Tackling and Adapting to Climate Change: What Challenges for Water Resource Management?

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	*[30 September 2026]*
Time	*[11:30 – 13:00]*
Room	*[Room Rodano]*
Format	*[Workshop]*
Language(s)	*[Italian, English (videomessage, sub)]*

SUMMARY

How water resource management, innovative financing strategies, and international partnerships could contribute to climate-resilient societies?

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
[11:30]	*Mercedes Bresso, President*	*Hydroaid*	*Introduction*
1. ***Water Services Planning Strategies***			
[11.35]	*Paolo Mancin, Deputy Head of Environment, Energy and Territory*	*Regione Piemonte*	*Moderator*
[11.40]	*Jessika Roswall, European Commissioner*	*European Commission*	*Speaker – recorded video*
[11.48]	*Milo Fiasconaro, Executive Director*	*Aqua Publica Europea*	*Speaker*
[11.56]	*Paolo Romano, President*	*SMAT*	*Speaker*
2. Investments and Financing Strategies			
[12.05]	*Roberto Ronco, General Director*	*Autorità d'ambito torinese ATO3*	*Moderator Panel 2*
[12.10]	*Thomas Van Gilst, Public Sector and Regulated Operations*	*European Investment Bank*	*Speaker*
[12.20]	*Sara Leporati, Head of "Protecting the Environment" Mission- Planet Goal*	*Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo*	*Speaker*
3. International Partnerships and Best Practices for a Sustainable Future			

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[12.30]	*Roberto Montà, Member of the Board of Directors*	*Hydroaid*	*Moderator Panel 3*
[12.35]	*Andrea Ferrazzi, Head of Institutional Relations*	*ASVIS*	*Speaker*
[12.45]	*Stefano Lo Savio, Head of Unit for Finance for Development, Environment and Digital*	*MAECI*	*Speaker*
4. Conclusions			
[12:55]	*Armando Quazzo, Vice-President*	*Hydroaid*	*Speaker*

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Mediterranean countries are facing intertwined environmental and socio-economic challenges: climate change effects are evident, with increasingly frequent water crises, prolonged droughts and extreme weather events.
At the same time, the global energetic crisis put the water sector under stress, with increasing costs, pushing the sector towards more efficient and circular models.

The session addresses the need for a paradigm shift combining technical know-how, technological innovation, financial sustainability and inclusive governance.

It will showcase the experience of the Piedmont territorial system and Hydroaid – Water for Development Management Institute - as a potentially replicable model, linking it with European, Mediterranean and international perspectives on resilient water resource management.

OBJECTIVES

1. *Analyze the main challenges that climate change poses to the planning and management of water services in the Euro-Mediterranean region.*
2. *Explore consolidated and innovative approaches and financial instruments in the water sector supporting climate adaptation and mitigation.*
3. *Promote international partnerships and the exchange of best practices to strengthen cooperation among Mediterranean territories.*
4. *Offer institutions, experts, and local territories a platform for discussion on this issue.*

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Institutional decision-makers and policymakers in the Mediterranean water sector.
- Regulatory authorities and water utility management entities.
- International financial institutions and development cooperation agencies.
- Technical experts, researchers, and scientific professionals in ecological transition.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Development of common sustainability frameworks, connecting technical solutions, financial strategies, and international cooperation.
- Creation of new strategic partnerships, European and international project opportunities, and peer-to-peer learning initiatives