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### A DIALOGUE ON THE SUPPORT POLICIES FOR SMES Strategic Meeting with **the Minister Hon. Giancarlo GIORGETTI** Moderator **Cristiana PAGNI**, President of IBG

On 1 October at SEAFUTURE, one of the most important Blue Economy conferences, a roundtable took place between the Ministry of Finance Giancarlo Giorgetti, who connected remotely and had already participated in the conference two years ago, and Cristiana Pagni, creator of SEAFUTURE and president of Italian Blue Growth, organizer of the event in collaboration with the Italian Navy







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### DIRECTORATE OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS (NAVARM)

The evolution of future naval systems: meeting the technological challenge in multi-domain scenarios Introduced by Admiral Inspector Giuseppe Abbamonte, Director of the Naval Armaments Directorate (NAVARM), who provided a glimpse on the current and future shipbuilding programmes for the Italian Navy, highlighted how the evolution of future naval systems presents a technological challenge that spans every operational dimension. New platforms must be capable of sustaining increasing energy demands while integrating increasingly sophisticated sensors and effectors to counter a wide spectrum of threats, from hypersonic missiles to low-cost drones. Supremacy in multi-domain scenarios will depend on the ability to strategically leverage electromagnetic spectrum, ensure cyber resilience communications network, platform and effectors, developing interoperable and cost-effective solutions. At the same time, the underwater domain remains crucial, with Italy committed to enhance its submarine fleet with new manned and unmanned platforms and protect its strategic under-surface infrastructures with developments from the Polo Nazionale della dimensione Subacquea (PNS) (National Hub of Underwater Dimension), consolidating its role as a NATO reference point. The panel provided a comprehensive overview of technological development trajectories required to ensure the superiority of the Italian Naval Units in future scenarios. Speakers included Rear Admiral Milazzo who also provided an overview of Italian Navy's well-established expertise in Submarine Escape and Rescue capabilities, Eugenio Santagata, Director Fincantieri Naval Vessels Division, Lorenzo Mariani, MBDA Executive Group Director Sales & Business Development, Marco de Fazio, Electronics Division Managing Director Leonardo, Andrea Billet, Director of the Certification and Supervision Service -National Cybersecurity Agency. Luca Mattei, Head of Technical Department - Naval Business Unit Fincantieri, Matteo Cardone, Electronics Division Land & Sea Business Deputy Managing Director Leonardo, Daniela Pistoia, Corporate Chief Scientist ELT Group and Tonino Genito, Head of missile design MBDA Italia, provided presentations on the new systems and capabilities developments for the future.











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### INTERVIEW WITH **DOMOTILLA BENIGNI**, CEO OF ELT GROUP

Domitilla Benigni, CEO and COO of ELT Group, described hosting a conference on artificial intelligence in defense at SeaFuture. The two-day event featured top-level experts exploring the use of AI across military applications. ELT knowledge showcased concrete projects in management, training simulation, and logistics, all powered by AI algorithms. Benigni also highlighted the development of Al-driven anti-drone systems, designed to ensure information superiority in asymmetric conflicts. This approach illustrates how innovation can be effectively translated into practical applications, reinforcing both defense operational effectiveness and the group's technological leadership.





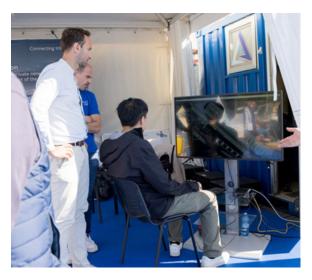




## BLUE & GREEN ECONOMY: "OBSERVATION AND GLOBAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE"

The "Observation and Global Ocean Governance" panel at Seafuture 2025 focused on the harmonization and coordination to support the implementation of Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP) for sustainable ocean development. This is a highly intensive process that requires the integration of diverse datasets, from environmental to socioeconomic information. Both the integration of these datasets as inputs for the development of plans and their visualization represent key challenges for the MPS. Indeed, constantly changing climate scenarios, environmental implications, political factors, and governance aspects significantly impact its application.





#### MULTI-DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY FOR MULTI-ROLE OPERATIONAL SCENARIOS

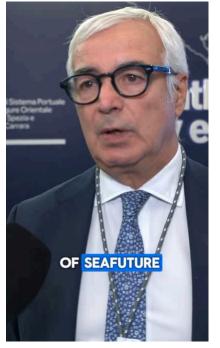
From the remote control of autonomous assets to the implementation of complex coordinated counter-threat measures: this was the central theme of the SMA-RTY panel at Seafuture 2025.

The ability to ensure a continuous, reliable, and high-performance data flow between assets operating in different domains is an essential prerequisite for effective and coordinated action. The conference explored technological frontiers and highlighted the strategic challenges of next-generation connectivity, with a focus on creating a unified and resilient information space. Interoperable surface networks with underwater networks are the goal of creating an integrated, interconnected, and cyber-resilient system









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#### INTERVIEW WITH

### BRUNO PISANO, Special Commissioner of the Eastern Ligurian Sea Port System Authority

Pisano emphasized the global relevance of SeaFuture as a key event for the Blue Economy and the maritime world. For the Port System Authority of La Spezia and Carrara, participating is crucial to showcase major projects developed in recent years. These include port development initiatives, environmental sustainability, digitalization, and innovation. SeaFuture provides international visibility, reinforces partnerships, and underlines the leadership achieved by La Spezia's port sector. Pisano stressed that this visibility is fundamental to consolidating the region's role as a reference point for maritime innovation and sustainable growth.





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### INTERVIEW WITH PASQUALE ANDOLFO, CEO Page Europa

Andolfo proudly announced the launch of Page GCI Company, a Saudi joint venture born from the collaboration between Page Europa and Jana Marine Services. The initiative aims to be a pillar of Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, focusing on technological innovation and the protection of critical infrastructure. The joint venture combines the technical expertise of Page Europa and MedicMind with the operational strength of Rashid Al Rashid's Jana Marine Services, which operates one of the largest fleets in Saudi Arabia. Andolfo underlined the strategic importance of this partnership in strengthening local capabilities and positioning the company at the heart of the Kingdom's innovation ecosystem.









### THE MEDITERRANEAN ROUTE ITALY, FRANCE AND SPAIN UNITED BY SEA FESTIVAL

On board the Palinuro ship, "The Mediterranean Route" was presented to the press, the new project that links three seaside cities, three neighboring countries and three international festivals dedicated to maritime traditions. Italu will be guest of honor at the next edition of Escale à Sète, scheduled for March in the French town. The announcement was made by the founder and general director Wolfgang Idiri together with Patrizia Saccone, economic development councilor of the Municipality of La Spezia, who will represent Liguria in this great showcase of the sea. The event, among the most impressive in Europe, will bring sailing ships and historic boats from all over the world to Sète, celebrating the cultural and maritime heritage of the Mediterranean. The mayor of Castellón de la Plana Begoña Carrasco García, in a video-call from Spain, brought her greetings, underlining the common desire to strengthen cultural and tourist ties between the coastal cities. A sea route that becomes a bridge of friendship and tradition.





## INTERVIEW WITH **SERGIO REVUELTA**, ITALY AREA MANAGER FERNANDEZ JOVE GROUP

Sergio Revuelta, Italy Manager of Fernandez Jove Group described SeaFuture as a highly positive experience, highlighting it as a concrete step in the company's commitment to expanding its presence in Italy. He praised the organization of the event and the warm reception received from visitors at their stand. As a family-owned business, Fernandez Jove Group is committed to being close to its customers and providing integrated naval solutions. Its core activities include the supply of watertight doors and remotely operated valve control systems. The strategic goal is to offer clients a comprehensive, one-stop solution, avoiding the need for multiple suppliers while ensuring efficiency, cost savings, and reliability.

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### PITCH AREA: COMMUNICATION AND ENERGY TRANSITION

In the Pitch Area of Seafuture, a section dedicated to startups and innovative ideas in the blue economy, companies showcased their latest solutions.

INNOVAPHONE focused on the importance of a secure communication system onboard ships. Digital sovereignty is now essential, given that communication channels capture basic reports, voice recordings, and complex interactions.

SHORELINK addressed the transition to shore-based power for ships, proposing innovative solutions that adapt to different types of vessels, helping ports and shipowners reduce emissions, noise, and fuel consumption while supporting global sustainability goals. AVL ITALIA proposed a proven integrated toolchain for achieving higher levels of reliability and performance in complex naval systems. This platform is optimized for managing electrical, mechanical, and automation resources onboard ships.









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### PORTS OF THE FUTURE: SUSTAINABLE HUBS BETWEEN INNOVATION, RESILIENCE AND GREEN TRANSITION

Training, digitalization, and advanced simulation are crucial factors for innovating operational processes and optimizing systems in ports. The Portualità Project and Blue Ports are part of this vision, proposing a shift in both methodologu and training to make ports not only more efficient but also more sustainable. This is the conclusion of the panel "Green&Blue Innovation Hub. Skill & Training for the Blue Economy," which featured speakers: Bruno Pisano, Special Commissioner of the Eastern Ligurian Sea Port Authority; Federica Catani, Director of the National School of Transport and Logistics of La Spezia; Rebecca Lodi, Secretary of the Merchant Marine Academy of Genoa; Davide Ritarossi, Project Manager of the Ligurian Marine Technologies District of La Spezia; and Luca Isgrò, Head of Simulation Solutions at Cetena. Journalist Leonardo Parigi moderated the panel.

### CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS ON THE COASTS

From a scientific perspective, it's undeniable that rapid climate change is underway due to human activity. But what are the effects of global warming on the seas? This was the topic addressed in the Seafuture 2025 panel moderated by Giuliana Vatteroni of the National Center for Environmental Research (CNA). During the panel, Silvia Pagnoscin, an expert in physics and astrophysics at the University of Florence, and Alessandro Benedetti, a researcher at the National Research Council (CNR), demonstrated the effects of rising sea levels due to the expansion of water caused by heat accumulation, compounded by melting ice. Within a hundred years, sea levels are estimated to rise by just under one meter. This is a problem that must be addressed with the right tools and awareness to avoid the damage and associated costs to infrastructure and businesses.



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9:00 18:00	Pitch AREA	PITCH AND B2B/B2G SESSION
9:00 13:30	Conference ROOM 1	MARITIME CLUSTER ALLIANCE  "The development factor of the Mediterranean ecosystem of

maritime clusters, and the valorization of territorial" vocations.

#### 09:30-09:45

Welcome & introduction: the Sustainable Blue Economy at the core of the European and Mediterranean strategies and priorities

- Dario VASCHETTO, DGMARE(online)
- Adriana SALAZAR, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean Water, Environment & Blue Economy Division (online)

#### 09:45-10:00

#### The Italian Blue Economy in the Mediterranean contest

- Luca PALAZZO, Presidency oft heCouncil of Ministers-Department for Cohesion Policies, WestMED National Coordinator
- Giuseppe CAVUOTI, Ministry of Civil Protection and Maritime Policies - Department of Maritime Policies (online)

#### 10:00-10:15

Seven years of WestMED Technical Assistance, a significant contribution to the growth of the Mediterranean ecosystem of maritime clusters

Thanos SMANIS, Marta Pascual - Sea Basin Assistance Mechanism

#### 10:30-13:30

The Technical Assistance as a way to recover the gaps of the ecosystem

- Investments: funding programmes and investment initiatives BlueInvest, Green Assist (online), EUDIS (tbc), Forum Oceano, Le Quéré, Travel Verse srl
- Water Management, Desalination and Water Re-use: stakeholders and associations AIDARA, TEHA Valore Acqua, Suez Italy SpA, COGEA-BIP, Seamoretec
- Incubation and Acceleration: Incubators, Accelerators, Maritime Clusters European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC), Center of Excellence of Robotics – STRATEGIS, Fabbrica Italiana dell'Innovazione, Federazione del Mare, Cluster BIG, Cluster Maritime Tunisien, Libyan Maritime Cluster Initiatives
- Initiatives, Horizon Partnerships and Assistance Mechanisms Energy Transition Partnership – Assistance Mechanism for Fishery and Aquaculture; FAO-GFCM General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean; Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership; S3 Partnership on Shipbuilding "Alternative Fuels Propulsion Systems Alliance"
- Sustainable Models: innovative start-ups and SMEs DuWo srl, Test1 Solutions, Blue Insight, VD System, Navirego

#### 14:30-15:15

Blue Mission Med - Peer Café: Project Synergies and Supporting Solutions towards the EU Mission "Restore Our Ocean & Waters"

Mario Dogliani, SDG4MED; Matteo Bocci, Ecorys





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10:00 13:00 Conference ROOM 2

### **GREEN&BLUE INNOVATION HUB**

"Future fishing: challanges for a resilient sector" in partnership with **FEDERPESCA** 

**MODERATOR** 

Francesca BIONDO Director at Federpesca

**SPEAKERS** 

Aureliano GENTILE, Information Manager Officer at FAO of the UN -Blue-Cloud 2026

Antonio BORRIELLO, Scientific Project Officer at the European

Guglielmo GIANNINI, G-nous - Smartfishing Project Federica BARBERA, Legambiente – LIFE Sea Net Project

Federica FOGLINI, CNR - LIFE DREAM Project

Milena MARZANO, Milcoop

Elisabetta GENOVESE, Pescatori di Mazara

Roberto MANAI, Entrepreneur

15:30 17:00 Conference **ROOM 1** 

### BORDER SECURITY: MANAGEMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL THREATS

This panel will explore the importance of physical border security and international cooperation in preventing transnational threats, with a focus on direct experiences in border management during crises. The speakers will discuss the solutions adopted by international agencies and national law enforcement to strengthen security in border areas, focusing on how policies and strategies can adapt to complex and dynamic contexts.

MODERATOR

Giacomo CAVANNA, Author and General Secretary at Ares Osservatorio Difesa

**SPEAKERS** 

Ivano GABRIELLI - Italian National Police

Rocco MESSINA - Head of Border Security and Management Unit, United Nations Counter-Terrorism Centre (UNCCT) VTC TBC others TBD

Fabio ROMANI, Chief Executive Officer di IPS S.p.A.

Cyber Intelligence Solutions Supporting Institutions in Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Enhancement.

17:00

Conference **ROOM 1** 

### CLOSING REMARKS

VIDEO MESSAGE FROM Matteo PIANTEDOSI Minister of the Interior

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