

**Information Session on Marine Litter, and  
Final Annual Project Meeting of Facility for Regional Policy Dialogue on  
Integrated Maritime Policy**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Thon Hotel, Brussels, Belgium**

**Draft Agenda**

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• European Commission (DG Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations – DG NEAR; DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries – DG MARE)</li> <li>• Union for the Mediterranean Secretariat</li> </ul>
09:15 – 11:15	<p>Session I: Marine Litter – The International Context</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Activities and Initiatives of DG NEAR</i> Mr. Stefano Dotto, European Commission, DG NEAR (15+10min)</li> <li>• <i>The Pilot Project of the BLUEMED Initiative: A plastic-free healthy Mediterranean Sea</i> Marta Iglesias, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation – DG RTD, Brussels – DG , Belgium (15+10min)</li> <li>• <i>Plastic Busters Project: Bridging North and South Mediterranean in Marine Litter Monitoring and Mitigation Actions</i> Prof. Dr. Cristina Fossi, Plastic Busters Project, University of Siena, Italy (15+10min)</li> <li>• <i>The Clean Oceans – an Initiative of EIB, KfW and AFD</i> Jonas Byström, European Investment Bank, Luxemburg (15+10min)</li> <li>• <i>Delivering Facts for Action – Implications of Space-Technologies and Novel Big Data Analysis Technologies for Plastic Marine Litter</i> Mag. Alexander Welzl, EUPRO Bureau for European Projects and University of Applied Science Technikum, Vienna, Austria (15min+10min)</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break
11:45 – 12:00	<p>Facility project – brief remarks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Federica Pesce, European Commission, DG NEAR (5min)</li> <li>• Mr. Christos Theophilou, European Commission, DG MARE (5min)</li> <li>• Dr. Lothar Schillak, Project Team Leader (5min)</li> </ul>
12:00 – 13:00	<p>Session II: The Facility Project - a look back and ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Facility Project – 3 years of cooperation for IMP and BE</i> by Dr. Lothar Schillak, Project Team Leader (30min)</li> <li>• <i>Guidance for the development and funding of Blue Economy projects</i> by Robert Tippmann, Climatekos (30min)</li> </ul>

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Session III: Country Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations by national Focal Points of cooperating countries Algeria (20min), Egypt (20min), Israel (20min), Jordan (20 min)</li> </ul>
15:30 – 17:00	<p>Session IV: Country Presentations, cont'd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations by national Focal Points of cooperating countries Lebanon (20min), Palestine (20min), Morocco (20min), Tunisia (20min)</li> </ul>
17:00 – 17:30	Session V: Q&A - Plenary Discussion
17:30 – 18:00	<p>Closure of the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mrs. Federica Pesce, DG NEAR European Commission</li> <li>• Mr. Christos Theophilou, DGMARE European Commission</li> <li>• Dr. Lothar Schillak, Team Leader Facility Project</li> </ul>