

Blue Eco Forum

Dialogues, workshops and festival for a
Sustainable Mediterranean Sea

Barcelona, 25 November 2016

DRAFT AGENDA

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Introduction

The Mediterranean Sea is a unique geographical and cultural space that unites 22 countries and over 450 million people, of which most live in the coastal strip. Breaking with its history of solidarity and shared prosperity, a series of crises is threatening its future.

At the environmental level, climate change and human pollution irreversibly degrade natural

resources quality and weaken secure access to water, energy and food. At the geopolitical level, ideological and armed conflicts provoke uncontrolled migrations and social turbulences between and within countries.

At the economic level, high unemployment and low competitiveness increase poverty and inequalities in the population.



This event aims to reflect on those major regional challenges from a collaborative, creative and participative way. It puts the focus on the Mediterranean Sea as a source of opportunities for common well-being. It imagines new solutions towards a more sustainable and inclusive development of the Mediterranean region.

This event, organized by Mediterranean civil society, offers debates, workshops, exhibitions and meetings -virtual and face-to-face- with the participation of key stakeholders from the Euro-Mediterranean political, economic and social world.

Location

The event will be organized in the old royal shipyard, now the Maritime Museum of **Barcelona**.



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Blue Eco Forum (25th November): High level dialogues and participative workshops

- **9h-9h30: Opening**
 - **Raquel Orts**, Director for Coast and Sea Sustainability, Spanish Ministry of Environment (tbc)
 - **Janet Sanz**, Deputy-mayor for ecology, Barcelona City Hall
 - **Marta Subirà**, Secretary of Environment and Sustainability, Catalan GovernmentModerator: **Jérémie Fosse**, President, eco-union
- **9h30-11h: State of the Mediterranean:** Environmental, social, political and economic perspective on the state of the Mediterranean region
 - **Hatem Atallah**, Director, Anna Lindh Foundation (tbc)
 - Medics without Borders Spain (tbc)
 - **Anne-France Didier**, Director, Plan Bleu, UNEP MAP
 - **Senen Florensa**, Executive President, European Institute of the Mediterranean
 - **María José Cornax**, Campaign Director, OceanaModerator: **Cristina Mas**, Journalist ARA (tbc)
- **11h-11h30: Coffee break**
- **11h30-13h: Blue Economy in the Mediterranean:** What opportunities and challenges to design and implement a sustainable blue future in the region?
 - **Óscar Esparza**, Medtrends, WWF
 - **Valérie Lainé**, Mediterranean Director, DG Maritime Affairs & Fisheries, European Commission (tbc)
 - **Ann Dom**, Deputy Director, Seas At Risk
 - **Javier Ojeda**, Director, Apromar (tbc)
 - **Aigües de Barcelona**
 - **Maria Giovanna Sandrini**, Aquafil ECONYL (tbc)Moderator: **Aniol Esteban**, Programme Director, NEF
- **13h-14h: Lunch**
- **14h-16h: Parallel workshops**
 - **Governance** (organized by IUCN-Med)
 - **Fisheries** (organized by ENT Foundation)
 - **Marine litter** (organized by EUCC)
- **16h-17h: Conclusions and closing**
 - IUCN-Med
 - **Carolina Perez**, Director, EUCC Mediterranean Centre
 - **Lydia Chaparro**, Fisheries coordinator, ENT Foundation
 - **Sergi Tudela**, General Director for Fisheries and Marine Affairs, Catalan Government

Blue Eco Festival: Cultural activities and educational workshops

- **17h-22h: Cultural and educational activities**
 - Documentary screening
 - Open air video mapping
 - NGOs exhibition
 - Kids & families corner
 - Chill-out DJ & VJ live session

ORGANIZERS

Blue Eco Forum is hosted by the **Barcelona City Hall** and co-organized by **eco-union** with the support of **ENT Foundation**, **EUCC**, **Loom Sostenible Events** and **Posidonia Green**.



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Posidonia Green is an association raising environmental awareness through eco-festivals, media, art and culture.



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