

# WESTMED | NATIONAL INITIATIVE | EVENT-MALTA



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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)*
- 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, Ministry for Finance and Financial Services)*
- 09:40-10:00 | **The WestMED Initiative and the Assistance Mechanism - Objectives and Priorities**  
*Dr Stephanie Vella and Ms Annabel 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**

- 10:45-11:05 | **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)*
- 11:05-11:20 | **The BlueMed Implementation Plan - providing medium-term operational tools to develop sustainable Blue Economy in the Mediterranean area**  
*Prof. Aldo Drago (Head of the Physical Oceanography Research Group, University of Malta, and Malta's Delegate on the BlueMed GSO Working Group)*
- 11:20-11:50 | **The Imperative of Interlinkages between Blue Economy Operators to Avert Common Risks and Exploit Joint Opportunities**  
*Mr Michael Callus (Malta Maritime Forum)*
- 11:50-12:15 | **Digitisation towards a Circular Blue Economy**  
*Dr Adam Gauci (Physical Oceanography Research Group, University of Malta)*
- 12:15-13:15 | Workshop Session:  
**Identification of Challenges and Opportunities for the Recovery and Resilience of the Blue Economy**
- 13:15-13:30 | **Wrap-up and Conclusions**

**Note:**

To be held virtually on Webex