphin centre: Empowering youth for marine conservation</p>	<p>1. WWF Mediterranean</p> <p>2. Science and Research centre Koper, Mediterranean institute for environmental studies (ZRS Koper)</p> <p>3. ACG association of continuity of generations</p> <p>4. MORIGENOS - Slovenian Marine Mammal Society</p>
<b>SIDE EVENT 1:</b> <b>Pollution, including marine litter.</b> <b>- Part three</b>	14.30 - 15.00	Navigating Change: Progress and prospects in the Mediterranean's Plastic Pollution Battle	Unite locally, act nationally: EcoPact implements national plans for a sustainable environment in Bizerte-Tunisia	Ministry of Environment – Tunisia/ ECO PACT – Lake Bizerte Program

**THEME 2: Promoting the green transition in the Mediterranean.**

**Friday, 8 December, room: EMERALD 1**

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<b><u>SIDE EVENT 8:</u></b> <b>Education and youth</b>	9:00 - 11:30	Youth perception	Education and youth: The process and actors to secure a sustainable future for the Mediterranean region.  Pathways for Transversal Skills and Orientation	MIO-ECSDE, Slovenia  ITALY
	11:30 - 12:30		Young people's perspective on MED PLUS 50	Blan Bleu
	12:30 -14:00		Civil Society Organizations Side event at Barcelona Convention	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovenia
<b><u>SIDE EVENT 9:</u></b> <b>Blue economy</b>	14:00 - 15:00	Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems	1. The importance of geoscience data and the energy evolution  2. The water-energy link within the WEFE Nexus  3. Advancing the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems (WEFE) Nexus: towards a strategic framework document in the Mediterranean source to sea continuum	1. EnerGeo Alliance  2. AVITEM  3. Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med)

<b>SIDE EVENT 10:</b> Green transition towards a healthier Mediterranean	15:00 - 16:00	Regional projects	Regional projects as enablers of a region-wide green transition towards a healthier Mediterranean in the framework of the Barcelona Convention	UNEP/MAP
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