

Programme

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*speakers to be confirmed

Tuesday, 29 September

SESSION 1

9:00–10:30	PLENARY	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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Opening Ceremony

OPENING REMARKS BY INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES AND KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- **Roberto Gualtieri**, *Mayor of Rome, Italy*
- **Antonio Tajani**, *Vice President of the Council of Ministers and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*
- **Martin Selmayr**, *Head of EU Delegation to UN Organisations in Rome, Vatican and Malta*
- **Qu Dongyu**, *Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)*
- **Fadi Hajali**, *Secretary-General Ad Interim, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)*
- **Retno L.P. Marsudi**, *United Nations Special Envoy on Water*
- **Miguel Doria**, *Director, Water Sciences Division, UNESCO*

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Gilberto Pichetto Fratin**, *Minister of Environment and Energy Security, Italy*

10:30–11:30	PLENARY	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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Presentation of the Euromediterranean Water Forum

PANELISTS

- **Maria Spena**, *President, One Water Committee Italy, Italy*
- **Alain Meyssonier**, *President, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), France*
- **Joan Borrell**, *Deputy Secretary-General, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)*
- **Biagio Di Terlizzi**, *Director, CIHEAM Bari, Italy*
- **Mahmoud Abu-Zeid**, *President, Arab Water Council*
- **Luca Dal Fabbro**, *President, Utilitalia, Italy*

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11:30 - 12:00	PLENARY	Forum Floor
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Inauguration of the Evolutio Exhibition

WEBUILD

with the participation of Pietro Salini, Chief Executive Officer of Webuild

An exhibition by Webuild, dedicated to the role of large-scale water infrastructure — from dams to hydraulic works — in shaping the development of territories and communities. Drawing on Webuild's multimedia archive, the exhibition traces how major engineering projects have connected regions, improved access to resources, and generated lasting benefits for society, in a narrative designed for both specialists and the general public.

11:30-13:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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From the Ministerial Meeting on Water to the UN Water Conference

**One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)**

MODERATORS

- **Emilio Ciarlo**, *Director-General, One Water Committee Italy*
- **Frédéric De Dinechin**, *Senior Policy Advisor for Water, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)*

PANELISTS

- **Mohamed CBC Diatta**, *Sherpa of Senegal for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, Senegal*
- **Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, *Co-host 2026 UN WC, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates**
- **Hani Sewilam**, *Chair Interactive Dialogue C, 2026 UN WC, Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt**
- **Antti Rautavaara**, *Chair Interactive Dialogue D, 2026 UN WC, Special Envoy for Water, Finland*
- **Catherine Chabaud**, *Chair Interactive Dialogue F, 2026 UN WC, Minister of the Sea and Fishery, France*
- **Marco Rago**, *Special Envoy for Water, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*
- **Hugo Moran Fernandez**, *Chair Interactive Dialogue B, 2026 UN WC, Secretary of State for Environment, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain*
- **Loïc Fauchon**, *Co-host World Water Forum 2027, World Water Council*

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Stefano Gatti**, *Director General for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*

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SESSION 2

11:00–13:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Festival dell'Acqua	Room Danubio
	Future Scenarios and Crisis: Water Security in the Age of Artificial Intelligence and Geopolitical Crisis UTILITALIA Digital transition is transforming the water service, offering new tools to increase efficiency, security and capacity, including in response to global crises.	
11:30–13:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Nilo
	Water Education for Young Generations ROMA CAPITALE A seminar bringing together students to explore the importance of water resources and today's water security challenges, organised by Roma Capitale to raise awareness among younger generations on responsible water use, with a specific focus on gender differences in access to water.	
11:30–13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	Coastal wetlands: stories of balance between rivers, seas and people. Vulnerabilities and gentle mitigation strategies for today and tomorrow Association of Mediterranean Deltas (Delta-Med) ETS Coastal wetlands face erosion, salinization and flooding. The workshop seeks shared methods and sustainable actions to restore balance between human and natural processes.	
11:30-13.00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Giordano
	Water Technology Regione Lazio/LazioInnova	
11:30-12.00	SPECIAL SESSION • Water for all People	Room Atlante
	Past, Present and Future of Global Water Assessments 25 years of UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme UNESCO WWAP The event will reflect the programme's past, present and future, highlighting its flagship outcome—the United Nations World Water Development Report series—and its role in shaping international water discourse through the MDGs and SDGs. The chair of UN Water, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and of Environment are invited to participate.	

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12:00-13.00	SPECIAL SESSION • Water for all People	Room Atlante
	Shared prosperity and transboundary water cooperation – Examples from the Balkan Region UNESCO WWAP This session, co-organized with UNESCO IHP and the UNESCO Venice Office, will explore water diplomacy as a tool to strengthen water security, maximize shared benefits, and prevent or resolve conflicts over transboundary water resources, with a focus on the Balkans. Seven Balkan ministries are invited to join the high-level panel discussion.	
11:30-13.00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Bosforo
	Resilient Cities and Urban Water Systems: Advancing Urban Flood Risk Assessment and Disaster Resilience in the Mediterranean UNESCO IHP Bringing together advanced flood risk assessment methodologies (hydraulic modeling, monitoring, vulnerability mapping) with innovative solutions such as Nature-Based Solutions, SuDS, and smart technologies, this session explores how Mediterranean cities can build urban water resilience — transforming vulnerable zones into resilient ecosystems while embedding these strategies into national climate policies.	
11:30-13.00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Itaca
	Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests A session convened by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests, addressing the role of water management in supporting agricultural resilience and food security across the Mediterranean.	
11:30-13.00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	Water Credits - A Dialogue Among Front-Runners HYPERCUBE Representatives from industry, finance, non-profit organisations and institutions will exchange perspectives on successful use cases and practical applications of Water Credits. The discussion will explore how this emerging paradigm can combine locally measurable impact with global liquidity, mobilising non-debt financing for water resilience at scale.	
11:30-13.00	WORKSHOP	Room Tirreno
	Regional cooperation: sharing experiences of water management in the face of climate change BRL INGÉNIERIE What does water cooperation actually look like in the Mediterranean basin? In this session, we will review ongoing projects between France, Morocco, Tunisia, and Palestine, and share a first look at the new partnership between the Oum Er Rbia and Adour-Garonne basins (Morocco and France). The final part will be an open discussion where everyone can share their views on the real benefits and difficulties of cooperation between countries.	

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SESSION 3

14:30-16:00

HIGH LEVEL PANEL

Auditorium Mare Nostrum

CEO Water Summit - The Value of Water (T2) Session I

**One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)**

Water is increasingly a strategic economic factor, not merely an environmental or utility issue —agriculture alone absorbs some 70% of freshwater withdrawals. The panel confronts a central paradox: no economy can function without water, yet it remains chronically undervalued. This session brings together utilities, constructors and financiers to discuss how to accelerate investment and modernise infrastructure at scale.

OPENING REMARKS

- **Retno L.P. Marsudi**, United Nations Special Envoy on Water

MODERATOR

- **Isidora Kosta**, Head of Built Environment and Infrastructure Industry Agenda, World Economic Forum

PANELISTS

- **Jessika Roswall**, Commissioner for the Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy European Commission (video message)
- **Fabrizio Palermo**, CEO and Director General, ACEA, Italy
- **Bruno Hervet**, CEO Europe, Suez
- **Josè Diaz Caneja**, Chairman, Acciona Agua, Acciona, Spain
- **Awaadh Al Otaibi**, CEO, Miahona, Saudi Arabia
- **Charles Calestroupat**, President, Microsoft Europe South

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EUROMED TALK

Room Nilo

Water Scarcity and Non-Conventional Water Resources (T1)

**One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)**

Water scarcity is a defining challenge of our century: global demand is projected to rise 20-30% by 2050, with the Mediterranean among the world's most exposed basins. The panel addresses non-conventional resources — reuse, desalination — as structural responses to structural scarcity. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts.

MODERATOR

- **Attilio Toscano**, OW STC Member; Professor of Agricultural Hydraulics, University of Bologna; Advisor to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Italy

KEYNOTE

- **Massimo Gargano**, Director General, ANBI, Italy

PANELISTS

- **Conchita Marcuello**, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain

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- **Ramiro Martinez**, General Coordinator, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO), Spain
- **Latifa Dhaouadi**, Regional Centre for Research and Agriculture, Tunisia
- **Sherif Mohamady Elsayed**, President, NWRC – National Water Research Centre, Egypt
- **Marwan Alraggad**, CEO, INWRDAM – Inter-Islamic Network on Water Resources Development and Management, Jordan
- **Giulia Giuffré**, Head of Sustainability and Member of the Board of Directors, Irritec, Italy

15:00-18:00 **SPECIAL SESSION • Festival dell'Acqua** Room Danubio

One Health: Water Quality, Health and Emerging Contaminants UTILITALIA

Origins and spread of contaminants (e.g. PFAS), the European and national regulatory framework, and implications for water service operators.

14:30-16:00 **WORKSHOP** Room Itaca

Advancing the operationalisation of the WEF Nexus in the Mediterranean: Lessons learned from Funded Projects for Innovation, Governance and Finance

PRIMA Foundation

The session will explore how lessons learned from funded WEF Nexus projects can support the transition from pilot initiatives to policy implementation and investment-ready scaling pathways in the Mediterranean. It will bring together actors to identify practical recommendations for scaling innovation, improving governance and mobilising finance for integrated water, energy, food and ecosystem resilience.

14:30-16:00 **WORKSHOP** Room Circe

Financing Water Security in the Mediterranean: Mobilising Public Financial Institutions for Resilient Territories

Caisse des Dépôts (CDC)

This session will highlight the pivotal role that public financial institutions can play in financing water security across the Mediterranean, will showcase the experience of the DialMed initiative - a unique cooperation platform bringing together Mediterranean Deposit and Development Funds from both the Northern and Southern shores -, and demonstrate that water represents one of the most powerful drivers for regional cooperation.

14:30-16:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Room Atlante

Beyond Borders: Cooperation and Innovation for the Sustainable Management of Transboundary Waters

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

Through the experiences shared by local authorities, UN Agencies, Academia, Research Institutions and private sector, the session, organized by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), aims at raising awareness on transboundary water governance, cooperation, and development finance, focusing on identifying actionable entry points for integrating water considerations into policy, planning, and investments..

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	39th General Assembly of WAREG – European Water Regulators WAREG – European Water Regulators The 39th General Assembly of WAREG – European Water Regulators brings together national and regional public authorities responsible for the economic regulation and oversight of drinking water and wastewater services across Europe. WAREG promotes cooperation, knowledge sharing and capacity-building among regulators and develops common analyses and positions on key regulatory challenges, including tariffs and affordability, service quality, investment and efficiency, consumer protection, water resilience and the implementation of European water legislation. At its 39th General Assembly in Rome, WAREG Members will discuss regulatory responses to climate change and water scarcity, tariff frameworks, European regulatory developments and the integration of municipal waste regulation into WAREG's activities, while strengthening cooperation with European and international partners. <i>Private session – attendance by invitation only.</i>	
14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Europe's First Earthquake-Resilient Aqueduct Engineering Water Security for Resilient Territories CIIP Spa A pioneering infrastructure project designed to ensure water security in one of Italy's most earthquake-prone regions. The system combines seismic resilience, advanced engineering and strategic network redundancy to protect water supply during major seismic events. A new European benchmark for safer, smarter and more resilient water infrastructure.	
13:00-14:30	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	Restoring water, regenerating territories Agronetwork How can Agri-food Companies turn water stewardship into a concrete investment in the resilience and regeneration of territories.	

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SESSION 4

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HIGH LEVEL PANEL

Auditorium Mare Nostrum

CEO Water Summit — The Value of Water (T2) Session II

**One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)**

Building on Session I, this panel widens the lens to industries where water is a critical but often overlooked dependency — from technology and finance to fashion, food and manufacturing. Corporate leaders discuss how water moves from a compliance issue to a boardroom priority.

MODERATOR

- **Alain Meyssonier**, *President, IME, France*

PANELISTS

- **Marie-Claire Daveu**, *Chief Sustainability Officer, Kering Group*
- **Samir J. Serhan**, *CEO, ACWA Power, Saudi Arabia**
- **Carlo Messina**, *CEO, Intesa Sanpaolo, Italy**
- **Barbara Terenghi**, *Executive Vice President of Sustainability, Edison, Italy*
- **Matteo Buzzetti**, *CEO, Fisia Italimpianti*
- **Giulia Giuffré**, *Head of Sustainability and Member of the Board of Directors, Irritec, Italy*
- **Daniela Bernacchi**, *Executive Director, UN Global Compact Italia Network, Italy*
- **Maud Guerlain**, *Co-Founder, Water Wiser*

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Joan Borrell**, *Deputy Secretary General, UfM*

16:30-18:00

HIGH LEVEL PANEL

Room Nilo

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MODERATOR

- **Akiça Bahri**, *Former Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources, Tunisia*

KEYNOTE

- **Hani Sewilam**, *Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt*

PANELISTS

- **Maurizio Martina**, *Deputy Director-General, FAO, Italy**
- **Yasmine Fouad**, *Former Minister of Environment; UNCCD – Convention to Combat Desertification, Egypt**
- **Francesco Vincenzi**, *President, ANBI, Italy*
- **Josep Lluís Armenter Ferrando**, *Director, ACA – Catalan Water Agency, Spain*
- **Roula Khadra**, *Science Coordinator, CIHEAM Bari, Italy*

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- **Tarik Hamane**, CEO, ONEE – National Office of Electricity and Drinking Water, Morocco
- **Patrizia Rutigliano**, CEO, Suez Italia
- **Eric Steinbecher**, President Life Sciences & Environment (LS&E), Mann+Hummel

16:30-18:00 WORKSHOP Room Itaca

Cooperating for Mediterranean Water Security: Capitalizing on EU Funds through the Interreg NEXT MED Programme

INTERREG NEXT MED PROGRAMME

This session will demonstrate how transnational cooperation effectively leverages EU funds to deploy scalable, real-world solutions on the ground. It will present success cases of entities cooperating across the Mediterranean to deploy diverse solutions to a common challenge. Join us to discover the best financial tools and innovative practices to cooperate for a water-smart Mediterranean future!

16:30-18:00 SPECIAL SESSION Room Giordano

Shaping the Future of Agriculture

One Water Committee Italy

This session explores the role of Italian agriculture in the sustainable management of water resources, amid growing pressure on irrigation systems and food production. It addresses the sector's path toward greater efficiency, innovation and long-term resilience.

MODERATOR

- **Fabrizio Stelluto**, Executive Vice President of UNARGA, Italy

OPENING REMARKS

- **Francesco Lollobrigida**, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry, Italy*

PANELISTS

- **Maria Spena**, President, One Water Committee, Italy
- **Cristiano Fini**, President, CIA – Italian Farmers Confederation, Italy
- **Ettore Prandini**, President, Coldiretti, Italy
- **Alberto Statti**, Member of the Executive Committee, Confagricoltura, Italy
- **Cristian Maretta**, President, Legacoop Alimentare, Italy
- **Andrea Rocchi**, President, CREA, Italy
- **Monica Cairoli**, National Councillor, National Council of the Order of Agronomists and Foresters, CONAF, Italy

16:30-18:00 SPECIAL SESSION Room Atlante

Water and Gender: The Challenge of Equality in Accessing Water Resources

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

Through the experiences shared by local authorities, UN Agencies, NGOs and private sector, the session, organized by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), aims at stimulating the discussion on the issue of women's and girls' physical and economic access to water resources, especially in contexts of climate and social crises.

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16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Rodano
	Water as a common good and climate change: global citizenship education as a catalyst for change CISP, LVIA, HelpCode, ICU CSOs build water and climate change awareness by integrating Global Citizenship Education with the school system to engage Youth and Communities with innovative tools for the necessary change..	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	From Digital Early Warning Systems to Climate Services for Water: Strengthening Tunisia's Resilience to Drought Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries This session will present the efforts of the Tunisian Government to improve drought forecasting and management through the development of a digital drought early warning system. The discussions will explore how digital early warning systems can evolve into comprehensive climate services for water, providing actionable information to policymakers, water managers, farmers, civil protection authorities, and other stakeholders.	
16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Bosforo
	Monitoring together to advance in the digital governance of water resources Ministry of Environment and Energy Security The Integrated Monitoring and Forecasting System (SIM) aims to implement preventive measures for scheduled land maintenance and the maintenance or modernization of infrastructure, as well as to support continuous monitoring of the environment and territory at a national level in order to support interventions preventing climate change-related risks. It can make a valuable contribution to the Mediterranean Water Agenda, the multinational strategy for the sustainable management and protection of water resources in the Mediterranean basin. As a cutting-edge technological infrastructure unique in Europe, SIM perfectly aligns with the goals of climate resilience, cross-border cooperation, and digital transition promoted by the Mediterranean agenda, through the following operational pillars: Marine and Coastal Pollution Monitoring; Precision agriculture; Hydrogeological instability and water resources.	

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SESSION 1

9:30-11:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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The New European Water Vision (T3)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

Fifty years into European water policy, from the Water Framework Directive to today, the EU faces a convergence of climate, growth and pollution pressures. The panel builds on the Letta and Draghi reports, which place water security at the core of European competitiveness.

MODERATOR

- **Manuel Sapiano**, *Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), France*

KEYNOTE

- **Veronica Manfredi**, *Director for Zero Pollution, Water Resilience and Green Cities European Commission*

PANELISTS

- **João Manuel Esteves**, *Secretary of State for Environment, Portugal*
- **Sofjan Jaupaj**, *Minister of Environment, Albania*
- **Joan Borrell**, *Deputy Secretary General, UfM, Spain*
- **Marco Rago**, *Special Envoy for Water, Italy*
- **Marco Casini**, *Secretary General, Central Apennines River Basin District Authority, Italy*
- **Anna Maria Barrile**, *Director General, Utilitalia, Italy*
- **Hans Goossens**, *Past President, Water Europe*

9:30-11:00	EUROMED TALK	Room Atlante
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Blue Finance and Blue Investments for Water (T4)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

The Mediterranean faces a structural investment gap of USD 40-80 billion a year. The panel contrasts the EU shore's modernization needs — network losses, PFAS, digitalization — with the southern and eastern shore's expansion needs, and the blue finance tools able to bridge both. The Euro-Med Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts.

MODERATOR

- **Andrea Tinagli**, *Former EIB representative at the UfM, Italy*

KEYNOTE

- **Mauro Grassi**, *Co-founder One Water Committee, Italy*

PANELISTS

- **Francisco Joaquín Gaztelu Mezquiriz**, *Director for North Africa, Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf (DG MENA), European Commission**
- **Edouard Perard**, *Head of the Water Division, European Investment Bank (EIB)*
- **Lionel Goujon**, *Head of Water & Sanitation division, Agence Française de Développement logo, France*

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- **Natalia Gullón**, Technical Director of the Spanish Fund for Water and Sanitation, AECID (Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation), Spain
- **Jean-Marc Philip**, CEO, Ecoviso and IME expert, France
- **Lucia Silva**, Chief Sustainability Officer, Generali Group, Italy
- **Huriye İncecik Ceylan**, Section Manager, Water Policy Branch, Water Law and Policy Department, General Directorate of Water Management, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Türkiye
- **Paolo Ronco**, Head of Research Innovation Viacqua and Coordinator of Life - Svolta Blu

9:00-13:00 **SPECIAL SESSION • Festival dell'Acqua** Room Danubio

A New Water Balance in the Age of Climate Change

Utilitalia

Impacts on the water system through climate scenarios, seasonal forecasts, indicators such as the WEI+, AI and satellite remote sensing.

9:00-13:00 **SPECIAL SESSION • Festival dell'Acqua** Room Bosforo

The Value of Water Between Regulation and Economic Sustainability

Utilitalia

The role of regulation, tariffs and financial instruments in supporting the development and modernisation of water infrastructure.

9:30-11:00 **WORKSHOP** Room Circe

The Mediterranean WEF Nexus Community of Practice: A catalyst for integrated natural resources management and climate resilience

GWP-MED & Cyprus Institute

This session will serve as the concluding event of WEF4MED project, bringing the reflection on lessons learned from WEF Nexus implementation across the region and to discuss future pathways for scaling impact beyond individual projects and initiatives. It aims to catalyse a shift from 'Nexus thinking' to 'Nexus doing'.

9:30-11:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Room Itaca

Capacity Development at the Heart of Water Security: Investing in the Future of Mediterranean Societies

UNESCO-IHP

The UN-Water SDG 6 Capacity Development Initiative, drawing on pilot experience from Jordan and other countries, brings a Euro-Mediterranean lens to coordinated capacity development for water and sanitation.

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9:30-11:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Giordano
	Building a Water Smart Economy in the Euro-Mediterranean Area The Role of Business UN Global Compact Network Italia Water is becoming an increasingly strategic issue for the resilience and competitiveness of economies across the Mediterranean. This session will present the findings of the research Building a Water Smart Economy in the Euro-Mediterranean Area: The Role of Business, exploring how businesses can contribute to sustainable water management and more resilient productive systems.	
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9:30-11:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Nilo
	One Water II: Turning Regional Dialogue into Collective Action CIHEAM Bari Consolidated outcomes from three years of regional consultation across the Maghreb, Mashreq and Western Balkans, translating shared priorities into policy dialogue, partnerships and investment for Mediterranean water security.	

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9:30-11:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Rodano
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The Arno Water Resilience Lab - A collective action for freshwater stewardship

Kering

The Arno Basin Water Resilience Lab is a cross-sector platform initiated by Kering and Conservation International alongside Etifor I Valuing Nature to address the river basin's vulnerability to droughts, floods, and pollution thanks to a nexus approach. Building from efforts already underway, the Lab is uniting businesses, public institutions, scientists, and local communities to advance an innovative framework for water management across the entire basin. The Lab is operating on four core pillars: science-based decision-making, cross-sector collaboration, targeted investments, and a joint public-private roadmap. At its operational core lies the deployment of Nature-based Solutions, such as wetland restoration. By combining these ecological measures with industrial innovation, public-private partnerships, and innovative financing models, the Lab aims to enhance territorial resilience against climate change - safeguarding both businesses and local communities.

SESSION 2

11:30-13:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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MODERATOR

- **Henk Ovink**, *Professor Watercycle Diplomacy & Design, Delft University of Technology Executive Director Global Commission on the Economics of Water, Netherlands*

KEYNOTE

- **Giovanni Gorno Tempini**, *President, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP), Italy*

PANELISTS

- **Abdulla Ali AlSubousi**, *Ambassador, United Arab Emirates*
- **Gelsomina Vigliotti**, *Vice-President, European Investment Bank*
- **Saroj Kumar Jha**, *Director, Global Water Practice, World Bank*
- **Amgad El Mahdi**, *Regional Head, Green Climate Fund, MENA Region*
- **Mohammad Al-Dwairi**, *Assistant Secretary General for Strategic Planning, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan*
- **Emilio Ciarlo**, *Director General One Water, Italy*
- **Pietro Gorgazzini**, *Co-Founder and CEO Hypercube*

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11:30-13:00	EUROMED TALK	Room Atlante
	The New European Water Vision (T3) One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM) Fifty years into European water policy, from the Water Framework Directive to today, the EU faces a convergence of climate, growth and pollution pressures. The panel builds on the Letta and Draghi reports, which place water security at the core of European competitiveness. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts. MODERATOR • Roberta Toffaninc, Advisor, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE); Member of the Board of Directors, Gestore dei Servizi Energetici (GSE) KEYNOTE • Alessandra Zampieri, Director, Directorate for Sustainable Resources, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission PANELISTS • Dagmar Behrendt Kaljarikova, Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment* • Nicola Dell'Acqua, President, ARERA, Italy • Barbara Marinali, Vice President, Utilitalia, Italy • Hilda Hoti, Water Resources Management Agency (UfM Focal Point), Albania	
11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Coastal Aquifer and Groundwater	Room Itaca
	Protecting Coastal Aquifers and Related Ecosystems for a Water-Secure Mediterranean through science and integrated management approaches UNESCO Intergovernmental Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP) in partnership with UNEP-MAP and IME The special session will share solutions and lessons from UNESCO's MedProgramme work in five priority Mediterranean coastal aquifers. Participants will explore integrated responses to overexploitation, pollution, seawater intrusion, ecosystem degradation, and climate change.	
11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Atlante
	New Frontiers of the Blue Economy Tech4You, Bicocca Foundation, Mediterranean University of Reggio Calabria Emerging opportunities and innovation shaping the future of the blue economy.	
11:30-13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	Tackling and Adapting to Climate Change: What Challenges for Water Resource Management? Hydroaid How water resource management, innovative financing strategies, and international partnerships could contribute to climate-resilient societies?.	

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11:30-13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
Towards Resilient and Innovative Groundwater Governance in the Mediterranean to Strengthen Water Security by 2050 Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries This session will explore the conditions required to establish modern, resilient groundwater governance for long-term water security in the Mediterranean. Building on the Tunisian experience, it will foster a regional dialogue on the shared challenges faced by Mediterranean countries and explore the synergies between groundwater governance and other key pillars of water security. This Side Event will also identify practical pathways to shift from reactive crisis management to proactive aquifer governance.		
11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Giordano
The Rome Initiative on Water: From Vision to Investment CIHEAM Bari The official launch of the Rome Initiative on Water, opening a call for proposals to translate its vision into concrete, fundable investment projects.		
SESSION 3		
14:30-16:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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	Beyond Source2Sea Approach (T6) One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM) Coastal and island areas concentrate both vulnerability and opportunity — climate change, coastal erosion, groundwater salinisation and the growth of the blue economy. The panel promotes integrated governance connecting the sea, water resources and local communities beyond a river's mouth. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts. MODERATOR Roberta Busatto, <i>Blue Economy Expert, Journalist and Strategic Advisor, Italy</i> PANELISTS • Sen. Simona Petrucci, <i>President of the Parliamentary Intergroup on the Blue Economy, Italy*</i> • Silvia Paparella, <i>President, Sogesid, Italy</i> • Claudio Mazza, <i>President, Foundation for Environmental Education FEE, Italy</i> • Rosalba Giugni, <i>President, Marevivo Foundation, Italy*</i> • Claudia Brunori, <i>Director of the Department for Sustainability, Circular Economy and Climate Change Adaptation of Production and Territorial Systems, ENEA, Italy</i> • High-Level Representative of Regione Lazio • Fabio Bruno, <i>Co-Chair Zephyrus Project – Innovation Ecosystem Tech4you, Italy</i>	
15:00-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Festival dell'Acqua	Room Danubio
	Water Driving the Economy and Productive Sectors Utilitalia Efficient resource management, productive uses in the manufacturing and energy sectors, and the water-energy relationship.	
15:00-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Festival dell'Acqua	Room Bosforo
	Circularity in Water Resource Management Utilitalia Treatment, reuse and integrated management of water cycles to reduce waste and increase system resilience.	
14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Circe
	The Water-Energy Nexus: Dynamics, Challenges and Opportunities ACEA	

Wednesday, 30 September

14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Rodano
	Telling the Story of Water through Ethics, Art and TheatreAcua One Water Committee Italy, Aqua Foundation, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC)& Laudato Si' Centre This session explores how art, theatre, storytelling and public dialogue can help raise awareness of water-related challenges and inspire collective responsibility. Bringing together representatives from institutions, science, faith, culture and the arts, the panel will reflect on new ways of communicating water issues beyond technical and policy frameworks. The discussion will be complemented by the presentation of IN HERE / OUT THERE, a video work by artist Federica Belli, inviting audiences to reconsider the relationship between land, sea and human perception	
14:00-15:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Water for all People	Room Itaca
	UN World Water Development Report 2026 (UN WWDR) on Water and Gender Equality: Equal Rights and Opportunities UNESCO WWAP The session will explore how gender-responsive policies and inclusive governance can advance water security in the Mediterranean, focusing on the UN WWDR 2026 findings, the links between gender equality, water security and climate resilience, and best practices promoting women's participation and leadership in water governance.	
15:30-16:30	SPECIAL SESSION • Water for all People	Room Itaca
	"Water and Health" - Advancing Sustainable Water Resources Management and Accelerating Progress towards SDG 6 UNESCO WWAP The Roundtable aims to highlight the relevance of the theme of the forthcoming World Water Day 2027 and UN World Water Development Report and its implications for water and health policies and foster dialogue among policymakers, water practitioners, public health experts, researchers, civil society organizations, and international institutions.	
14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Nilo
	Advancing Blue Innovation: UNIDO Projects to Global Solutions UNIDO ITPO Italy Presentation of candidate projects selected under the UNIDO-WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026, together with the meeting of the Heads of UNIDO's Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPO) network..	
14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Water Resilience in the Euro-Mediterranean Region: from Policy to Action Plan Bleu This session will provide a platform to exchange experiences, showcase innovative approaches, and discuss policy solutions supporting integrated freshwater governance and ecosystem resilience across Mediterranean territories, exploring cooperation between local, national and regional actors.	

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14:00-16:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Room Tirreno

Financing Water Resilience in the Mediterranean: Fostering Investment through Public Development Banks and Strategic Partnerships

Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP)

The session explores how public development banks, international financial institutions and strategic partners can work together to scale up investments in water resilience across the Mediterranean. The session will focus on financing solutions, partnerships and coordination mechanisms needed to address growing water challenges and support sustainable, climate-resilient infrastructure in the region.

SESSION 4

16:30-18:00 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL** Auditorium Mare Nostrum

Beyond Source2Sea Approach (T6)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

Coastal and island areas concentrate both vulnerability and opportunity — climate change, coastal erosion, groundwater salinisation and the growth of the blue economy. The panel promotes integrated governance connecting the sea, water resources and local communities beyond a river's mouth.

At the end of the session, the UNIDO-WTCA Global Call 2026 Award Ceremony, promoted by UNIDO ITPO Italy and the World Trade Centers Association, will take place.

MODERATOR

- **Laurent Pacoud**, IME (Mediterranean Water Institute), France

KEYNOTES

- **Abdulkadir Uraloğlu**, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Turkey*
- **Fatou Haidara**, Deputy to the Director General and Director of Global Partnerships and External Relations, UNIDO

PANELISTS

- **Nello Musumeci**, Minister for Civil Protection and Sea Policies, Italy
- **Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa**, Programme Specialist, Section of Hydrological Systems, Climate Change and Adaptation, UNESCO
- **Sergio Liardo**, Inspector Admiral, Port Authority, Italy
- **Fedra Francocci**, Seconded National Expert Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission, Italy*
- **Errico Stravato**, CEO, Sogesid, Italy

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17:00-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Water for all People	Room Itaca
	Water Heritage and Innovations: an Italian perspective UNESCO WWAP The event will showcase Italian experiences, successful case studies, and innovative approaches that demonstrate how traditional knowledge, science, technology, and innovation can support water security and strengthen water governance.	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	The Performance Improvement Program for Drinking Water Networks in Southern Tunisia SONEDE, KfW & EC This session will present the Performance Improvement Program (PAP) for drinking water networks in southern Tunisia, a project that combines in-depth knowledge of the networks, sectorization, leak detection, metering, and remote monitoring to improve network efficiency and service continuity. It will illustrate how expertise and investment contribute to more sustainable water resource management.	

Wednesday, 30 September

16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Atlante
	From Policy to Practice: Scaling Nutrient Solutions across the Land-River-Sea Continuum National Research Council (CNR) A contribute to the European Water Resilience Strategy, the Ocean Pact and Mediterranean Policy Uptake.	
16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Tirreno
	CEO Water Summit Roundtable One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM) Building on the two sessions held the previous day, over 50 CEOs and business leaders — drawn from sectors including water utilities, manufacturing, fashion, food and beverage, energy and telecommunications, and representing companies and organisations from across the Euro-Mediterranean region, including Europe, the Balkans, the Maghreb and the Mashreq — come together around a shared commitment to the sustainable management of water resources.	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	From Water Ethics to Governance: Action-research Models and Local Experiences Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in collaboration with CAP Holding, Acqua Novara.VCO, ACEA spa The workshop explores how ethical reflection on water can be translated into concrete practices of governance linking university research (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna – Pisa) and the experience of leading Italian water utilities (ACEA s.p.a., ANVCO, CAP Holding). The event examines the values embedded in choices concerning allocation priorities, infrastructure, scarcity, water quality, sustainability, responsibility, and justice. Its aim is to show how making these values explicit can strengthen the transparency, legitimacy, and public justification of water-related decision-making.	
16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Rodano
	Bridging the Gap: From Drought Risk to Bankable Investment in the Mediterranean EY, UNCCD The session will explore the full investment pathway: from identifying where drought resilience investments are most needed, to developing bankable projects and deploying financial mechanisms capable of taking them to scale. The discussion will be anchored around UNCCD's Investment Targeting Platform, a tool to help identify and prioritize where investment can strengthen water resilience.	

Thursday, 1 October

SESSION 1

9:30-11:00 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL** Room Nilo

Water Governance: Cities, Basin Authorities and Stakeholders Commitment (T9)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

The Mediterranean is heating roughly 20% faster than the global average, turning water governance into both a fault line and a strategic lever for stability. The panel addresses the fragmentation of responsibility across cities, basin authorities and levels of government.

MODERATOR

- **Tom Soo**, *Executive Director, IAHR*

KEYNOTE

- **Svetlana Celli**, *President of the Capitoline Assembly of Roma Capitale*

PANELISTS

- **Paolo Zangrillo**, *Minister for Public Administration, Italy*
- **Francesco Petracchini**, *Director General, National Research Council (CNR), Italy*
- **Gaia Checcucci**, *Secretary General, Northern Apennines River Basin District Authority, Italy*
- **Maria Huerta**, *PhD, Head of Integrated Water Cycle Quality, Water Cycle Services, Area Metropolitana de Barcelona, Spain*
- **Alessandro Rivera**, *President, ACEA*
- **Nicolas Murlon**, *Director General, Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency, France*
- **Gaetano Manfredi**, *President, National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI), Italy**

9:30-11:00 **EUROMED TALK** Room Bosforo

Extreme Events and Climate Change: Prevention and Management (T7)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

The Mediterranean is warming faster than the global average, and the region faces the simultaneous experience of scarcity and excess: recurrent droughts alongside increasingly severe floods. The panel addresses integrated prevention and disaster-risk management across the Maghreb, Mashreq and Balkans. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts.

MODERATOR

- **Alix Roumagnac**, *President, Predict Services (MétéoFrance), France*

KEYNOTE

- **Luigi Ferrara**, *Head of Department, Casa Italia, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy*

PANELISTS

Thursday, 1 October

- **Francesco Corvaro**, *Special Envoy for Climate Change, Italy*
- **Frédéric de Dinechin**, *Senior Policy Advisor for Water, UfM*
- **Clara Estrela**, *Júcar River Basin Authority, Spain*
- **Marco Perosa**, *President of CIIP – Cicli Integrati Impianti Primari, Italy*
- **Antoine Gagliardi**, *Head of BU DT, Innovation & IoT, Officine Maccaferri, Italy*
- **Davide Pauletto**, *Building Division Director, FITT Group, Italy*

10:30-13:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Auditorium Mare Nostrum

International Water Summit — Technology and Innovation for Resilience at the Service of Territories

National Association of Reclamation and Irrigation Consortia (ANBI)

The International Water Summit, organised by ANBI, brings together Italian institutions, private companies, research bodies and European agricultural associations to discuss technology and innovation for water resilience across territories.

9:30-11:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Room Danubio

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9:30-11:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Room Atlante

Blue Knowledge for the Mediterranean. Research, Higher Education, Research Infrastructures and Scientific Diplomacy for Euro-Mediterranean Cooperation and Shared Prosperity.

Ministry of University and Research

Research, Higher Education, Research Infrastructures and Scientific Diplomacy for EuroMediterranean Cooperation and Shared Prosperity.

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9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Itaca
	The Resilience Advantage: Leading Through Water Risk Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Climate risk is accelerating while resources to respond remain constrained. For water leaders, the challenge is no longer how to invest, but how to anticipate risk, prioritize action and build resilience before disruption strikes. If this happens, how to respond and recover as fast as possible. This session brings senior Italian and Dutch water leaders together to explore what it takes to stay ahead and how to respond to an increasingly uncertain future.	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Beyond Water: Operationalizing the Nexus within Planetary Boundaries Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC) Moving the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus from concept to operational practice within the framework of planetary boundaries.	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Tirreno
	Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus under the Water Convention UNECE, Union for the Mediterranean and Finland The 10th meeting of the global Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems (WFEE) Nexus under the Water Convention will bring together policymakers, experts, basin organizations and international partners to strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation on transboundary water resources.	
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Thursday, 1 October

PANELISTS

- **Maciej Popowski**, Director-General, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)*
- **Angelica Catalano**, Director General, Directorate General for Dams and Infrastructure, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Italy
- **Fabrizio Curcio**, Special Commissioner for Post Earthquake Reconstruction, Italy
- **Guido Castelli**, Special Government Commissioner for the Post-2016 Earthquake Reconstruction, Italy
- **Khalid El Ghomari**, Director, Sebou Hydraulic Basin Agency, Morocco

11:30-13:00

EUROMED TALK

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PANELISTS

- **Alessio Tola**, Director, CREA Research Centre for Agriculture and Policy-Bioeconomy, Italy
- **Ornella Segnalini**, Councillor for Infrastructure, Roma Capitale, Italy
- **Seval Sozen**, Member of the Board of Management, ISKI – Istanbul Water and Sewerage Administration, Turkey
- **Hadeel Faidi**, Water Planning Projects Head at Palestinian Water Authority, Palestine
- **Siham Laraichi**, Advisor to the Secretary General, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water, Morocco
- **Roberto Venneri**, President, Acquedotto Pugliese, Italy
- **Ivan Portoghese**, Researcher at CNR-IRSA and Deputy Coordinator of the Working Group on "Drought, Water Scarcity and Water Crises"

11:30-13:00

SPECIAL SESSION

Room Danubio

Water Awareness and Citizen Science Session II

Ministry for Public Administration

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11:30-13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	From Data to Action: Digital Tools for Water-Related Ecosystem Governance, Management and Restoration in the Mediterranean TOUR DU VALAT & PLAN BLEU This session will showcase innovative digital tools and monitoring systems supporting water and wetland governance across the Mediterranean, including the Mediterranean Wetlands Geoportal developed by the Mediterranean Wetlands Observatory (MWO) and Plan Bleu's Observatory's tool MapX. It will demonstrate how data and knowledge can be transformed into concrete policies and restoration actions.	
11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Atlante
	Advancing EU Water Alignment - High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on the EU accession process and water resources governance in the Western Balkans CIHEAM Bari Renewed ministerial commitment to EU water acquis alignment across the Balkans, building on the ONE WATER II Balkan Regional Consultation and exploring a permanent regional water forum.	
11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Basin Day	Room Itaca
	Operationalizing IWRM: Shaping the High-Level Segment Dedicated to Basins and Watershed at the 11th World Water Forum International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) Building on the outcomes of the INBO World Basin Summit 2026 in Rio de Janeiro and the 2nd Stakeholder Consultation Meeting for the 11th World Water Forum in Jeddah, this session translates prior technical and political commitments on basins and watersheds into a unified roadmap. It channels the Euro-Mediterranean region's perspective into the political process ahead of Riyadh 2027, while contributing to the momentum of the 2026 UN Water Conference.	
11:30-13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Made in Europe for Water Security MANN+HUMMEL This session explores how water security, industrial resilience and technological innovation can strengthen Europe and the Mediterranean. It will examine desalination, water reuse, membrane technologies, manufacturing capacity and public-private cooperation as pillars of a resilient regional water ecosystem.	

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11:30-13:00 WORKSHOP Room Circe

Reuse of treated wastewater: a strategic lever for water security, in the context of climate change in the Mediterranean

Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia

On the example of Tunisia, this Side Event takes an in-depth look at the political, institutional, regulatory and economic conditions that are essential for a successful change of scale, moving from programmes and pilot projects to widespread macroeconomic implementation..

SESSION 3

14:30-16:00 HIGH LEVEL PANEL Auditorium Mare Nostrum

One Health, One Water (T8)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

"One Health, One Water" recognises that human, animal, ecosystem and water health are functional mirrors of one another. The panel addresses how antimicrobial resistance, chemical contamination and ageing infrastructure compound today's water-related health threats.

MODERATOR

- **Teodoro Miano**, Secretary General, CIHEAM, Paris

PANELISTS

- **Ibrahim Yumakli**, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Turkey*
- **Miguel Doria**, Director, Water Sciences Division UNESCO
- **Salvatore De Meo**, Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, European Parliament Italy
- **Fabio Fatuzzo**, Extraordinary Commissioner for Wastewater Treatment and Water Reuse, Italy
- **Luca Lucentini**, Director of the National Center for Water Safety, Italian National Institute of Health
- **Alessandra Gallone**, President, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) National Environmental Protection System (SNPA), Italy

14:30-16:00 EUROMED TALK Room Nilo

A New Tech Blue Hope – Digital and AI: Water Innovation (T10)

One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME)
& Union For The Mediterranean (UfM)

Digital tools and AI offer real opportunities to reduce leaks, optimise networks and anticipate droughts and floods — yet the digital sector is itself a fast-growing consumer of water and energy.

The panel confronts this structural paradox at the heart of the sector's technological promise. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts.

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MODERATOR

- **Gilles Brunschwig**, *President, Altereo, France*

KEYNOTE

- **Rifaat Abdelwahab**, *Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW), Egypt*

PANELISTS

- **Livia Peiser**, *Head of the Geospatial Unit, Land and Water Division, FAO*
- **Giorgio Lupoi**, *President, OICE, Italy*
- **Eric Mino**, *Director SEMIDE, France*
- **Alice Aureli**, *Vice President, International Water Resources Association*
- **Thomas Ferrero**, *CEO MEOSS, France*

14:30-16:00

EUROMED TALK

Room Bosforo

Hydrodiplomacy: Advancing the Right to Water for Peace and Stability (T11)

Transboundary waters account for roughly 60% of the world's freshwater flows, with more than three billion people living in shared river and lake basins. The panel treats water as one of the few practical spaces where cooperation can continue even amid political tension. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts.

MODERATOR

- **Tuğba Evrim Maden**, *Policy Development Coordinator, SUEN, Turkey*

KEYNOTE

- **Mabrouk Abdullah Mohamed**, *Ministry of Water Resources, Libya*

PANELISTS

- **Sonja Koeppel**, *Secretary, UNECE Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*
- **Stefano Lo Savio**, *Head of Unit for Finance for Development, Environment and Digital, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*
- **Birgit Vogel**, *Executive Secretary, International Commission for the protection of the Danube River (ICPDR)*
- **Diego Pozzoli**, *Water Management and Governance Officer IUCN Centre for Mediterranean Cooperation*
- **Nestor Niyonzima**, *Executive Director, Nile Basin Initiative**
- **Maurizio Casarci**, *Senior Renewable Energy and Environment Expert, ICU*

14:30-16:00

SPECIAL SESSION

Room Danubio

Water Awareness and Citizen Science Session III

Ministry for Public Administration

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14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Atlante
	Water Across Generations: Young Leaders and Senior Experts Shaping the Future of Mediterranean Water CIHEAM Bari Emerging approaches and voices shaping the future of water diplomacy across the Mediterranean region.	
14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Basin Day	Room Itaca
	Governance: A Key Role for Water Resilient River Basins International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) As climate change accelerates extreme weather events across Europe, conventional water management approaches are no longer enough to secure our water future. This session brings together three European initiatives (Water4All, InnWater, and GOVAQUA) to showcase how innovative water governance, policy integration, and collaborative decision-making can build resilient river basins. Join us to explore practical tools, real-world examples, and actionable governance pathways driving robust river basin management in a changing world..	
14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	Water Resources Management in Armenia: Ethical Perspectives – Policy-making Implications Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies The workshop examines the challenges facing Armenia's water sector by bringing together university research and climate, engineering, governance, and ethical perspectives. A specific attention will be devoted to Armenia as technological and social laboratory of exclusive interest for the entire Euro-Mediterranean context. The ethical intergenerational perspective related to possible technical solution will be put in line with long-term policymaking decisions.	
14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	From Climate Science to Regional Water Action - EMME-CCI Water Task Force: From Scientific Assessment to Cross-Border Solutions, Hydro-Diplomacy and Climate Finance The Cyprus Institute & University of Balamand This session will examine the policy, institutional, and economic conditions required to scale up treated wastewater reuse. It will present the strategies, policies, and initiatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries in Tunisia in promoting treated wastewater reuse, while showcasing Tunisia's experience and ongoing efforts in this field. Discussions will focus on the conditions required to move from pilot initiatives to large-scale implementation.	

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14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
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Water Energy Food Ecosystem Nexus

TEHA Group

Water generates value well beyond the water sector itself, influencing industrial competitiveness, food security, the energy transition, and territorial protection. In this session, part of the journey of TEHA's eighth edition of the Valore Acqua Community, the new WEFE Integration Index will be presented: a measure of European countries' ability to preserve natural capital through the integrated and sustainable management of water, energy, food, and ecosystems.

SESSION 4

16:30-18:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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MODERATOR

- **Emanuele Bompan**, *Director, Renewable Matter, Italy*

KEYNOTE

- **Laura D'Aprile**, *Director, Department for Sustainable Development (DiSS), Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, Italy*

PANELISTS

- **Marco Rago**, *Special Envoy for Water, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*
- **Walid Hakiki**, *Head of Planning Sector at Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation (MWRI), Egypt*
- **Angelo Riccaboni**, *President, PRIMA Programme (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area), Italy*
- **Maria Teresa Russo**, *Chair Zephyrus Project – Innovation Ecosystem Tech4You*
- **Quang Ngo Dinh**, *CEO, Olivetti, Italy*

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16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Danubio
	Water Awareness and Citizen Science Session IV Ministry for Public Administration	
16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Bosforo
	The Italian Art of Water Association of Engineering, Architecture and Technical-Economic Consultancy Organizations (OICE) Presentation of the international monograph on Italian water engineering, tracing the country's water heritage from Roman aqueducts to contemporary infrastructure and innovation.	
16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION • Basin Day	Room Itaca

Up-Scaling and Mainstreaming Nature-Based Solutions at the Basin Level

SEMIDE, MedWet, International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

This session will explore how Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) can be scaled up and mainstreamed at the river basin level to address growing challenges of water scarcity, ecosystem degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate change across the Euro-Mediterranean region. Building on existing European, Mediterranean, and national policy frameworks, the discussion will highlight practical experiences from river basins and identify the policy, financial, and technical mechanisms needed to support prioritisation of NBS in policies and related implementation. The session will also promote regional cooperation and knowledge exchange, strengthening the integration of ecosystem-based approaches into sustainable water, climate, and biodiversity strategies.

Thursday, 1 October

16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	Italy's Partnership Actions and International Commitments under the WHO/UNECE Protocol on Water and Health Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS) – National Centre for Water Safety (CeNSiA) in collaboration with WHO/Europe and UNECE A multistakeholder dialogue on Italy's path from ratification to implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health, connecting governance, water safety, climate resilience and international cooperation.	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Atlante
	Towards implementation of the Strategy on Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus in the Mediterranean Source to Sea Continuum Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), Global Water Partnership Mediterranean (GWP-Med), PRIMA Foundation, UNEP/MAP, EU & EU WES-BCA (tbc) This session will present the 'Strategy for WEFE Nexus in the Mediterranean S2S Continuum' & advancements with its Action Framework as a pioneering and transformative process for sustainable development in the Mediterranean and demonstrate practical benefits of the inter-disciplinary approach aiming at attracting partners' commitment for scalability, innovation and investments.	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	CIHEAM PARIS	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Wadi
	Water Investment Matchmaking on Bankable Projects from the Enlarged Mediterranean – Maghreb Region One Water Committee Italy & CIHEAM Bari Regional sessions presenting the combined priority projects of the countries, with Regional and National One Water Focal Points plus government representatives.	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	Feasibility of a PPP to Deploy Treated Wastewater Reuse in Mediterranean Countries: Insights from the Southern Tunisia Study and Experience Sharing with Other Countries in the Region Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) This session will present the results of a feasibility study conducted across three governorates in Southern Tunisia, supporting a paradigm shift from wastewater disposal toward a circular water economy in which treated wastewater becomes a strategic asset for water security, climate resilience and sustainable development.	

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9:00-10:30	HIGH LEVEL PANEL Auditorium Mare Nostrum
	Hydrodiplomacy: Advancing the Right to Water for Peace and Stability (T11) One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM) Transboundary waters account for roughly 60% of the world's freshwater flows, with more than three billion people living in shared river and lake basins. The panel treats water as one of the few practical spaces where cooperation can continue even amid political tension. MODERATOR • Emilio Ciarlo, <i>Director General, One Water Committee, Italy</i> KEYNOTE • Francesca Bernardini, <i>Head, Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</i> PANELISTS • Marcos Neto, <i>Assistant Director-General UNDP</i> • Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, <i>UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Water, Spain</i> • Fadi Comair, <i>Vice President of IME, University of Balamand (CDSP-Hub), The Cyprus Institute, Blue Peace Middle East Policy Advisory Board</i> • Marco Riccardo Rusconi, <i>Director, AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation), Italy</i> • Marta Valdes García, <i>Humanitarian Director, Oxfam International, Spain</i>
9:30-11:00	SPECIAL SESSION Room Danubio
	Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests A session convened by the Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forests, addressing the role of water management in supporting agricultural resilience and food security across the Mediterranean.
9:30-11:00	SPECIAL SESSION Room Circe
	Calabria's Water: A Unified Service for the Territory SORICAL Discussion among experts from the Integrated Water Service sector on the Calabria case and the key challenges shaping the development of water services in Southern Italy, including: fragmentation of service management, governance, the water divide, infrastructure gaps, climate change, service quality levels, investment needs, the economic and financial sustainability of start-up phases, and management models.

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9:30-12:00	WORKSHOP	Room Bosforo
	Water, Land, and Infrastructure: Geologists and Engineers for Safety and Sustainability Italian National Council of Geologists (CNG) & Italian National Council of Engineers (CNI) This session examines the interactions between geology, engineering, and water resource management in the Mediterranean context, which is characterized by increasing climate and hydrogeological vulnerability. Technical, regulatory, and strategic solutions are presented to enhance territorial safety, protect groundwater resources, and adapt infrastructure to emerging climate scenarios.	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Tirreno
	Mediterranean Cooperation in Research and Education - Institutional Perspectives on Water Resilience: the Role of Training, Research and Cooperation Projects Politecnico di Bari & MediCoRE This session aims to foster a broad discussion on the role of joint research, innovation, and capacity-building initiatives in addressing Mediterranean climate challenges, while strengthening institutional engagement and promoting cross-border cooperation. It will provide a platform for discussing shared priorities, identifying opportunities for collaboration, and advancing coordinated solutions to enhance the resilience and sustainability of the Mediterranean region.	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Digital Innovation for Public Infrastructure and Utility Services We4Services Digital platforms and secure technological infrastructure supporting innovation across utility and public sector services, with insights applicable to critical infrastructure sectors including water.	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Itaca
	Resilient Territories: Governing Water, Designing Adaptation MACCAFERRI The workshop will explore the path from adaptation planning to concrete interventions on the ground, bringing together the different dimensions of this process: knowledge and monitoring, investment planning, water resource management and territorial protection, and infrastructure design and delivery. By engaging representatives from academia and research, public institutions and policymakers, planning and management bodies, and the engineering and infrastructure sectors, the workshop aims to stimulate a high-level debate on how to strengthen coordination across these areas and bridge the gap between adaptation strategies and their implementation.	

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9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	Water Education for Climate Resilience: Launching a Global Repository through Museums for Future Generations UNESCO WWAP & One Water Committee Italy	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	The role of Trenchless Technologies in the integrated water service in Italy: state of the art, barriers to their wider adoption, and future perspectives Italian Association for Trenchless Technology (IATT) The panel discussion aims to take the stock of the current status of Italy's integrated water and wastewater infrastructures, highlighting the contribution that trenchless technologies can provide to a sustainable and resilient development of market sector. The panel will feature representatives from Italian water companies and industry in the sector to discuss current applications and key benefits of trenchless technologies.	
9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Atlante
	Advancing Zero Pollution through water-smart Mediterranean territories A ZeroPollution4Water Cluster and Water4All Water-Oriented Living Labs Network joint session Water Europe How can innovation help Mediterranean territories respond to water scarcity, pollution and climate pressures? Through the experiences of the EU-funded projects ToDrinQ and UNIVERSWATER, the Attica Water Lab and Axarquía Living Lab, both part of the Water4All Water-Oriented Living Labs Network, and alongside scientific and water utility perspectives, this session will explore how science, innovation and territorial collaboration can turn successful demonstrations into sustained implementation and replicable solutions across the Mediterranean.	

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Session I

EuroMediterranean Water Forum Wrap-Up Session

PANELISTS

- **Dubravka Šuica**, *UE Commissioner for the Mediterranean*
- **Abou Amani**, *Director, Water Sciences Division, UNESCO*
- **Alvaro Lario, President**, *International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) & Chair UN-Water*
- **Anna Maria Bernini**, *Minister of University and Research, Italy*
- **Vannia Gava**, *Deputy Minister of the Environment and Energy Security, Italy*
- **Andrea Lenzi**, *President, National Research Council (CNR), Italy*
- **Francesco Rocca**, *President of the Lazio Region, Italy*
- **Joan Borrell**, *Deputy Secretary General, Union for Mediterranean (UfM)*
- **Maria Spena**, *President, One Water Committee Italy, Italy*
- **Alain Meyssonier**, *President, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), France*

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Edmondo Cirielli**, *Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy*

12:15–13:30

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Session II

From Vision to Action: The Mattei Plan

PANELISTS

- **Fabrizio Saggio**, *Coordinator of Mattei Plan and Diplomatic Councilor of the Prime Minister, Italy*
- **Mohamed CBC Diatta**, *Sherpa of Senegal for the 2026 United Nations Water Conference, Senegal*
- **Marcos Neto**, *Assistant Director-General, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*
- **Pierfrancesco Latini**, *Chief Risk Management & Sustainability Officer & Chief International Officer, ACEA, Italy*
- **Biagio di Terlizzi**, *Director General, CIHEAM Bari, Italy*
- **Mahmoud Abu-Zeid**, *President, Arab Water Council*
- **H.E. Hon. Giorgia Meloni**, *President of the Council of Ministers of the Italian Republic (invited to deliver the closing remarks), Italy**