

Euro-Mediterranean Water Forum 2026

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29 September 2026

Session 1

PLENARY

OPENING CEREMONY

Session 2

SPECIAL SESSION – FESTIVAL DELL'ACQUA

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

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.

WORKSHOP

Digital Innovation for Public Infrastructure and Utility Services

We4Service

Digital platforms and secure technological infrastructure supporting innovation across utility and public sector services, with insights applicable to critical infrastructure sectors including water.

SPECIAL SESSION

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.

WORKSHOP**CONAF**

Council of the National Order of Agronomists and Foresters

WORKSHOP**Coastal wetlands: stories of balance between rivers, seas and people. Vulnerabilities and gentle mitigation strategies for today and tomorrow****Deltamed**

Dialogue among Mediterranean wetland and delta regions on shared vulnerabilities — coastal erosion, saline intrusion, flooding — and a common framework of gentle, sustainable mitigation actions.

Session 3**HIGH LEVEL PANEL****CEO Water Summit - The Value of Water (T2)****Session I**

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.

EUROMED TALK**Water Scarcity and Non-Conventional Water Resources (T1)**

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.

SPECIAL SESSION – FESTIVAL DELL'ACQUA**One Health: Water Quality, Health and Emerging Contaminants - Session I****Utilitalia**

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

SPECIAL SESSION**Ministry of Environment and Energy Security**

A session on emerging contaminants and water quality.

WORKSHOP**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.

WORKSHOP

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

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

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

Dialogue among governments, institutions, academia and the private sector on shared governance tools, monitoring mechanisms and cooperation for transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers.

SPECIAL SESSION

WAREG General Assembly

WAREG

The annual General Assembly of Water Regulators Europe, bringing together national water regulatory authorities from across the continent.

WORKSHOP

Water Investment Matchmaking: B2G & B2B Meetings on Bankable Projects from the Enlarged Mediterranean – Mashreq Region

CIHEAM Bari

Regional sessions presenting the combined priority projects of the countries, with Regional and National One Water Focal Points plus government representatives.

WORKSHOP

Water related risk reduction

CIIP

Session 4

HIGH LEVEL PANEL

CEO Water Summit — The Value of Water (T2)

Session II

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.

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WORKSHOP

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

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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!

SPECIAL SESSION

Shaping the future of agriculture

One Water Committee

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

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

Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

The impact of water scarcity on women and girls, and the case for greater female participation in water governance, drawing on the 2026 UN World Water Development Report.

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WORKSHOP
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.

SPECIAL SESSION
Water Technology
Regione Lazio / LazioInnova

30 September 2026

Session 1

HIGH LEVEL PANEL
The New European Water Vision (T3)

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.

EUROMED TALK
Blue Finance and Blue Investments for Water (T4)

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.

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A New Water Balance in the Age of Climate Change – Session I
Utilitalia

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

SPECIAL SESSION – FESTIVAL DELL'ACQUA

The Value of Water Between Regulation and Economic Sustainability – Session I

Utilitalia

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

WORKSHOP

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'.

SPECIAL SESSION - COASTAL AQUIFER AND GROUNDWATER

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

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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SPECIAL SESSION

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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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.

SPECIAL SESSION

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.

WORKSHOP

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.

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WORKSHOP

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.

Session 3

HIGH LEVEL PANEL

Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus (T5)

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.

EUROMED TALK

Beyond Source2Sea Approach (T6)

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.

SPECIAL SESSION – FESTIVAL DELL'ACQUA

Water Driving the Economy and Productive Sectors – Session I

Utilitalia

Efficient resource management, productive uses in the manufacturing and energy sectors, and the water-energy relationship.

SPECIAL SESSION – FESTIVAL DELL'ACQUA

Circularity in Water Resource Management – Session I

Utilitalia

Treatment, reuse and integrated management of water cycles to reduce waste and increase system resilience.

SPECIAL SESSION

Bridging Blue — Science, Ethics and Policy for Coastal Resilience

Acqua Foundation, CMCC, Laudato Si' Centre & One Water Committee

A high-level international symposium bringing together leading experts from science, policy and civil society to promote integrated approaches to coastal resilience and climate adaptation.

SPECIAL SESSION- WATER FOR ALL PEOPLE

UN World Water Development Report 2026 on Water and Gender Equality: Equal Rights and Opportunities

UNESCO WWP

Interventions by UNESCO WWP, UN Water, UN Women, high-level authorities and partners on the theme of the 2026 UN World Water Development Report.

SPECIAL SESSION- WATER FOR ALL PEOPLE

Water for Peace and Prosperity (UN WWDR 2024)

UNESCO WWP in collaboration with UNESCO IHP & UNESCO Venice

A panel discussion on transboundary water cooperation in the Balkans, with interventions by UNESCO and high-level government officials from Balkan countries.

SPECIAL SESSION

UNIDO-WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026: Presentation of Candidate Projects

UNIDO – WTCA - ITPO

Presentation of candidate projects selected under the UNIDO-WTCA Blue Economy Global Call 2026, together with the Heads of UNIDO's Investment and Technology Promotion Offices (ITPO) network.

WORKSHOP

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

Financing Water Resilience in the Mediterranean: The Role of Public Development Banks and Strategic Partnerships

Cassa Depositi e Prestiti

How public development banks and strategic partnerships can unlock long-term financing for water resilience projects across the Mediterranean region.

WORKSHOP

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UNESCO WWAP in collaboration with WHO & UN Water

A roundtable previewing the theme of the forthcoming UN WWDR 2027, fostering dialogue on sustainable water resources management and progress toward SDG 6.

SPECIAL SESSION - WATER FOR ALL PEOPLE

Special Event on World Water Development

UNESCO WWAP

Marking the 25th anniversary of the UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme, with interventions by UNESCO WWAP, UN Water and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

WORKSHOP

Improvement of Water Services Performance

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

The EuroMediterranean Contribution to the UN Water Conference 2026

UN Water - One Water Committee

SPECIAL SESSION

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

CEO Water Summit Roundtable

One Water Committee

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.

1 October 2026

Session 1

HIGH LEVEL PANEL

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

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.

EUROMED TALK

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

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.

Innovation, Infrastructure and Water Culture: A Future Challenge for Citizens, Businesses, Food, Beauty and Regional Cohesion

National Association of Reclamation and Irrigation Consortia (ANBI)

SPECIAL SESSION

Water Awareness and Citizen Science – Session I

Ministry for Public Administration

SPECIAL SESSION

Blue Knowledge for the Mediterranean

Ministry of University and Research

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

WORKSHOP

CIHEAM PARIS

WORKSHOP

Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

SPECIAL SESSION

A Collective Model for Freshwater Stewardship: The Arno Basin Water Resilience Lab

Kering

A multi-sector collaboration among businesses, local authorities and the scientific community to strengthen the water, climate and social resilience of the Arno river basin in Tuscany.

WORKSHOP

Nexus: Water-Land use Planning-Governance

Agency for Sustainable Mediterranean Cities and Territories (AViTeM)

This session will focus on plural governance, alongside territorial projects and territorial planning models, within sustainable water management. It will bring together political and professional stakeholders to share project advancements and assess Mediterranean cooperation needs.

Session 2

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WORKSHOP

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

Advancing EU Water Alignment - High-Level Ministerial Roundtable on the EU accession process and water resources governance in the Western Balkans

Ministry of Environment and Energy Security (MASE) / 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.

SPECIAL SESSION – BASIN DAY

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.

WORKSHOP

Advanced Membrane Technologies for Water Purification and Reuse

MANN+HUMMEL

The latest membrane filtration technologies — from ultrafiltration to reverse osmosis — addressing emerging contaminants, water scarcity and industrial reuse challenges.

WORKSHOP

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.

HIGH LEVEL PANEL**One Health, One Water (T8)**

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

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.

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

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SPECIAL SESSION**Water Awareness and Citizen Science – Session III**

Ministry for Public Administration

SPECIAL SESSION**The Next Generation of Mediterranean Water Diplomacy**

CIHEAM Bari

Emerging approaches and voices shaping the future of water diplomacy across the Mediterranean region.

SPECIAL SESSION – BASIN DAY**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.

WORKSHOP**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.

WORKSHOP

A disruptive approach to the reuse of treated wastewater in southern of Tunisia

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.

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SPECIAL SESSION

Water Awareness and Citizen Science – Session IV

Ministry for Public Administration

SPECIAL SESSION

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.

SPECIAL SESSION

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.

SPECIAL SESSION – BASIN DAY

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.

WORKSHOP

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.

WORKSHOP

CREA

Council for Agricultural Research and Economics

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The Contribution of the Engineering and Geology Professions to Water Security

Italian National Council of Geologists (CNG) & Italian National Council of Engineers (CNI)

The role of engineers and geologists in addressing the region's water challenges, with continuing education credits recognised for professional participants.

WORKSHOP

Cooperation, Research and Training for Water Resource Management under Scarcity

Politecnico di Bari & MediCoRE

A roundtable on past experiences in cooperation, research and training for water resource management under scarcity, with a technical-political focus.

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