



## 1<sup>st</sup> WES-BCA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

### AGENDA

Monday 26 May 2025  
09:00 - 15:15 CET

Hotel NH Brussels EU Berlaymont  
Room: Gasperi I, II, III  
Boulevard Charlemagne 11-19  
Brussels, Belgium  
Hybrid mode

The meeting will be chaired by Mr Frédéric FOURTUNE, Programme Manager, WES-BCA, DG MENA and Professor Michael SCULLOS, Team Leader, WES-BCA

#### Time (CET)

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| 09:00       | Registration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 09:30-10:00 | Welcome and Opening remarks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 30'         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Stavros DAMIANIDIS, Project Director, WES-BCA</li><li>Mr Frédéric FOURTUNE, Programme Manager, WES-BCA, DG MENA</li><li>Mr Patrick WEGERDT, DG ENV</li><li>Ms Olfat HAMDAN, MedPol Programme Management Officer, UNEP/MAP</li><li>Ms Cristina CARDENETE, Environment Expert, Water, Environment, &amp; Blue Economy Division, Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)</li></ul> |
| 10.00-10.05 | Meeting Objectives & Expected Outcomes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 5'          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professor Michael SCULLOS, Team Leader, WES-BCA</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:05-10:25 | Project Overview                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 15'         | <b>WES-BCA vision, guiding principles, architecture, topics, Inception Phase actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professor Michael SCULLOS, Team Leader, WES-BCA</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5'          | <b>Modalities of operation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ms Evie LITOU, Coordinator Component I, WES-BCA</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 10:25-11:25 | Developing the Workplan of Component I based on PCs' priorities part 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 15'         | <b>National and Regional Activities   Environment: emphasis on plastics/marine pollution</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mr Anis ISMAIL, Environment Key Expert, WES-BCA</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|             | <b>Hearing from the Partner Countries</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 45'         | Tour de table: Country by country feedback and updates from WES-BCA Environment Focal Points and EU Delegations in the eight Partner Countries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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|             | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 11:25-11:55 | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 11:55-12:55 | Developing the Workplan of Component I based on PCs' priorities part 2                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 15'         | <b>National and Regional Activities   Water: emphasis on IWRM, WEFE Nexus and Climate adaptation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Suzan TAHA, Water Key Expert, WES-BCA</li> </ul>                                               |
|             | <b>Hearing from the Partner Countries</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 45'         | Tour de table: Country by country feedback and updates from WES-BCA Water Focal Points and EU Delegations in the eight Partner Countries                                                                                                      |
|             | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 12:55-13:05 | Communication and Visibility Plan for Component I                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 10'         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Lisa PAPADOGEORGAKI, Communication Key Expert, WES-BCA</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   |
| 13:05-14:00 | Lunch break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 14:00-14:40 | Developing the WES-BCA Outreach Strategy on Environment and Climate Action (Component II)                                                                                                                                                     |
| 40'         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professor Michael SCOULLOS, Team Leader, WES-BCA</li> <li>Ms Louise SARANT, Social Outreach Non-Key Expert, WES-BCA &amp;</li> <li>Ms Anastasia RONIOTES, Coordinator Component II, WES-BCA</li> </ul> |
|             | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:40-14:50 | Enhancing the impact of WES-BCA activities                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10'         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr Emad ADLY, Stakeholder Engagement and Impact Assessment Non-Key Expert, WES-BCA</li> </ul>                                                                                                          |
|             | Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 14:50-15:15 | Final Discussion and Endorsement of the Workplan                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 10'         | Discussion facilitated by Professor Michael SCOULLOS, Team Leader, WES-BCA                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5'          | <b>Next Steps on the Project's Implementation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Stavros DAMIANIDIS, Project Director, WES-BCA</li> <li>Professor Michael SCOULLOS, Team Leader, WES-BCA</li> </ul>                               |
| 10'         | <b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Cristina CASELLA, Programme Manager for Climate Action, DG MENA</li> </ul>                                                                                                   |
| 15:15       | End of meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |