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Mediterranean blue economy: enhancing marine and maritime cooperation

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11.45 **Registration and welcome lunch**

12.45–14.00 **Opening remarks**

- **Antonis Samaras***, Prime Minister of Greece
- **Philippe de Fontaine Vive**, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank
- **Andrew Winbow**, Assistant Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation
- **Maria Damanaki**, European Commissioner for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

14.00–15.30 **Marine and maritime cooperation – Ministerial perspectives on the Mediterranean**

15.30–16.00 **Coffee break**

16.00–17.30 **Roundtable 1: Starting-up maritime clusters and promoting networking across training institutes**

Industry and employers' representatives, civil society, academia, and training institutes could be more engaged in the overall governance of marine and maritime activities in the region. Maritime clusters are useful platforms for multi-stakeholder involvement. Networking across training institutes may be conducive to improved career attractiveness through better matching of training offers to the needs of the sector and more harmonised training approaches in the region.

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8.30 **Welcome coffee and registration**

9.30–11.00 **Roundtable 2: Bridging the gap towards effective safety and surveillance**

The trends and forecasts for the coming years show a constant increase in shipping activity in the region. Substantial steps have been taken by some Mediterranean partner countries in the ratification of key IMO conventions and their enforcement through Flag and Port State control. However, this is a long-term task and assistance is still required. Networking of physically-defined navigation routes and Traffic Separation Schemes could help ensuring a safer and more secure navigation. Additionally, effective enforcement and respect of the applicable rules need to be guaranteed. This becomes all the more relevant when preventing or fighting threats, illegal activities and major accidents at sea. Authorities carrying out coast guard functions in the Mediterranean are key actors in this regard.

11.00–11.30 **Coffee break**

11.30–13.00 **Roundtable 3: Addressing synergies across projects and opportunities for development and investments**

There is a need to improve synergies across different initiatives and projects. A one-stop-shop for marine and maritime information, in the form of a Virtual Knowledge Centre, could provide an easily-accessible and common umbrella. Efforts are needed to ensure consistency across current and future projects and stimulate ideas for projects that could support job creation, security and safety, blue growth and the leveraging of private sector participation.

13.00 **Closing remarks**

- **Fathallah Sijilmassi***, Secretary-General of the Union for the Mediterranean
- **Marcus Cornaro***, Deputy Director General, Directorate-General for Development and Cooperation, European Commission
- **Mihai Tanasescu***, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank
- **Kostis Mousouroulis**, Minister for Shipping and the Aegean Sea, Greece

13.30 **Lunch**

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