Up- scaling and mainstreaming Nature Based Solutions at the basin level

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KEY INFORMATION

Date	1st October 2026
Time	16:30 – 18:00
Room	Itaca
Format	Panel discussion with Q&A session
Language(s)	English

SUMMARY

This session will explore how Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) can be scaled up and mainstreamed at the river basin level to address growing challenges of water scarcity, ecosystem degradation, biodiversity loss, and climate change across the Euro-Mediterranean region. Building on existing European, Mediterranean, and national policy frameworks, the discussion will highlight practical experiences from river basins and identify the policy, financial, and technical mechanisms needed to support prioritisation of NBS in policies and related implementation. The session will also promote regional cooperation and knowledge exchange, strengthening the integration of ecosystem-based approaches into sustainable water, climate, and biodiversity strategies.

AGENDA & SPEAKERS

Time	Speaker Name & Title	Organization	Role / Topic
Session 1: Showcasing Nature-Based Solutions for Water in Mediterranean River Basins			
16:30 - 17:20	Ms. Maroua Oueslati, Information & Project Manager	SEMIDE	Moderator - Introduction
	Ms. Marianne Courouble, Policy Advocacy Expert	MedWet,	Panelist
	Mr. Eric Mino, Director	SEMIDE	Panelist
	Ms. Clara Eugenia Estrela Segrelles, Head of the Technical Department	Júcar River Basin Agency (CHJ), Spain	Panelist
	Panel discussion & Q&A session		**Moderator: Michael Ronse – TdV**
Session 2: Governance and Financing for Mainstreaming Nature-Based Solutions			
	Ms.Pilar Marín Cabeza & Mr. Diego Pozzoli	IUCN-MED	Panelist

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17:20 - 17:55	Ms.Léa Glâtre, DIMFE and Pelagos Initiative Coordinator	Fondation Prince Albert II de Monaco, Monaco	Panelist
	Mr. Hamadi Habaieb, Secretary of State for Water	Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Fisheries, Tunisia (TBC)	Keynote speaker
	Panel discussion & Q&A session		**Moderator: Chris Rostron, MedWet**
17:55 - 18:00	Mr. Chris Rostron, Coordinator	MedWet	Conclusion speaker

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE

The Euro-Mediterranean region is facing increasing water scarcity, climate change, ecosystem degradation, and growing pressure on water resources and biodiversity. Nature-Based Solutions (NBS) offer a no-regret approach to address these challenges while strengthening water resilience, restoring ecosystems, and delivering environmental, social, and economic benefits.

Although numerous NBS initiatives and pilot projects are being implemented across Mediterranean countries, their uptake and integration into policies and basin-level planning remain limited. Scaling up these solutions requires stronger cross-sectoral governance, cooperation between multiple stakeholders, technical know-how, evidence based decision making, and sustainable financing.

The session will provide a platform to share practical experiences, highlight successful approaches, and discuss the enabling conditions needed to move from pilot projects to basin-scale implementation. It will also contribute to strengthening regional cooperation and advancing the integration of NBS into water, climate, and ecosystem restoration agendas.

OBJECTIVE

- Promote upscaling and mainstreaming of Nature-Based Solutions at river basin level
- Share practical experiences from Mediterranean basin organisations
- Identify policy, financial, and technical mechanisms to support replication, transfer, and upscaling
- Strengthen regional cooperation and knowledge exchange

TARGET AUDIENCE

Representatives from River Basin Organisations and water authorities, National and local policymakers, regional and international financial institutions, Research institutions, universities, and technical experts, Civil society organisations, NGOs, and wetland and ecosystem managers …

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Strengthened **regional cooperation and knowledge exchange** among Mediterranean stakeholders.
- Key **recommendations and messages** to support the integration of NBS into basin planning and policies.