

MARINE PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA – A LEGAL AND POLITICAL CHALLENGE

CMS! CLOSING CONFERENCE

10-12 SEPT 2023, HOTEL DEPANDANSA BOR, DEBELI RTIČ,
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PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME



SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

From 14:00 ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION
From 18:00 RECEPTION AND WELCOME DRINKS

MONDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2023

09:00-09:30 REGISTRATION

09:30-11:00 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE
Hannes Tretter, Vasilka Sancin and Clara Zimmermann
(CMS!-Team)
Welcome and short presentation of the CMS! Project

KEY NOTE: THE PROBLEMS OF PLASTIC WASTE FROM A CURRENT
PERSPECTIVE
Michel Prieur, CICDE

11:00-12:30 THE IMPACT OF PLASTIC POLLUTION ON THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM – A
NATURAL SCIENCE PERSPECTIVE
Robert Hofrichter and Gerald Blaich, Marine Biologists, NGO
MareMundi
Georg Scattolin, WWF Austria
Bethanie M. Carney Almroth, Earth System Science (tbc)
Discussion

12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

- 14:00-15:30 DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVES – EU
 Slovenia, Vasilka Sancin, University of Ljubljana
 Italy, Michela Leggio, University of Milano-Bicocca
 France, Pascale Ricard, CERIC, tbc
 Cyprus, Ioanna Hadjiyianni, University of Cyprus, tbc
- 15:30-17:00 DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVES – NON- EU
 Lebanon, Josiane Yazbeck, University La Sagesse
 Montenegro, Milana Ranković, University of Montenegro
 Morocco, Mohamed Behnassi, CERES
 Turkey, Beyza Özturanli, Eskisehir Osmangazi University
- 17:00-17:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 17:30-18:30 PRESENTATION CMS! STUDY WITH COMPARATIVE LEGAL EVALUATIONS
 Clara Zimmermann, Lena Metz, Clara Kammeringer and
 Melanie Katzbauer (CMS! Team)
 Discussion
- 18:30-19:30 PRESENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CMS! STUDY
 Hannes Tretter, Clara Zimmermann and Robert Hofrichter
 (CMS! Team)
 Discussion
- 19:30 DINNER

TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023

- 09:00-09:30 REGISTRATION
- 09:30-11:00 EVOLUTIONS AND CHALLENGES AT INTERNATIONAL AND EU LEVEL
 The Global Plastic Treaty (*working title*)
 Michel Prieur, CICDE
 Current status of EU legislation to protect the Mediterranean
 Sea from plastic waste and unresolved problems (*working title*)
 Representative of the Cabinet of EC Commissioner Sinkevičius,
 tba
 Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 11:30-12:30 STRATEGIC LITIGATION – PANEL DISCUSSION
 Vasilka Sancin, UN HRC Advisory Committee
 Christina Binder, University of the Bundeswehr Munich

	Client Earth, tba
	Discussion
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-16:00	A CIVIL SOCIETY AND CORPORATE PERSPECTIVE – PANEL DISCUSSION
	Georg Scattolin, WWF Austria
	Mirzana Bexheti, CMS! Team, tbc
	N.N. from economy
	Client Earth, tba
	Discussion
16:00-16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30-17:00	MEASURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (<i>working title</i>)
	Michel Prieur, CICDE
17:00-19:00	WAYS FORWARDS? – PANEL DISCUSSION
	Representative from the European Commission, tba
	A legal personality to the Mediterranean Sea?
	(<i>working title</i>)
	Michel Prieur, CICDE
	N.N. natural scientist, tba
	N.N. from a NGO, tba
	Discussion
19:00-19:30	CLOSURE
	Vasilka Sancin, Clara Zimmermann and Hannes Tretter, CMS! Team
19:30-20:00	DRINKS
20:00-?	DINNER & OPEN-ENDED DISCUSSIONS

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