

WESTMED

Hackathon '24

3rd edition

Crafting sustainable
blue economy
projects



Agenda

3 October 2024

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Simultaneous interpretation in English/ French will be available during the plenary sessions of the conference

08:30-09:00

Registration

09:00-09:30

Welcome and opening remarks (plenary session)

Setting the scene and introducing the day ahead

Moderated by Javier Fernández, Sea Basin Strategies Assistance Mechanism Team Leader

- ▶ Official welcome: Lídia Bulcão, Secretary of State for Maritime Affairs (WestMED Initiative Co-Presidency Portugal)
- ▶ Open remarks WestMED Initiative Co-Presidency Mauritania: Demba Diawara, National Coordinator WestMED Initiative/ Maritime Transport manager, Mauritanian Agency for Maritime Affairs
- ▶ Setting the scene - European Commission: Christos Economou, Deputy Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy

Introduction to the Hackathons

Moderated by Celia Murcia, WestMED Assistance Mechanism project coordinator

09:30-10:00

Insights in WestMED project support and funding opportunities (plenary session)

An insight of the support on project development by the WestMED Assistance Mechanism and (upcoming) funding opportunities

- ▶ Interreg NEXT MED: Vincent Ernoux
- ▶ BlueInvest: Ruben Eiras, Forum Oceano
- ▶ EMFAF 2024 calls: Anja Detant (CINEA)
- ▶ Portuguese Agency Erasmus+ : Gustavo Alva-Rosa
- ▶ Successful cases of participation of Portuguese stakeholders in the WestMED Initiative: Lorella Ciuti, WestMED National Hub Portugal

10:00-10:30

Project Pitches (plenary session)

A series of 5-minute pitches by succesful projects to inspire project development discussions during the subsequent hackathon sessions

- ▶ CALLMEBLUE: Lidia Rossi, ForMARE
- ▶ WeMED NaTour: Marika Mazzi, X23
- ▶ WINBIG: Mariana Almeida, University of Aveiro
- ▶ GREEN MARINE MED: Lisa Simone de Grunt, World Ocean Council
- ▶ BlueAquaEdu: Patrícia Canhão, SEAentia
- ▶ BlueSkills: Oriela Halilaj, OGS

10:30-11:00

COFFEE BREAK

11:00-13:00

Hackathons (parallel sessions)

Working Session (part 1)

Five parallel hackathon sessions consisting of five Project Development Labs, each focused on project ideas and possible funding opportunities in a specific field.

1. **Blue skills and careers**

Facilitators: Frédérick Herpers and Salem Miladi

2. **Sustainable tourism**

Facilitators: Marta Pascual and Stephanie Vella

3. **Green shipping and ports**

(with the intervention of Francesc Carbonell, UfM Head of Sector Transport)

Facilitators: Leonardo Manzari and Adriana Salazar

4. **Aquaculture**

(with the intervention of the EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism)

Facilitators: Samir Bachouche and Thanos Smanis

5. **Maritime clusters**

Facilitators: Matteo Bocci and Lorella Ciuti

13:00-14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00-15:30

Hackathons (parallel sessions)

Working Session (part 2)

15:30-16:15

Outcomes and next steps (plenary session)

Moderated by Matteo Bocci, Deputy team leader EU Sea Basin Strategies Assistance Mechanism

- ▶ Main outcomes of the hackathon sessions with summary of the project ideas discussed
- ▶ Next steps

16:15-16:30

Closing remarks (plenary session)