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***Towards an improved scientific assessment of climate and environmental change
and their consequences in the Mediterranean Basin***

**Plenary consultation on the draft Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the First
Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR1) elaborated by the network of
Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change (MedECC)**

22 September 2020 (Marseille, France, and online)

The MedECC Plenary consultation on the Summary for Policymakers (SPM) of the MAR1 report prepared by the network of Mediterranean Experts on Climate and environmental Change (MedECC) will be held on 22 September 2020 in Marseille, France. Due to the sanitary situation the plenary consultation will be predominantly virtual.

Simultaneous interpretation in English and French will be provided during the plenary discussion. The Summary for Policymakers (SPM) to be discussed will be provided in English (reference version) and translated into French for easier use by francophone participants.

Pre-session documentation will not be distributed on paper but will be posted on a dedicated webpage shared with the participants before the meeting.

Participants to the Plenary consultation:

- Focal Points of the Union for the Mediterranean Climate Change Expert Group (UfM CCEG) and the UfM Environment Task Force
- Focal Points of Plan Bleu/Regional Activity Centre (UNEP/MAP, United Nations Environment Programme / Mediterranean Action Plan)
- Members of the Steering Committee of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development (MCSD)
- MedECC Coordinators, Secretariat, Steering Committee members, and Coordinating Lead Authors of MAR1
- Plan Bleu, UNEP/MAP and UfM Secretariat representatives



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Agenda

Central European Summer Time (CEST), UTC +2

9:00 – 12:30 Morning session (chaired by Valentina Mauriello, Italy, as Vice-President of the Mediterranean Commission on Sustainable Development and Plan Bleu Focal Point)

9:00 – 9:30 – Welcome and opening session

Welcoming by the representative of the City of Marseille: Samia Ghali (French Senator and Second Deputy Mayor of Marseille)

Opening speech: Jihad Alsawair (Director of Green Economy Unit, Ministry of Environment, Jordan, UfM Co-Presidency)

Opening speech: Gaetano Leone (Coordinator, UNEP/MAP – Barcelona Convention Secretariat)

9:30 – 10:00 – Presentation of the draft First Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR1) and its Summary for Policymakers (SPM); presentation of the results of the consultation with policymakers and stakeholders on the draft SPM and MAR1, integration of the comments, questions about the process – Joel Guiot and Wolfgang Cramer, MedECC Coordinators

10:00 – 12:30 – Discussion of the revised draft SPM

The revised draft SPM will be projected and level 3 sections will be discussed. The policymaker representatives will express their remarks and the MedECC Coordinators and Coordinating Lead Authors will reply to them and give clarifications if necessary. Only modifications agreed by scientists would be included in the text during the session.



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Time	Discussed part of the SPM
10:00 – 10:20	Executive summary
10:20 – 10:30	1. Background for the assessment
10:30 – 11:30	2. Drivers of environmental change in the Mediterranean Basin 2.1. Climate change 2.2. Pollution 2.3. Land and sea use change 2.4. Non-indigenous species
11:30 – 12:30	3. Resources 3.1. Water 3.2. Food 3.3. Energy

12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 17:50 Afternoon session (chaired by Grammenos Mastrojeni, as Senior Deputy Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean)

14:00 – 14:05 Introduction by Isidro Gonzalez (Deputy Secretary General, Division "Water, Environment, Blue Economy", Union for the Mediterranean)

Time	Discussed part of the SPM
14:05 – 15:00	4. Ecosystems 4.1. Marine ecosystems 4.2. Coastal ecosystems 4.3. Terrestrial ecosystems
15:00 – 16:00	5. Society 5.1. Development 5.2. Human health 5.3. Human security
16:00 – 16:30	6. Managing future risks and building socio-ecological resilience in the Mediterranean

16:30 – 17:00 – *Coffee break (including the time for preparing the recommendations)*

17:00 – 17:50 – Discussion of the meeting conclusions and recommendations

17:50 – 18:00 – Closure of the meeting: Stefano Dotto (Head of DG NEAR, European Commission, UfM Co-Presidency)