**Mediterranean Marine Monitoring Organisations and Experts to Explore Ways to Collaborate at Special Workshop in Rome**

**The stakeholders meeting, organised by the EU-Funded ODYSSEA Project, will focus on ways to transform Mediterranean Sea data into information services. The event will take place on October 25, 2017 at the Sapienza University of Rome**

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Representatives of projects and platforms, data providers and oceanography experts addressing marine monitoring in the Mediterranean basin will meet on October 25, 2017 for a special stakeholders meeting organised by the EU-funded [ODYSSEA Project](http://odysseaplatform.eu/).

The workshop will focus on transforming Mediterranean Sea data into innovative information services. The event, which will be hosted by ODYSSEA partner, [Sapienza University of Rome](http://en.uniroma1.it/), will be dedicated to exploring opportunities for the different projects and institutions to work together and mutually leverage outputs.

Key participants will represent the [BlueMed Project](http://www.bluemed-project.eu/) (headed by IT platform coordinator Elena Ciappi), the Italian [Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche](https://www.cnr.it/%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank) (CNR), [EuroGOOS](http://eurogoos.eu/) (Secretary-General Dr. Glenn Nolan), [MedGOOS](http://www.capemalta.net/medgoos/) (Prof. Aldo Drago) and other oceanographic research institutes from European and North African countries around the Mediterranean.

"We view collaboration with various stakeholders and key players from other projects and research institutions as an important part of the ODYSSEA Project," said Prof. Georgios Sylaios from [Democritus University of Thrace](http://duth.gr/index.en.shtml) in Greece, who coordinates ODYSSEA.

"The Stakeholder Workshop is aimed at promoting partnerships with platform providers and EU-funded projects, creating synergies among participants and optimizing the research activities of organisations dealing with similar topics."

The meeting will open with presentations by ODYSSEA partners and will be followed by a roundtable discussion, which will address, among others, the following questions:

* Which synergies among participants can be pinpointed and proposed?
* What activities will create networks among projects?
* How can we, together, capitalise accessibility, impact and sustainability of project results and avoid effort duplication?

To register [click here](http://odysseaplatform.eu/events/first-stakeholder-workshop/)

**About ODYSSEA**

[ODYSSEA](http://odysseaplatform.eu/project-information/) is an EU-funded project targeting Mediterranean marine data, making it easily accessible and operational to multiple end-users.

ODYSSEA aims to develop, operate and demonstrate an interoperable and cost-effective platform which fully integrates networks of observing and forecasting systems across the Mediterranean basin.

The platform will collect data from the many databases maintained by agencies, public authorities and institutions of Mediterranean EU and non-EU countries, integrating existing earth observation facilities and networks in the Mediterranean Sea.

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