

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

## CMS! CLOSING CONFERENCE

10-12 SEPT 2023, HOTEL DEPENDANSA BOR, DEBELI RTIČ,  
ANKARAN, SLOVENIA

## 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 ( <i>working title</i> )
	Michel Prieur, CICDE
	Current status of EU legislation to protect the Mediterranean Sea from plastic waste and unresolved problems ( <i>working title</i> )
	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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