



Mind the Gap: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities for Cleaner Mediterranean Waters

Monday 19th May 2025, The Planetarium Hall, Villa Bighi, Kalkara

Organised by **Xjenza Malta** in collaboration with the **Environment and Resources Authority**, the **Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry**, and **RHE-MEDIation Project** as part of the EU Funded **BlueMissionMed** (BMM) Coordination and Support Action.

Agenda

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome remarks by Silvio Scerri , CEO Xjenza Malta (09:00 – 09:05)
	Welcome remarks by William Spiteri Bailey , President, The Malta Chamber (09:05 – 09:10)
	Introductory Speech by Hon. Keith Azzopardi Tanti , Parliamentary Secretary for Research and Innovation (09:10 – 09:15)
09:15 – 09:30	Presentation of BMM promotional video (09:15 – 09:20)
	Launch of BlueMissionMed Support Programme by George Bugeja , Deputy Director, Xjenza Malta (09:20 – 09:30)
09:15 – 10:00	Presentation of environmental targets and objectives relating to waste and water by Kevin Mercieca , CEO Environment and Resources Authority
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee break

<p>10.15 – 11.15 Panel Discussion 1</p>	<p><i>Collaborative Pathways: Harmonizing National Priorities and Policy Solutions</i></p> <p>Moderator: Rachel Attard Bondi Panellist: Karl Cilia, CEO, Water Services Corporation Richard Bilocca, CEO, Wasteserv Malta Ltd. Stefan Cachia, Director-General, Public Abattoir Francois Piccione, Deputy CEO, Indis Malta Ltd Capt. David Bugeja, Chief Officer, Maritime Affairs, Transport Malta</p>
<p>10.15 – 11.15 Panel Discussion 2</p>	<p><i>Closing the Gap: From Policy Design to Effective Implementation</i></p> <p>Moderator: Rachel Attard Bondi Panellist: Ramona Saliba Scerri, Director – Policy Unit, Xjenza Malta Dr Marthese Portelli, CEO, Malta Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Enterprise Kevin Mercieca, CEO, Environment & Resources Authority</p>
<p>12.00-13.00</p>	<p>Lunch and networking</p>
<p>13:00 – 13:20</p>	<p>Introducing <i>RHE-MEDIation Project</i> – an Innovative Transformative Solution – Dr Nuno Gomes, BLUEMATER, Portugal</p>
<p>13:20 - 14:20</p>	<p><i>Case Study: Chemical Pollution Remediation Technologies based on micro-Algae Solutions</i> presented by Dr Davide Liberti, University of Algarve and Dr Nuno Gomes, Managing Director, BLUEMATER, Portugal.</p> <p>Q & A</p>
<p>14:20 – 14:30</p>	<p>Conclusion by Rapporteur Prof Alan Deidun, former member of the EU's Restore our Ocean and Waters Mission and Malta's Ocean Ambassador</p>