

From Policy to Practice: Scaling Nutrient Solutions across the Land-River-Sea Continuum

Contributing to the European Water Resilience
Strategy, the Ocean Pact and Mediterranean
Policy Uptake

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	30/09/2026
Time	16:30-18:00
Room	Sala Atlante
Format	Keynotes, Roundtable
Language(s)	English and Italian

SUMMARY

From policy to practice: scaling nutrient solutions through governance and innovation across the land-river-sea continuum in the Mediterranean Basin.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
16:30	Elisa Conti , introduction	CNR DSSTTA	Chair
16:35	Charlina Vitcheva , Director-General, Keynote: From the European Ocean Pact towards the Ocean Act - video message	DG MARE, European Commission	Speaker
16:45	Veronica Manfredi , Director, Keynote: Water Resilience Strategy, from policy vision to implementation	DG ENV, European Commission	Speaker
16:55	Lorenzo Proia , SEACURE presentation	UVIC – SEACURE project	Speaker

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17:05	Elisa Conti , Roundtable: Why nutrients require integrated governance	CNR DSSTTA – SEACURE project	Co-Moderator
	Lorenzo Proia , Roundtable: Why nutrients require integrated governance	UVIC – SEACURE project	Co-Moderator
	Mario Sprovieri , Director	CNR ISMAR	Panelist
	Paolo Mancin , Head of the Water Protection Department	Regione Piemonte	Panelist
	Chiara Sarti , R&D Specialist	IRIDRA – SEACURE project	Panelist
	Martina Berneschi	Consorzio di Bonifica Pianura di Ferrara	Panelist
17:50	Elisa Conti , Conclusions with SLIDO	CNR DSSTTA	Moderator

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Nutrient pollution remains a major challenge for water quality and ecosystem health across the Mediterranean, requiring coordinated action across the land-river-sea continuum. The European Water Resilience Strategy and the European Ocean Pact provide a renewed policy framework to strengthen integrated water governance and accelerate the uptake of effective solutions. Building on the experience of SEACURE, the session will connect European policy priorities with regional needs, scientific evidence and practical solutions, addressing the challenge of moving from successful approaches to wider implementation and scale-up. The roundtable will be conducted in Italian, in line with the panelists' preferences.

OBJECTIVES

- Explore how the European Water Resilience Strategy, the Ocean Pact and the EU Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters" can support integrated nutrient management in the Mediterranean.
- Identify governance, policy and cooperation mechanisms needed to accelerate the uptake and scaling of innovative nutrient management solutions.
- Strengthen dialogue between EU institutions, regional authorities, researchers and practitioners to bridge the gap between policy and implementation.

TARGET AUDIENCE

EU and national policymakers, regional and local authorities, water and environmental agencies, research and innovation organizations, EU-funded projects, water-sector practitioners, solution providers and Mediterranean stakeholders working on water resilience, nutrient pollution and marine and freshwater ecosystem restoration.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Identification of key policy and governance conditions for scaling nutrient management solutions across the land-river-sea continuum.
- Recommendations for strengthening coordination between European, national and regional policy frameworks and implementation.
- Identification of opportunities for cooperation, knowledge transfer and replication of solutions across Mediterranean regions.

- *Concrete inputs from participants, collected through the final interactive discussion, to inform future SEACURE policy uptake and stakeholder engagement activities.*
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