



Mediterranean Science, Policy, Research and Innovation Gateway

EMEG (Euro-Mediterranean Expert Group)

3rd EMEG Meeting:

**“A FRAME FOR A COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING
OF WATER-ENERGY-FOOD NEXUS”**

Malta, 30 September-2 October 2015

Agenda

Wednesday, 30 September

9h00 - 9h30 Welcome (MCST, CIHEAM Secretary General, European Commission)

9h30 - 10h00 The Nexus: a way to achieve sustainability [Claudio Bogliotti, Gaetano Ladisa and Virginia Belsanti, MEDSPRING Coordinator and Staff]

10h00 - 10h40 European Commission, DG Research and Innovation:

- Water and Food in the upcoming EU research activities [Panagiotis Balabanis - Deputy Head of Unit “Eco-Innovation”, Directorate “Climate Action and Resources Efficiency”]
- Prospect of future EU-Mediterranean cooperation on Research and Innovation [Christopher Gauci – Policy Officer - International Cooperation with European neighborhood, Africa & Gulf, Directorate “International Cooperation”]

10h40 - 11h10 Keynote speech: Sahara Forest Project in the W-E-F Nexus [Christina De Poitiers, Project Manager]

11h10 - 11h40 Coffee break

11h40 - 12h55 Parallel working groups

- Introduction by chairperson on main Trends/Scenarios (i.e. Water vs. Food and Energy) (5’)
- Main Challenges (**NEXUS Main Problems**)

13h00 - 15h00 Lunch

15h00 - 16h00 Parallel working groups

- **NEXUS Specific Objectives**

16h00 - 16h15 Coffee break / Poster session

16h15 - 17h45 Plenary session: group leader presents outcomes (30’) and debate

17h45 Closure of 1st day.

20h00 Social dinner

Thursday, 1 October

9h00 – 10h15 Panel discussion: “Water- Energy-Food: perspectives for new market and innovation opportunities as well as research and cooperation”

- i. Daniele Rossi (Confagricoltura/Agrifood/Food4Life, Italy)
- ii. Rim Saied (General Directorate of Research Valorization - Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, Tunisia)
- iii. Essam Khamis (City of Scientific Research and Technological Applications of Alexandria, Egypt)
- iv. Muhammad Saidam (Knowledge Sector at Royal Scientific Society - El Hassan Science City, Jordan)
- v. Angelo Riccaboni (University of Siena, Italy) “A brief outline on the W-F nexus in P.R.I.M.A. (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)”

10h15 – 11h00 Open debate

11h00 – 11h30 Coffee break / Poster session

11h30-11h45 Plenary session: Objectives and Tasks of the 2nd day (MEDSPRING Coordinator)

11h45 – 12h45 Parallel working groups

- **Actions** (both technical and policy-related)

13h00 – 15h00 Lunch

15h00 – 17h00 Parallel working groups (continuation)

17h00 - 17h15 Coffee break / Poster session

17h15 – 18h00 Plenary session: group leader presents outcomes (30') (and debate)

18h00 Closure of 2nd day.

20h00 Free dinner

Friday, 2 October

9h00 – 9h15 Plenary session: Objectives and Tasks of the 3rd day (MEDSPRING Coordinator)

9h30 – 11h45 Parallel working groups (mixed small groups 5-6 person)

- Preparation of **Recommendations for EC, MS/AC and MPC**

Coffee break (available during the working groups)

11h45-12h45 Plenary session: collection/clustering of recommendations and conclusions.

13h00 Closure