

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

## CMS! CLOSING CONFERENCE

10-12 SEPTEMBER 2023, HOTEL DEPANDANSA BOR, DEBELI RTIČ, ANKARAN, SLOVENIA

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME



### SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

From 17:00                    REGISTRATION  
From 18:00                    RECEPTION AND WELCOME DRINKS  
20:00                            DINNER

### 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), *Andreas Franke* (artist)  
Welcome and short presentation of the CMS! Project and the  
Conference

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  
Moderation: Christina Binder, University of the Bundeswehr Munich  
*Robert Hofrichter and Gerald Blaich, NGO MareMundi*  
*Georg Scattolin, WWF Austria*  
*Frank Schweikert, German Ocean Foundation*  
Discussion

- 12:30-14:00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00-15:30 DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVES – EU  
Moderation: *Jessica Good*, CMS! Team  
France, *Pascale Ricard*, CERIC, online  
Slovenia, *Vasilka Sancin*, University of Ljubljana  
Italy, *Michela Leggio*, University of Milano-Bicocca  
Cyprus, *Alexandros Vryonides*, University of Cyprus
- 15:30-17:00 DOMESTIC PERSPECTIVES – NON- EU  
Moderation: *Clara Kammeringer*, CMS! Team  
Morocco, *Hind Majdoubi*, Ibn Tofail University, online  
Lebanon, *Josiane Yazbeck*, University La Sagesse  
Montenegro, *Milana Ranković*, University of Montenegro  
Turkey, *Beyza Özturanli Sanda*, Eskisehir Osmangazi University
- 17:00-17:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 17:30-19:30 PRESENTATION CMS! STUDY: COMPARATIVE LEGAL EVALUATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS  
Moderation: *Hannes Tretter*, CMS! Project leader  
*Clara Zimmermann*, *Clara Kammeringer*, *Jessica Good*, *Lena Metz* and *Alex Hofbauer*, CMS! Team  
Discussion
- 20:00 DINNER

## **TUESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2023**

- 09:00-09:30 REGISTRATION
- 09:30-11:00 EVOLUTIONS AND CHALLENGES AT INTERNATIONAL AND EU LEVEL  
Moderation: *Vasilka Sancin*, University of Ljubljana  
Current status of EU legislation to protect the Mediterranean Sea from plastic waste  
*Michalis Papadoyannakis*, Senior expert, European Commission, Directorate-General for Environment, online  
Current status of OSCE initiatives to protect the Mediterranean Sea from plastic waste  
Expert of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, tbc  
The Global Plastic Treaty  
*Michel Prieur*, CICDE  
Discussion

11:00-11:30	COFFEE BREAK
11:30-12:30	<p>STRATEGIC LITIGATION – PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Moderation: <i>Hannes Tretter</i>, CMS! Project leader</p> <p><i>Vasilka Sancin</i>, former member and Vice-Chair of the UN Human Rights Committee</p> <p><i>Christina Binder</i>, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p> <p><i>Lotte Leicht</i>, Climate Rights International</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:30-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-15:30	<p>A CIVIL SOCIETY AND CORPORATE PERSPECTIVE – PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Moderation: <i>Clara Kammeringer</i>, CMS! Team</p> <p><i>Mirzana Bexheti</i>, CMS! Team</p> <p><i>Georg Scattolin</i>, WWF Austria</p> <p><i>Josiane Yazbeck</i>, Terre Liban</p> <p>Discussion</p>
15:30-16:00	<p>MEASURING THE EFFECTIVITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW</p> <p><i>Michel Prieur</i>, CICDE</p>
16:00-16:30	COFFEE BREAK
16:30-19:00	<p>WAYS FORWARD? – PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p>Moderation: <i>Hannes Tretter</i>, CMS! Project leader</p> <p>Four years ‘Clean Mediterranean Sea!’: Lessons learned <i>Clara Zimmermann</i>, CMS! Coordinator</p> <p>Taxation as a leverage for environmental sustainability <i>Chiara Schartmüller</i>, University of Vienna</p> <p>A legal personality to the Mediterranean Sea? <i>Michel Prieur</i>, CICDE</p> <p>Ways forward from the UN / EU perspective <i>Vasilka Sancin</i>, University of Ljubljana, UN HRC Advisory Committee</p> <p>Discussion</p>
19:00-19:30	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p><i>Hannes Tretter</i>, <i>Vasilka Sancin</i> and <i>Clara Zimmermann</i>, CMS! Team</p>
19:30-20:30	DRINKS

21:00

DINNER & OPEN-ENDED DISCUSSIONS AT HOTEL ANDOR

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