

# “How to foster the development of Blue energies in the Mediterranean region?”

**10 & 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

*Online event*

## **REGISTRATION**

### **1. Context and objectives of the conference**

In Europe, the Mediterranean basin shows a great potential for Marine Renewable Energies production (MRE), testing of technologies in situ and stimulation of a MRE sector, especially for SMEs, in the framework of the action plan of the EU Green Deal to turn the fight against climate change into a unique growth opportunity.

Within the Marine Renewable Energies (MREs) available types, offshore wind power shows the greatest potential, alongside wave and tidal energy, Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) and salinity gradient. These low-emission technologies (LET) can make a significant contribution to the fulfillment of the EU climate objectives, whilst supporting job creation and economic growth.

To better exploit this enormous potential and push the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) of the technologies towards industrial roll-out, the European Commission has launched a number of targeted support instruments.

This includes notably the 2014 Communication on Blue Energy, which recommends two “phases of action” in order to facilitate stakeholder engagement, or the Integrated Maritime Policy (IMP) 2007, which calls for an increased coordination between different policy areas, and identifies Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) as an important tool for the sustainable development of marine areas and coastal regions, including in relation to the deployment of ocean energy technologies.

This event is the First Capitalization event organized in the framework of the Interreg Med Blue Growth project (2019-2022) which main objective is to ensure the capitalization and transferring of outputs produced by our community of projects

dealing with Blue economy issues in the Mediterranean region for an efficient mainstreaming and strategic liaising with identified targets.

This online event will be organized in two phases:

- A capitalization event (10<sup>th</sup> Nov.) mainly devoted to an overview of MRE development in the Med region, to the enabling framework (incl. legal & regulatory) to foster it and how to reconcile MRE, biodiversity and eco-tourism;
- An E-Blue Agora (11<sup>th</sup> Nov.), co-organized with the Circle the Med Forum, dedicated to SMEs with the presentation of tools, funding opportunities and a matchmaking session in the framework of the 1<sup>st</sup> BLUE DEAL Business Forum.

## 2. Expected outputs

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- A widened and shared knowledge among scientists, decision-makers and entrepreneurs on levers for promoting sustainable development of Marine Renewable Energies in the Mediterranean region
- Sharing of best practices in reconciling development of MRE with biodiversity and eco-tourism
- Support to Mediterranean SMEs in the Blue energy sector to find potential investors and to identify additional source of funding
- Promote transfer and strengthen capitalization of the jointly elaborated tools/measures and results that explicitly target collective territorial appropriation and ownership

## 3. Target Audience

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- Multi-level decision-makers
- Funding entities
- SMEs
- The private sector
- Interreg programme bodies (Joint Secretariat, Horizontal Projects, Modular projects and Integrated projects, etc.)

## 4. Languages

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The sessions will be held in English

## 5. Provisional agenda

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## 1st Day: November, 10<sup>th</sup> 2020

09:30 – 10:00

- **Introduction**
- **Overview, trends and challenges of Marine renewable energies in the Mediterranean region**

- Ms Caterina Praticò, CoNISMA - Lead partner of the Blue Growth community project
- Dr Céline Dubreuil, Plan Bleu UNEP/MAP - Programme officer for Blue economy
- Dr Martina Bocci, Director of t-ELika

Questions from the audience

10:00 – 11:15

### How to foster the development of Marine renewable energies in the Mediterranean region?

*Facilitator:* Dr Céline Dubreuil, Plan Bleu UNEP/MAP

- Mr Xavier Guillou – Policy officer, Marine Renewable Energy at EU Commission (tbc)
- Mr Javier Gomez - Joint Research Center (tbc)
- Dr<sup>a</sup> Carmen Carvalheira, Vice President of Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Alentejo - CCDR Alentejo
- Ms Maria Vittoria Struglia, ENEA (tbc)
- Blue growth: the way forward – Representative of Blue Growth community

Exchange with participants

11:15 - 11:30

### Virtual Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

### How to reconcile the development of renewable energy with biodiversity and tourism

*Facilitator:* Dr Céline Dubreuil, Plan Bleu- UNEP/MAP

- Minimizing the Offshore Wind energy development in Marine Protected Areas - Representative of PHAROS4MPA project
- Sustainable energy planning of Med islands – Representative of Renewable Energy Horizontal Project
- Port as a key part of the MRE supply chain – Representative of PSAMIDES project
- Representative of Sustainable Tourism HP and/or South Baltic Knowledge Bank (tbc)

Exchange with participants

**12:30 - 12:45 Closing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day**

- Ms Caterina Praticò, CoNISMA

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day: November, 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 – The 1<sup>st</sup> BLUE DEAL Business Forum**

**12:00 - 15:00 (CET Time) e-Blue Agora**

→ 1<sup>st</sup> Session (50')

*Facilitator:*

- Presentation of the BLUE DEAL project, Representative of University of Siena
- Presentation of the Enterprise Europe Network - Kostas Karamanis, PRAXI Network
  - Representative of DG MARE
  - Presentation of the BLUE DEAL Transfer Protocol – Representative of Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving - CRES

→ 2<sup>nd</sup> Session “SMEs/Enterprises acting in the Blue Energy market” (55')

*Facilitator:* Thanasis Koukounaris, Dynamic Vision's representative

- FEAC Engineering P.C. - Sotiris Kokkinos

- Wave for Energy S.r.l - Andrea Gulisano
- Tecnomac S.r.l - Marco Negri
- TYP SA - Javier Abanades
- InnoEnergy HUB Greece & Cyprus - KiNNO Consultants - Yiannis Geragotellis
- SignalGeneriX - Lefteris Economou
- Rover Maritime - Cristina Suesta
- Eco Wave Power - Yair Rudick
- Rotary Wave - Andrea Novás
- KUMA ENERGY S.r.l - Ezio Pellegrino
- SWEL - Sea Wave Energy Ltd presented by Tony Antoniou

→ *3<sup>rd</sup> Session "Funding opportunities and financial tools for SMEs"*  
(50')

*Facilitator: Representative of ASCAME*

- Available financing opportunities – Kostas Karamanis, PRAXI Network (tbc) and Thanasis Koukounaris, Dynamic Vision
- BLUE CROWDFUNDING approach - Mag. Darko FERČEJ, Head of EU project unit E-zavod
- 4 Helix+ voucher/ successful story
- EASME representative (tbc)

Wrap-up (presentation of set of Blue Growth community tools related to Blue energy) – Representative of Blue Growth community

**15:00**

**Closing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day**