

Programme

La Nuvola Rome • 29.09-02.10.2026

*speakers to be confirmed

Tuesday, 29 September

SESSION 1

9:00–10:30 **PLENARY** Auditorium Mare Nostrum

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
- **H.R.H. Prince Hassan bin Talal**, Jordan*
- **Jessika Roswall**, European Commissioner for Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy*
- **Qu Dongyu**, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- **Khaled El-Enany**, Director-General, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)*
- **Fadi Hajali**, Secretary-General Ad Interim, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)
- **Retno L.P. Marsudi**, United Nations Special Envoy on Water

CLOSING REMARKS

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

10:30–11:30 **PLENARY** Auditorium Mare Nostrum

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)
- **Ezzeddine Ben Cheikh**, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Tunisia
- **Biagio Di Terlizzi**, Director, CIHEAM Bari, Italy
- **Mahmoud Abu-Zeid**, President, Arab Water Council
- **Luca Dal Fabbro**, President, Utilitalia, Italy

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11:30–13:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
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 • Cheikh Tidiane Dièye, Co-host 2026 UN WC, President of African Council of Ministers on Water (AMCOW) and Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of 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 • 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* • Mansour Al-Mushaiti, Co-host World Water Forum 2027, Vice Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia • 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		

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.		

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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.	
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.	

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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 foodsecurity 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
	France–Morocco regional cooperation: sharing experiences of agricultural water management in the face of climate change BRL INGÉNIERIE This session will highlight a shift away from traditional unilateral technical cooperation toward a two-way partnership. It will explore how France shares its experience in river basin governance, groundwater management, and agricultural water pricing, while Morocco shares its expertise in managing water scarcity, desalination, and public-private partnerships in agriculture.	
	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.	
	MODERATOR • Francisco Betti , <i>Head of Global Industries; Member of the Executive Committee, World Economic Forum, Switzerland</i>	
	PANELISTS • Jessika Roswall , <i>Commissioner for the Environment, Water Resilience and a Competitive Circular Economy European Commission*</i> • Fabrizio Palermo , <i>CEO and Director General, ACEA, Italy</i>	

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- **Pierre Pauliac**, Executive Vice-President and Chief International Officer Suez, France*
- **Josè Diaz Caneja**, CEO Infrastructures, Acciona, Spain
- **Awaadh Al Otaibi**, CEO, Miahona, Saudi Arabia
- **Matthew Pine**, CEO, Xylem*
- **Charles Calestroupat**, President, Microsoft Europe South

14:30-16:00

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

PANELISTS

- **Massimo Gargano**, Director General, ANBI, Italy
- **João Manuel Esteves**, Secretary of State for the Environment, Portugal
- **Conchita Marcuello**, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain
- **Ramiro Martinez**, General Coordinator, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO), Spain
- **Latifa Dhaouadi**, Regional Centre for Research and Agriculture, Tunisia
- **Sherif Mohamady Elsayed**, CEO, 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.

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14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Itaca
	Advancing the operationalisation of the WEFE 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 WEFE 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..	
14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Tirreno
	WAREG General Assembly WAREG The annual General Assembly of Water Regulators Europe, bringing together national water regulatory authorities from across the continent.	
14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Water related risk reduction CIIP	

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SESSION 4

16:30-18:00 **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**, *Head of Sustainability, Kering, France*
- **Samir J. Serhan**, *CEO, ACWA Power, Saudi Arabia**
- **Pietro Salini**, *CEO, Webuild*
- **Carlo Messina**, *CEO, Intesa Sanpaolo, Italy**
- **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

- **Fabrizio Palermo**, *CEO, ACEA*
- **Emilio Ciarlo**, *Director General, One Water Committee Italy*

16:30-18:00 **HIGH LEVEL PANEL** Room Nilo

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One Water Committee Italy

MODERATOR

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

PANELISTS

- **Hani Sewilam**, *Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt**
- **Maurizio Martina**, *Deputy Director-General, FAO, Italy**
- **Yasmine Fouad**, *Former Minister of Environment; UNCCD – Convention to Combat Desertification, Egypt**
- **Francesco Vincenzi**, *President, ANBI, Italy*

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- **Josep Lluís Armenter Ferrando**, CEO, ACA – Catalan Water Agency, Spain
- **Roula Khadra**, Science Coordinator, CIHEAM Bari, Italy
- **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!

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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
- **Massimiliano Giansanti**, President, Confagricoltura, Italy
- **Mauro Uniformi**, President, CONAF – National Council of the Order of Agronomists and Foresters, Italy
- **Cristian Maretti**, President, Legacoop Alimentare, Italy
- **Andrea Rocchi**, President, CREA, Italy

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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	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
	Ministry of Environment and Energy Security A session on emerging contaminants and water quality.	
16:30-18:00	WORKSHOP	Room Orida
	Water Investment Matchmaking: B2G & B2B Meetings on Bankable Projects from the Enlarged Mediterranean – Balkan Region CIHEAM Bari Regional sessions presenting the combined priority projects of the countries, with Regional and National One Water Focal Points plus government representatives.	

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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*

PANELISTS

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

PANELISTS

- **Mauro Grassi**, *Co-founder One Water Committee, Italy*
- **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*
- **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, France*
- **Lucia Silva**, *Chief Sustainability Officer, Generali Group, Italy*

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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 WEFE 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 WEFE4MED project, bringing the reflection on lessons learned from WEFE 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.	
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 The role of business in reconciling food security, energy demand and industrial water use with environmental sustainability across the Mediterranean, presenting preliminary results of UN Global Compact research on corporate water management.	

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	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.	
9:30-11:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Rodano
	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 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.	

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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, Caisse des Dépôts et Prêts (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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EUROMED TALK

Room Atlante

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PANELISTS

- **João Manuel Esteves**, *Secretary of State for Environment, Portugal**
- **Meike van Ginneken**, *Water Envoy, Government of the Netherlands, Netherlands*
- **Dagmar Behrendt Kaljarikova**, *Policy Officer, European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment**
- **Alessandra Zampieri**, *Director, Directorate for Sustainable Resources, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission*
- **Nicola Dell'Acqua**, *President, ARERA, Italy*
- **Barbara Marinali**, *Vice President, Utilitalia, Italy*
- **Hilda Hoti**, *Water Resources Management Agency (UfM Focal Point), Albania*

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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-IHP Solutions and lessons learned from UNESCO's MedProgramme on Mediterranean coastal aquifers, promoting integrated management approaches to address overexploitation, pollution and climate change impacts.	
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 Water service planning strategies, financing tools and investment strategies, and international partnerships and best-practice exchange for a sustainable future.	
11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Tirreno
	WAREG General Assembly WAREG The annual General Assembly of Water Regulators Europe, bringing together national water regulatory authorities from across the continent.	
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.	

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11:30-13:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Giordano
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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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Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus (T5)

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

Global crises — climate, demographic shifts, conflict — cannot be addressed through siloed sectoral approaches. The panel traces how Integrated Water Resources Management evolved into the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus, a governance framework for interdependent resource systems.

MODERATOR

- **Juan Ojeda**, Director, Hydraulic Engineering Department, TYPESA, Spain

PANELISTS

- **Orazio Schillaci**, Minister of Health, Italy*
- **Hugo Morán Fernández**, Secretary of State for Environment, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain*
- **Vera Eirò**, President, WAREG – European Water Regulators
- **Hussein El-Atfy**, Secretary General, Arab Water Council, Egypt
- **Elisabeth Mas Asturias**, Director of Water Supply, Catalan Water Agency, Spain
- **Tatjana Hema**, Coordinator, Mediterranean Action Plan, UN Environment Programme
- **Frédéric de Dinechin**, Senior Policy Advisor for Water, UfM
- **Vangelis Constantianos**, Executive Secretary and Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med
- **Simone Nisi**, Executive Vice President Institutional Affairs & Regulatory

14:30-16:00	EUROMED TALK	Room Atlante
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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**, Blue Economy Expert, Journalist and Strategic Advisor, Italy

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PANELISTS

- **Sen. Simona Petrucci**, *President of the Parliamentary Intergroup on the Blue Economy, Italy**
- **Silvia Paparella**, *President, Sogesid, Italy*
- **Roberto Petri**, *President Assoporti, Italy**
- **Claudio Mazza**, *President, Foundation for Environmental Education FEE, Italy*
- **Rosalba Giugni**, *President, Marevivo Foundation, Italy**
- **Claudia Brunori**, *Director of the Department for Sustainability, Circular Economy and Climate Change Adaptation of Production and Territorial Systems, ENEA, Italy*
- **Roberto Petri**, *President Assoporti, Italy**
- **High-Level Representative of Regione Lazio**

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

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

Telling the Story of Water through Ethics, Art and TheatreAcua

Acqua Foundation, One Water Committee, 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

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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.
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 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.

Wednesday, 30 September

14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Orida
	Water Investment Matchmaking: B2G & B2B Meetings on Bankable Projects from the Enlarged Mediterranean – Balkan Region CIHEAM Bari Regional sessions presenting the combined priority projects of the countries, with Regional and National One Water Focal Points plus government representatives.	
	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 PANELISTS • Nello Musumeci, Minister for Civil Protection and Sea Policies, Italy • Abdulkadir Uraloğlu, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, Turkey* • Sarantuyaa Zandaryaa, Programme Specialist, Section of Hydrological Systems, Climate Change and Adaptation, UNESCO • Sergio Liardo, Inspector Admiral, Port Authority, Italy • Fatou Haidara, Deputy to the Director General and Director of Global Partnerships and External Relations, UNIDO • Fedra Francocci, Seconded National Expert Directorate-General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD), European Commission, Italy* • Errico Stravato, CEO, Sogesid, Italy	
16:30-18:00	EUROMED TALK	Room Nilo
	Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus (T5) One Water Committee Italy (OW), Mediterranean Water Institute (IME) & Union For The Mediterranean (UfM) Global crises — climate, demographic shifts, conflict — cannot be addressed through siloed sectoral approaches. The panel traces how Integrated Water Resources Management evolved into the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus, a governance framework for interdependent resource systems. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts. MODERATOR • Donatella Spano, Vice President, CMCC (EuroMediterranean Centre on Climate Change), Italy	

Wednesday, 30 September

PANELISTS

- **Li Lifeng, Director**, Land and Water Division, FAO
- **Olivier Marchand**, Responsable of Haliotis Exploitation at Régie Eau d'Azur, Nice, France
- **Houda Ben Jannet Allal**, Director General, Mediterranean Energy and Climate Organisation (OMEC), France
- **Lydia Vamvakieridou-Lyroudia**, Director, Watershare Programme, KWR Water Research (Netherlands) and Centre for Water Systems, University of Exeter (UK)
- **Anthi Brouma**, Deputy Regional Coordinator, Global Water Partnership Mediterranean
- **Ali Rhouma**, Project Officer, WEFE Nexus, PRIMA Foundation EU*

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.

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.

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

- **Francesco Petracchini**, *Director General, National Research Council (CNR), Italy*

PANELISTS

- **Paolo Zangrillo**, *Minister for Public Administration, Italy*
- **Roberto Gualtieri**, *Mayor of Rome, Italy*
- **Hamadi Habaieb**, *Secretary of State for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia**
- **Gaia Checcucci**, *Secretary General, Northern Apennines River Basin District Authority, Italy*
- **Nicolas Murlon**, *CEO, Rhône-Méditerranée-Corse Water Agency, France*
- **Maria Huerta**, *PhD, Head of Integrated Water Cycle Quality, Water Cycle Services, Area Metropolitana de Barcelona, Spain*
- **Alessandro Rivera**, *President, ACEA*
- **Nicolas Murlon**, *CEO, 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

- **Francesco Corvaro**, *Special Envoy for Climate Change, Italy*
- **Frédéric de Dinechin**, *Senior Policy Advisor for Water, UfM*
- **Clara Estrela**, *Júcar River Basin Authority, Spain*

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- **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

Water Awareness and Citizen Science Session I

Ministry for Public Administration

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.

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.

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9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Tirreno
	Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus under the Water Convention UNECE 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.	
	SESSION 2	
11:30-13:00	HIGH LEVEL PANEL	Room Nilo
	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. MODERATOR • Erasmus D'Angelis, Member and Co-Founder, One Water Committee; President, Earth and Water Agenda Foundation, Italy PANELISTS • Paola Albritto, Special Representative, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)* • 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 • Maciej Popowski, Director-General, Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)* • Obada Mubaid, Director, Water Sector, Ministry of Energy, Syria* • Khalid El Ghomari, Director, Sebou Hydraulic Basin Agency, Morocco	
11:30-13:00	EUROMED TALK	Room Bosforo
	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. 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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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**, Head of Gaza Reconstruction, Palestine
- **Siham Laraichi**, Advisor to the Secretary General, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water, Morocco
- **Roberto Venneri**, President, Acquedotto Pugliese, Italy

11:30-13:00 **SPECIAL SESSION** Room Danubio

Water Awareness and Citizen Science Session II

Ministry for Public Administration

11:30-13:00 **WORKSHOP** Room Rodano

From Data to Action: Digital Tools for Water-Related Ecosystem Governance, Management and Restoration in the Mediterranean

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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.

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11:30-13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Giordano
	Made in Europe for Water Security. Building a resilient desalination and membrane ecosystem for Italy and the Mediterranean MANN+HUMMEL	
11:30-13:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
	Treated Wastewater Reuse: A Strategic Lever for Water Security in the Mediterranean Tunisian Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries 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.	
	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 • İbrahim Yumaklı, 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 • Rocco Bellantone, National Institute of Health (ISS), Italy • Alessandra Gallone, President, Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA) National Environmental Protection System (SNPA), Italy	

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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.

MODERATOR

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

PANELISTS

- **Livia Peiser**, *Head of the Geospatial Unit, Land and Water Division, FAO*
- **Rifaat Abdelwahab**, *Holding Company for Water and Wastewater (HCWW), Egypt **
- **Giorgio Lupoi**, *President, OICE, Italy*
- **Eric Mino**, *Director SEMIDE, France*
- **Alice Aureli**, *Vice President, International Water Resources Association*
- **Thomas Ferrero**, *CEO MEOSS, France*
- **Giuseppe Lambiase**, *CEO, We4Services, Italy*

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

- **Hosni Mohamed Awaidan**, *Minister of Water Resources, Libya*

PANELISTS

- **Sonja Koeppel**, *Secretary, UNECE Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe*
- **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**
- **Mercedes Bresso**, *President, Hydroaid, Italy**

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14:30-16:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Danubio
	Water Awareness and Citizen Science Session III Ministry for Public Administration	
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, this session brings together three major European initiatives — InnWater, GOVAQUA and the Water4All Partnership — to explore how innovative water governance can turn resilience strategies into reality. It examines practical governance pathways for river basin management, from policy integration to collaborative decision-making.	
14:30-16:00	WORKSHOP	Room Wadi
	Water Investment Matchmaking on Bankable Projects from the Enlarged Mediterranean – Balkan Region One Water Committee & CIHEAM Bari Regional sessions presenting the combined priority projects of the countries, with Regional and National One Water Focal Points plus government representatives.(Closed session)	
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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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.

MODERATOR

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

PANELISTS

- **Abdulaziz Alshaibani**, *Deputy Minister for Water Resources, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**
- **Laura D'Aprile**, *Director, Department for Sustainable Development (DiSS), Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security, 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*

16:30-18:00	EUROMED TALK	Room Nilo
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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. The EuroMed Talk revisits this same theme with a more technical and vertical lens, in dialogue with practitioners and sector experts.

Thursday, 1 October

MODERATOR

- **Nicolas Roche**, *Professor at Aix-Marseille University, France*

KEYNOTE

- **Walid Abderrahmane**, *Vice President, Arab Water Council, Egypt*
- **Andrea Piccioli**, *Director General, National Institute of Health, Italy*

PANELISTS

- **Selmin Burak**, *Professor Emeritus, Istanbul University, Turkey*
- **Denis Snidaro**, *Deputy Technical Director, SUEZ Water France*
- **Massimo Caputi**, *President, Federturismo, Italy*
- **Massimo Labra**, *Chair Progetto Zephyrus –Innovation ecosisteyms Tech4you e Musa, and Director of National Biodiversity Future Center (NBFC), Italy*

16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Danubio
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Ministry for Public Administration

16:30-18:00	SPECIAL SESSION	Room Bosforo
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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
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Up-Scaling and Mainstreaming Nature-Based Solutions at the Basin Level

International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)

As water scarcity, land degradation and climate change place growing pressure on Euro-Mediterranean water systems and biodiversity, this session promotes the up-scaling of Nature-Based Solutions at river basin level. It shares practical experience from Mediterranean basin organisations and identifies policy, financial and technical mechanisms to support their replication and transfer.

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 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 Rhône Méditerranée Corse Water Agency (AERMC) 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.	

Friday, 2 October

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> PANELISTS • Marcos Neto, <i>Assistant Director-General UNDP</i> • Pedro Arrojo-Agudo, <i>UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Water, Spain</i> • Francesca Bernardini, <i>Head, Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe</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> • Bernando Giorgio Mattarella, <i>Director, EPLO, Italy*</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 Nilo
	Sustainable Mobility and Water Security TRENITALIA Actions undertaken by a major transport operator to advance water sustainability and security across its infrastructure and operations, offering a corporate perspective on responsible water management.

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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.	

Friday, 2 October

9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Circe
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9:30-11:00	WORKSHOP	Room Rodano
	The role of Trenchless Technologies in the integrated water service in Europe: 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 Europe'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 European water companies and industry in the sector to discuss current applications and key benefits of trenchless technologies.	
11:00-12:15	PLENARY	Auditorium Mare Nostrum
	Closing Ceremony Session I EuroMediterranean Water Forum Wrap-Up Session PANELISTS • Dubravka Šuica, <i>UE Commissioner for the Mediterranean</i> • Abou Amani, <i>Director, Water Sciences Division, UNESCO</i> • Alvaro Lario, President, <i>International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) & Chair UN-Water</i> • Anna Maria Bernini, <i>Minister of University and Research, Italy</i> • Vannia Gava, <i>Deputy Minister of the Environment and Energy Security, Italy</i> • Andrea Lenzi, <i>President, National Research Council (CNR), Italy</i> • Francesco Rocca, <i>President of the Lazio Region, Italy</i> • Joan Borrell, <i>Deputy Secretary General, Union for Mediterranean (UfM)</i> • Maria Spena, <i>President, One Water Committee Italy, Italy</i> • Alain Meyssonier, <i>President, Mediterranean Water Institute (IME), France</i> CLOSING REMARKS • Edmondo Cirielli, <i>Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy</i>	

Friday, 2 October

12:15-13:30

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CLOSING CEREMONY

Session II

From Vision to Action: The Mattei Plan

PANELISTS

- **Fabrizio Saggio**, Coordinator of Mattei Plan and Diplomatic Councilor of the Prime Minister, Italy
- **Ezzeddine Ben Cheikh**, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Water Resources, Tunisia*
- **Cheikh Tidiane Dieye**, President of African Council of Ministers on Water (AMCOW) and Minister of Water and Sanitation, Senegal*
- **Marcos Neto**, Assistant Director-General, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- **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*