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## Draft agenda of the first meeting of the Blue Economy Working Group

17 May 2016, Turku, Finland

Scandic Julia Hotel

**Chairing:** by the co-Presidency, Mr Christos Economou, Head of Unit DG MARE D1 and Mr Hussein Souob, Jordan Focal Point for the Blue Economy

<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>10:00 -11:15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening</b> (by the co-Presidency and Mr George Saliba, UfM Secretariat)</li> <li>• <b>UfM Ministerial Declaration on the Blue Economy:</b> state of play and planning of actions/deliverables and related reporting, including a possible maritime initiative in the western Mediterranean. (by the UfM Co-presidencies and the UfM Secretariat)</li> <li>• <b>IMP-MED Facility:</b> short presentation of activities and planning (by Ms Roxana Toran - DG NEAR and Mr Lothar Schillak, Team Leader Atkins)</li> <li>• <b>Proposals on the setting up of the UfM Forum on Blue Economy</b> (by Ms Alessandra Sensi, UfM Secretariat)</li> </ul>
<b>11:15-11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30-13:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>State of play of national maritime policies:</b> tour de table on progresses made on implementing the Declaration on Blue Economy and on cross-sectorial coordination at national level (by focal points of the UfM Countries)  [NB: presentation of specific country cases is also possible and welcome]</li> </ul>
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14:30 – 15:45</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion on defining the Blue Economy</b> (Introduction by Mr Iain Shepherd, Acting Head of Unit – DG MARE C1)</li> <li>• <b>Presentation on marine litter / Plastic Busters project</b> (by Ms Cristina Fossi, UfM Secretariat)</li> </ul>
<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>

<p><b>16:00 – 17:30</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Cooperation instruments: focus on the European Transnational Cooperation Programmes ENI-CBC-MED and MED</b>  (Presentation for information and discussion on possible complementarities by Ms Roxana Toran DG NEAR and Ms Patrizia Busolini, JTS of the MED Programme)</li><li>• <b>Innovation and skill development in marine and maritime sectors:</b> the BLUEMED Initiative and discussion on (1) synergies between the initiative and the BE-MED Working Group and the GSO on Research and Innovation, and on (2) inclusion of countries on a voluntary basis.  (Presentation of the BlueMED Initiative by Mr Fabio Fava, coordinator)  (Presentation of the Blue Calls by Mr Luca Marangoni, DG MARE)  (Presentation of the results of the study on Networking of Maritime Training Institutes, Christos Theophilou DG MARE)</li></ul>
<p><b>17:30 – 18:00</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AOB</li><li>• Next steps</li><li>• Conclusions (by the co-Presidency)</li></ul>