



23RD MEETING OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COASTAL REGION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ITS PROTOCOLS

PORTOROŽ, SLOVENIA, 5-8 DECEMBER 2023

- TOOLS AND INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN -

SIDE EVENT - DECEMBER 6TH, 2023. FROM 1.00 P.M. TO 3.00 P.M.

Welcome and keynote	Mitja Bricelj , Slovenian MAP Focal Point, Slovenian Ministry for Natural Resources and Spatial Planning
POLICY SESSION	Jeremie Fosse , Eco-Union Anne-France Didier , Chairwoman of MCSD, French Ministry of the Sea
Presentations & Round of interventions	Mitja Bricelj , Slovenian MAP Focal Point, Slovenian Ministry for Natural Resources and Spatial Planning Marina Markovic , PAP/RAC Roberto Russo , FISP MED Lenca Humerca Solar , Slovenian Ministry for Natural Resources and Spatial Planning
Moderator	Jeremie Fosse , Eco-Union
SECTORIAL SESSION: PRACTICES/TOOLS	Carla Danelutti , IUCN-Med (Blue Tourism Initiative) Antoine Lafitte , Plan Bleu
Presentations & Round of interventions	Tomaž Rodic , Vesolje-SI and Andrej Krzan, Institute of chemistry Pierpaolo Celeste , Marevivo
Q&A	
Moderator	Angelo Sciacca , IDDRI (Blue Tourism Initiative)
Final remarks and closing	Anne-France Didier , Chairwoman of MCSD, French Ministry of the Sea

THIS SIDE EVENT ON THE BLUE ECONOMY WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR EXCHANGE AND DIALOGUE ON THE TOOLS AND INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION. IT WILL BRING DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES TO PROMOTE A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. STARTING WITH AN UPDATE ON THE CURRENT STATE AND FUTURE EVOLUTION OF COASTAL AND MARINE TOURISM, THE BLUE TOURISM INITIATIVE PARTNERS, IDDRI, ECO-UNION, AND IUCN, WILL PROVIDE INSIGHTS FROM THEIR CURRENT REGIONAL DIAGNOSIS OF THE SECTOR IN THE REGION. FROM THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN PAP/RAC AND PLAN BLEU/RAC, THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN MARINE REGION WILL BE OUTLINED. IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OVERVIEW OF BLUE ECONOMY GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS PROVIDED BY FISP MED WITH A FOCUS ON THE CASE STUDY FROM ITALY. FINALLY, MAREVIVO WILL PRESENT THE AWARENESS-BUILDING ACTIONS ON ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION.

THE EVENT WILL FEATURE AN INTERACTIVE SPACE WITH SPEED PRESENTATIONS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS. TIME FOR Q&A WILL ENSURE THAT PARTICIPANTS TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SESSION.

THE EVENT WILL ALSO COUNT ON THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF ANNE-FRANCE DIDIER, CHAIRWOMAN OF MCSD, FRENCH MINISTRY OF THE SEA, FOR THE OPENING, AND MITJA BRICELJ, SLOVENIAN MAP FOCAL POINT, SLOVENIAN MINISTRY FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND SPATIAL PLANNING.

SIDE EVENT ORGANISERS

Eco-Union - FISP MED - French Ministry of the Sea - IDDRI - IUCN-Med - MAREVIVO - PAP/RAC - Plan Bleu/RAC