

Regional Workshop on Optimising Desalination under continental drying conditions through a Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus approach in the Mediterranean

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Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 25/11/2025 (time is in EET format)

10.00	Open Online Session - Introduction
	<u>Opening</u> • Message from Dr. Costas Kadis, <i>European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans</i> • Welcome remarks: - Prof. Stavros Malas, <i>President, Cyprus Institute</i> - Dr Jann Martinsohn, <i>Head of Ocean and Water Unit – D.2, European Commission Joint Research Centre</i> - Dr. Antonella Autino, <i>Project Coordinator, PRIMA</i> - Mr. Frederic de Dinechin, <i>Senior Policy Advisor, Water Environment and Blue Economy Division, Union for the Mediterranean, (TBC)</i> - Mr. Vangelis Constantianos, <i>WEFE4MED Co-coordinator, Executive Secretary & Regional Coordinator, GWP-Med</i> <u>Setting the Stage</u> • Dr. Jauad El Kharraz, <i>Chief Executive Officer & Founder at WECEN</i> Desalination in the Mediterranean and its interlinkages with the WEFE Nexus <u>Practitioner insights – Lessons from the Region</u> • Prof. Hama El Fil, <i>Head of Laboratory, Center of Water Researches and Technologies (CERTE), Tunisia (TBC)</i> WEFE Nexus-desalination linkages and regional perspectives from Tunisia • Prof. Khaoula Khaless, <i>Associate Professor, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Morocco</i> Brine management and its applications in fertilizers and agriculture, based on experience from Morocco • Dr. Marios Georgiou, <i>Head of PROTEAS, The Cyprus Institute, Cyprus</i> Innovative approaches from Cyprus, linking renewable energy systems and desalination <u>Brief Conclusions</u>
	Focussed discussions to follow – by invitation