



United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development

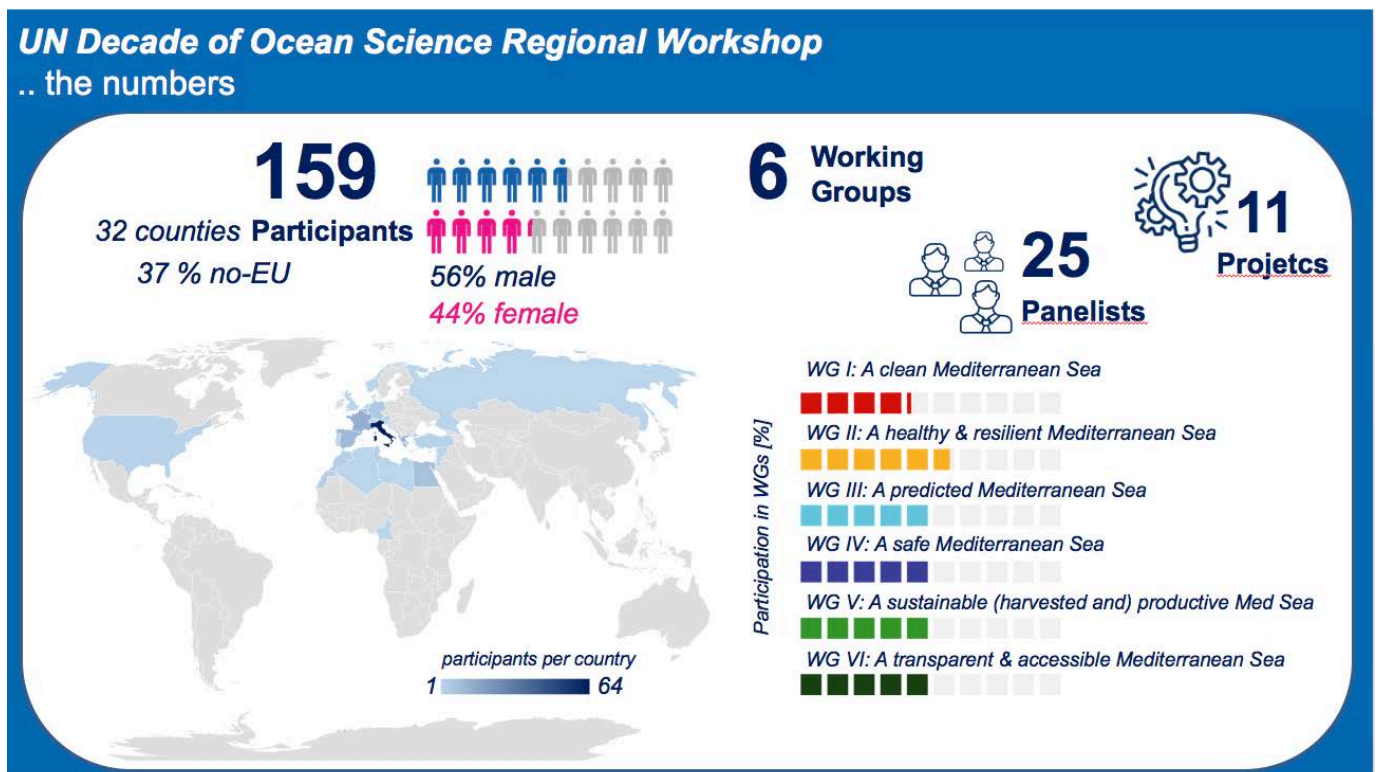


Here are some key facts about the Mediterranean Workshop ‘The Mediterranean Sea We Need for the Future We Want’:

Context (address, dates, organisers):

- Venue : UNESCO-IOC Office, Palazzo Zorzi, Venice, Italy
- Dates : 21-23 January 2020 ;
- Co-organisers : Italian Oceanographic Commission (COI), Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (UNESCO/IOC), European Commission (EC), United Nations Environment/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP), Mediterranean Science Commission (CIESM), in collaboration with the BlueMed Initiative.
- Sponsors : National Research Council of Italy (CNR), Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC), National Institute of Geophysics and Volcanology (INGV), Stazione Zoologica Anton Dohrn (SZN), BlueMed CSA, EC, UNESCO/IOC

Workshop key figures and highlights (number of participants, geographical representation, priorities for the region) :



Number of participants : 159 (89 male and 70 female)

Good geographical representation: participants from 4 continents and 32 countries (20 EU and 12 non-EU countries): 131 European experts (Albania, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, UK) and 1 expert from Russian Federation, 18 African experts (Algeria, Cameroon, Egypt, Turkey, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia), 2 experts from Israel, 1 expert from Jordan and 1 from Lebanon, 1 expert from Syria, 2 from Turkey and 2 experts from USA.

Fair sectoral balance:

15 academics, 14 governments' representatives, 76 experts from research institution, 1 private sector, 53 regional and international organisations and initiatives.

TBN: Plastic free event and youth participation (4 BlueMed Young Ambassadors).

Specific priorities for the Mediterranean: Enhance observing and predicting capabilities; Build a laboratory for Climate Change; Set up efficient adaptive/mitigating strategies to react to the accelerated paths of change: Carry out test case actions focusing on socio-ecological systems; Science-policy integration; North-South and East-West collaboration aligning BlueMed, IOC, UNEP-MAP, EC, CIESM, ESA, UfM, GFCM; Structured partnerships to overcome political constraints; Cross-shared educational strategy for Sustainable Development.

Specific key words: endemism, land-sea connection, cultural heritage, socio-ecological systems, multi-scale multidisciplinary observation, data ecosystem, exotic species, culture of adaptation, local knowledge sharing capacity.

Website:<https://www.cnr.it/it/news/9212/un-decade-of-ocean-science-for-sustainable-development-2021-2030-mediterranean-workshop-the-mediterranean-sea-we-need-for-the-future-we-want>

Quotes:

**M. Riccardo** - Enthusiasm and competence, awareness of working together and willingness to share

**F. Trincardi** - Share a view of the seascape, be aware of our historical impacts, improve our ability to forecast extreme events

**S. Kholeif** - Ocean Science is our Champion and is a source of innovation, we all have to bring it about, but we all stand to gain in the end

**F. Fava** - The Mediterranean is a shared sea, any best practice will have an extra value to address policy and decisions in the future

**R- Santoleri** - Coastal urbanization and climate change exacerbates the need for advanced monitoring and predictions of coastal inundation, of coastal pollution, of coastal habitat health and multi-hazards. The Mediterranean Sea is launching a proposal for a program on global coastal observation and prediction for the Decade.

**G. Leone** - The Decade needs to go beyond scientific capacity development, by creating a new awareness at the policy and civil society level, identifying alternative funding and increasing international collaboration. The effective use of unprecedented achievements in science and technology, is indispensable to ensure that growing development demands and a healthy ocean co-exist in harmony.