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# Sustainable Rivers: Bridging Local and European Initiatives

**21 May 2024, 10:00 – 17:00 CEST**

*Camera di Commercio di Roma - Sala del Tempio di Vibia Sabina e  
Adriano*

*Piazza di Pietra, Rome, Italy*

In collaboration with BlueMissionAA and EcoDaLLI



## Concept note

In line with the European Green Deal, the EU Mission “Restore Our Oceans and Waters by 2030” aims to eliminate pollution and to transition the blue economy to zero carbon emissions and circular practices. The Mission supports commitment and regional cooperation through “Lighthouses” based in key marine and river basins. The Mission's Lighthouses serve as sites to pilot, demonstrate, develop, and deploy Mission activities in the EU's seas and river basins.

"Sustainable Rivers: Bridging Local and European Initiatives" is a collaborative effort involving key stakeholders at both the local and European levels to showcase their commitments to the Mission and promote partnerships between actions and initiatives at the river basin.

As a place to connect the community of stakeholders on rivers, the event takes place in the context of the Tiber River Contracts, Urbano and Media Valle, defined as a pact among different local actors for the sustainable and integrated management of a watershed, that recognize the river as a shared resource and a vital environment. It serves as a voluntary, strategic, and integrated planning tool negotiated among various stakeholders in river territories. Rivers Contract's primary goal is to promote environmental and landscape redevelopment through actions addressing hydrogeological issues and water quality. The Tiber River Contracts (from Media Valle trait and from Castel Giubileo to the Tiber mouth) are a model to codesign implementation plan that aligns with the key objectives of European environmental policies, including the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the Water Framework Directive, and the Zero Pollution Action Plan for air, water, and soil.

The event will highlight the concept of Lighthouse and will test the model of River Contract that will serve as pilot to experiment, demonstrate, develop, and implement activities to address the Mission Objectives on rivers system management to amplify the impact from the local to Mediterranean and beyond.

River System Management is important for all EU basins and particularly for Mediterranean Countries as rivers are responsible for up to 80% of marine pollution at the global level. The implementation of solutions to restore rivers is however facing a lot of challenges in terms of implementations and long-term multilevel policy strategies. This event wants to further enhance the discussion, engage a wide range of relevant stakeholders and cluster rivers related projects to support implementation of the EU Mission, engage public administration, scientists, citizens and businesses.

## Expected Outcomes

- Engage various stakeholders in mutual learning activities and networking to strengthen the local community of contributions in achieving the objectives of the EU Mission Restore our

	<p>Oceans and Waters from local to basin scale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange best practices and identify needs, bottlenecks, opportunities, and concrete key actions (ongoing and future) to meet the goals of the Mission, particularly in reducing pollution and promoting sustainable management of rivers' basins with a focus on the pilot area of Tiber.</li> <li>• Explore the community framework for river management as a tool for implementing the objectives of the EU Mission Restore our Oceans and Waters with key actors from the local to the Mediterranean and European level.</li> </ul>
<b>Format</b>	<p>The event is organized into three sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Inspire and Inform:</b> Presentation of at least 4 case studies inspired by different rivers in the 4 EU basins to stimulate discussion and knowledge sharing among participants.</li> <li>• <b>Mutual Learning and Debate:</b> A participatory thematic discussion involving key actor communities. A roundtable discussion will be organized with representatives from the selected case studies.</li> <li>• <b>Networking Session:</b> Organized and facilitated by CNR and Prep4Blue to provide participants with networking opportunities.</li> </ul>
<b>Target sectors and target audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All local, national, Mediterranean, and European stakeholders (politicians, industry and businesses, research and innovation, civil society/NGOs) interested in river management plans and experiences emphasize the need to adopt an interdisciplinary approach.</li> <li>- Foundations, philanthropists, businesses.</li> </ul>
<b>Participation</b>	In-person – Number of participants ranging from 80 to 120
<b>Deadline for registration</b>	<p>Registrations are open until Monday May 20, 2024, at 12:00. Seats are limited: we recommend you register as soon as possible in order to have secured access to the event.</p> <p>Register at: <a href="#">Google Form</a></p>
<b>Target audience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have an activity, project, or interest that involves the river basin.</li> <li>• Be a stakeholder falling under one of the following categories: public or private organizations, national/regional/local authorities (including cities, regions, and ports), philanthropists and investors, businesses and companies, accelerators, civil society, research, and universities.</li> </ul>

- Have a project/initiative/activity related to the following Mission objectives:
  - To protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, following the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.
  - To prevent and eliminate pollution in oceans, seas, and waters, aligning with the EU Action Plan for Zero Pollution for air, water, and soil.
  - To make the blue economy sustainable, carbon-neutral, and circular, in line with the proposed European Climate Law and the holistic vision outlined in the Strategy for a Sustainable Blue Economy.

## Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
<b>10:00 – 13:00 morning session</b> Moderator: Fedra Francocci, CNR	
<b>10:00 – 10:15</b> <b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lorenzo Tagliavanti</b>, President of Chamber of Commerce of Rome – CCIAA Roma</li> <li>• <b>Maria Carla Ciccioriccio</b>, Governor 2023-2024 of Rotary International Distretto 2080</li> <li>• <b>Francesco Petracchini</b>, Director f.f. CNR Dssta</li> </ul>
<b>10:15 – 10:45</b> <b>Keynote</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Claudia Pecoraro</b>, Policy Officer DG RTD, EC - EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030</li> <li>• <b>Fabio Fava and Fedra Francocci</b>, BlueMissionMed CSA - A shared vision for achieving the Mission objectives in the Mediterranean basin</li> <li>• <b>Massimo Bastiani</b>, Coordinator of the Tavolo Nazionale dei Contratti di Fiume - "From global strategies to the local activism: the river contracts as community</li> </ul>

	activators”
<p><b>10:45 – 12:00</b></p> <p><b>Inspire and Inform</b></p>	<p><u>10:45 - 11:05</u> Students open the session by presenting: “The role of the citizen: the Tiber experience <b>‘Piccoli Grandi Scienziati (e Cittadini) Crescono’</b>”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Istituto Tecnico Tecnologico Midossi (VT)</li> <li>• Liceo Scientifico Nomentano (RM)</li> </ul> <p><u>11:05 - 12:00</u> Inspirational case studies from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Danube</i> – <b>Boglarka Lakatos</b>, Dalia Project</li> <li>• <i>Rio de Aveiro</i> (Atlantic) - <b>Ana Isabel Lillebo</b>, A-AAGORA Project</li> <li>• <i>Thames</i> (North Sea) – <b>John Brydan</b>, Thames21</li> <li>• <i>Po River</i> (Mediterranean) – <b>Nicola Rubini</b> from Mold, INSPIRE Project</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:00 - 12:15</b></p> <p><b>Co-designing rivers management for the Mission Ocean and Waters</b></p> <p>Interactive session on MENTIMETER</p>	<p>This activity will support collaboration among stakeholders through an interactive and collaborative approach to identify future joint activities and roadmaps to share and implement solutions for <b>rivers management for the Mission Ocean and Waters</b>.</p> <p>Topics guiding the discussion include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Stakeholders' priorities and needs</li> <li>2. Gaps, challenges, and obstacles to address</li> <li>3. Enabling factors, opportunities, and best practices</li> <li>4. Recommendations</li> </ol>
<p><b>12:15 – 13:00</b></p> <p><b>Co-designing rivers management for the Mission Ocean and Waters</b></p> <p><b>ROUNDTABLE</b></p>	<p>This session highlights the role of multistakeholders' engagement and the needs required at the different levels to deploy solutions for the Mission at the level of river basin.</p> <p>Invited speakers to the roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Nadja Schlichenmaier</b>, EcoDaLLi</li> <li>- <b>Stefano Raimondi</b>, Legambiente</li> <li>- <b>Meg John</b>, OneWater</li> <li>- <b>Justine Brossard</b>, CPMR Prep4Blue</li> <li>- <b>Catriona Reid</b>, UCC BlueMisionAA</li> </ul>

13:00 – 14:00	Free time
<b>14:00 – 16:40 afternoon session</b> Moderator: Massimiliano Filabozzi, Rotary 2080	
14:00-14:20	The commitments of Rotary for the Tiber - <b>Massimiliano Filabozzi</b> , President District Commission Rotary 2080 "Protection and enhancement of the Tiber River". Presentation of the video "Tevere il fiume invisibile" ("Tiber the invisible river") - <b>Giuseppe Procaccini</b> , Prefect and past President.
14:20 – 15:10  <b>Local Focus on Tiber</b>	Local Focus: Dialogue on Tiber Ecological State <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Angiolo Martinelli</b>, Italian Ministry of Environment and Energy Security - "New challenges for water environmental objectives"</li> <li>● <b>Prof. Fausto Manes</b>, University La Sapienza</li> <li>● <b>Roberto Crosti</b>, ISPRA - "Monitoring of floating macro-waste at the mouth of rivers, as part of the Marine Strategy: the Tiber"</li> <li>● ARPA (tbd)</li> </ul>
15:10 – 15:20	Presentation of the photographic project for the Tiber, curated by Distretto Rotary 2080 in collaboration with CNR.
15:20 – 16:20  <b>Interactive session for local Stakeholders' commitments</b>  <b>ROUNDTABLE</b>	Roundtable (tbc): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regione Lazio</li> <li>● <b>Rocco Ferraro</b>, CdF Tevere urbano – Città Metropolitana Roma Capitale - il Piano di Azione</li> <li>● <b>Giulio Falcetta</b>, CdF Media Valle del Tevere – Representative of the Mayors of the Media Valle del Tevere - il Piano di Azione</li> <li>● <b>Beatrice Riccardo</b>, Assessorato Ambiente, Comune di Roma</li> <li>● Gruppo ACEA</li> <li>● <b>Riccardo Luciani</b>, Riserva Naturale Nazzano Tevere-Farfa</li> <li>● Autorità Distrettuale Appennino Centrale</li> </ul>

16:20 - 16:30

Closing and final greetings

*Closing remarks by CNR and Rotary*

\* The theme of the visual research should unfold by exploring the relationship and interaction between forms of environmental pressure and the Tiber River in both the mid-valley, from Orte, and within the city, all the way to the estuary.

The aim of the research is to evoke, through visual storytelling, the development of innovative scenarios and ideas applicable to the design of new revitalizing actions and spaces along the Tiber to enhance its water quality, perception, and use. Actions that can establish a new connection of the River with the territory and the city: the permeability of the river space, the presence of services and connections, the availability of enjoyable green areas, and a series of secure access points to the River play a central role.

The conference proceedings and photographic/video material will be compiled into a publication and subject to a communication campaign in collaboration with CNR Edizioni.

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