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KEY INFORMATION

Date	01 October 2026
Time	11:30 – 13:00
Room	Sala Giordano
Format	Workshop
Language(s)	English

SUMMARY

This session explores how water security, industrial resilience and technological innovation can strengthen Europe and the Mediterranean. It will examine desalination, water reuse, membrane technologies, manufacturing capacity and public-private cooperation as pillars of a resilient regional water ecosystem.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
[hh:mm]	Rohit Sathe – SVP WMS LS&E	MANN+HUMMEL	Speaker
[hh:mm]	Vishwas Gawade – VP Global R&D LS&E	MANN+HUMMEL	Speaker
[hh:mm]	Evgenii Dolgov – Global Product Manager Water	MANN+HUMMEL	Speaker
[hh:mm]	Marco Mezzanotte – Water Expert	MANN+HUMMEL	Speaker
[hh:mm]	Mattia Giagnorio - Manager Global R&D Water Spirals	MANN+HUMMEL	Speaker
	Francesco Romani - Membrane operations expert	MANN+HUMMEL	Speaker
	Marco Fioravanti – Mayor of Ascoli Piceno and current President of the National Council of ANCI	Municipality of Ascoli Piceno/ANCI	Speaker
	Andrea Rubini - Director of Operations	Water Europe	Speaker
	Mauro Grassi - Partner and Co-founder, Director	One Water Committee, EWA Foundation	Facilitator

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

Water scarcity is becoming a structural challenge across the Mediterranean due to climate pressure, demographic growth and increasing industrial demand. Water security is increasingly linked to economic resilience, industrial competitiveness and social stability. The session will discuss how desalination, water

reuse, advanced membrane technologies and resilient supply chains can support long-term water resilience while strengthening European technological sovereignty and manufacturing capabilities.

OBJECTIVES

1. Position water security as a strategic economic and industrial priority.
2. Explore the role of desalination, water reuse and membrane technologies in resilient water systems.
3. Discuss European technological sovereignty and manufacturing capacity for critical water infrastructure.
4. Strengthen dialogue among institutions, industry, utilities, researchers and innovators.
5. Promote cooperation between Europe and Mediterranean partners.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Policymakers, European and national institutions, water utilities, desalination operators, engineering companies, technology providers, researchers, universities, startups, investors, development organizations and industrial water users.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Shared understanding of water security as a driver of economic resilience and competitiveness.
- Recommendations for strengthening European water technology manufacturing and innovation.
- Enhanced collaboration among institutions, industry, utilities and research organizations.
- Identification of priorities for Mediterranean cooperation, capacity building and resilient supply chains.
- A forward-looking agenda for water security, industrial resilience and technology development.