MED Talks 4th Edition

25th November 2026
5.10 – 6.00PM (CET time)

- **Hybrid event:** Marseille (as part of the Interreg Euro-MED *"A Mediterranean Journey"* ***an*** **UfM Regional Forum Side Event**) and live streaming
- **Languages:** English, French, Arabic

Since December 2023, **the Interreg Euro-MED Programme, in partnership with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM),** has organised the annual "MED Talks", a joint initiative to create a space for dialogue and exchange among stakeholders from the two shores of the Mediterranean.

This year, **MED Talks will take place in Marseille** as part of the Interreg Euro-MED event ***"A Mediterranean Journey"*** *(an* UfM Regional Forum Side Event), but the session will be **also live streamed**, enabling remote audiences to follow the discussions.

MED Talks is an example of how Mediterranean cooperation continues to evolve. The initiative has now expanded to include other key Mediterranean programmes, as **Interreg NEXT MED and PRIMA**, creating a broader platform for dialogue, learning and collective action.

Agenda

Moderator: Anette Burgdorf

Introduction

- ***H.E. Dr. Nedal M. Al Ouran*** *- Environment Commissioner, Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority (ASEZA) - Jordanian Co-Presidency on Sustainable Blue Economy, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)*

Every drop, every tree: mediterranean cities rethink water

Exploring water scarcity, urban challenges such as green areas and cooling and highlighting challenges faced by Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries. A journey from NAWAMED to URWAN, demonstrating how cooperation can lead to concrete investments and long-term impact.

- ***Barbara Sarnari,*** *Vice-president SVI.MED. EuroMediterranean Centre for the Sustainable Development, Italy*
- ***Yaser Abunnasr****, American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon*

Shaping energy policy through mediterranean cooperation

Exploring the evolution of the Multi-Programme Projects' Dialogue on Energy. A journey from Tunisia to Egypt showcasing how cooperation among programmes, institutions and projects can evolve into a structured policy-oriented process generating transferable solutions, recommendations and stronger North-South links.

- ***Marina Kouta****, Project Manager & Researcher, University of Patras, Greece*
- ***Amina Lamouchi****, Management Company of Technopark Borj Cedria, Tunisia*

Water and agriculture: scaling up mediterranean solutions

Discovering how PRIMA cooperation between Northern and Southern Mediterranean partners supports the sustainable use of natural resources through SUPROMED and NBS360 projects will showcase proven solutions for managing water and agricultural inputs under water-scarcity conditions and scalable nature-based solutions (NBS) and ecosystem approaches to strengthen water resilience.

- ***Alfonso Domínguez Padilla****, University of Castilla-La Mancha (UCLM), Spain*
- ***Seifeddine Jomaa****, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research (UFZ), Germany*

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