

- 11:00 – 12:30      **Registration and welcome lunch**
- 12:30                **OPENING**
- **Karin Helmstaedt**, Moderator
- 12:30 – 12:50      **WELCOME WORDS**
- **Hon. José A. Herrera**, Minister for the Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change, Malta
- 12:50 – 13:05      **SETTING THE SCENE**
- Plastics, a Sustainable Material with a Challenge**
- **Daniele Ferrari**, President, PlasticsEurope  
Chief Executive Officer, Versalis
- 13:05 – 14:05      **INTERACTIVE DIALOGUE**
- Marine litter: a Scientific Perspective**
- **François Galgani**, Project Manager  
French Research Institute for Exploitation of the Sea (IFREMER)
  - **Richard Thompson**, Professor of Marine Biology  
Plymouth University
- 14:05 – 14:25      **Networking coffee**
- 14:25 – 15:35      **MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY Q&A**
- Tackling a Global Challenge**
- **Vijay Merchant**, Senior Adviser for the Environment, PLASTINDIA Foundation
  - **Abdulwahab Al-Sadoun**, Secretary General  
The Gulf Petrochemicals & Chemicals Association (GPCA)
  - **Daniel Yaw Mensah Tornyigah**, Director Policy & Sustainability  
Federation of Plastic Manufacturers, Recyclers and Users, Ghana (FePMRUG)
  - **Heike Imhoff**, Head of Division “Protection of the Marine Environment”  
Federal Ministry for the Environment, Federal Republic of Germany
  - **Crispian Lao**, Vice Chairman and Private Sector Representative to the  
Recycling Industry, National Solid Waste Management Commission,  
Republic of the Philippines
  - **Steven Russell**, Vice President, Plastics Division  
American Chemistry Council (ACC)

15:35 – 15:40

### VIDEO MESSAGE

#### **Priorities of the Austrian EU Council Presidency**

**Elisabeth Köstinger**, Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism  
Federal Republic of Austria

15:40 – 16:25

### MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY Q&A

#### **The European Path Forward towards a Cleaner Marine Environment**

- **Stefanie Werner**, Scientific Officer for the Marine Protection Unit  
German Environment Agency (UBA)
- **Haitze Siemers**, Head of Maritime Innovation  
Marine Knowledge and Investment Unit  
DG MARE, European Commission
- **Alan Deidun**, Marine biologist, university academic and Ocean  
Ambassador for Malta, University of Malta and  
International Ocean Institute (IOI – Malta)

16:25 – 16:45

### Networking coffee

16:45 – 18:00

### MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY Q&A

#### **Shared Strategies for the Mediterranean region: issues and challenges**

- **Stefano Ciafani**, President, Legambiente
- **Gaetano Leone**, Coordinator UN Environment/Mediterranean Action  
Plan-Barcelona Convention Secretariat
- **Yavuz Eroğlu**, President, Turkish Plastics Industry Federation (PAGEV)  
and President of MEA & Turkey, Waste Free Oceans Foundation (WFO)
- **Edward Sultana**, Co-founder of pressure group “No To Plastic Malta”

18:00 – 18:10

### SUMMARY AND CLOSING WORDS DAY 1

- **Karin Helmstaedt**, Moderator

18:10 – 22:00

### Networking cocktails, followed by Buffet Dinner

Reef Club Pavilion

### WELCOME WORDS

- **Daniele Ferrari**, President, PlasticsEurope  
Chief Executive Officer, Versalis

- 8:30 – 9:00 Registration and coffee
- 9:00 **WELCOME**
- **Karin Helmstaedt**, Moderator
- 9:00 – 9:15 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**
- Global Industry's Commitments**
- **Jim Seward**, Chairman, World Plastics Council  
Vice President JV and International Business, LyondellBasell
- 9:15 – 9:30 **INTRODUCTION**
- The Global Plastics Alliance & Plastics 2030 – PlasticsEurope's voluntary commitment to increase circularity and resource efficiency**
- **Karl-H. Foerster**, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope
- 9:30 – 10:45 **PITCHING INDUSTRY EFFORTS, FOLLOWED BY Q&A**
- Preventing Plastics Litter in the Environment – a Value Chain effort**
1. *PlasticsEurope's work on Marine Litter Solutions*
    - **Anne-Gaëlle Collot**, Senior Manager, Environmental Affairs, PlasticsEurope
    - **Dorothea Wiplinger**, Sustainability Manager, Borealis AG  
Chair of PlasticsEurope Marine Litter Solutions Working Group
  2. *Operation Clean Sweep*
    - **Gesa Junghanns**, Governmental Affairs Manager, Covestro Deutschland AG
    - **Maxim Remchukov**, Sustainability Manager, SIBUR
    - **Luc Arnouts**, Director International Relations & Networks, Port of Antwerp
    - **Dilyana Mihaylova**, Project Manager for Marine Plastics,  
Fauna & Flora International (FFI)
- 10:45 – 11:05 **Networking coffee**
- 11:05 – 12:30 **MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY Q&A**
- Improving Resource Efficiency and Accelerating Innovation to Increase Circularity – Innovation**
- **Irene Diez**, General Manager, ECOALF Foundation
  - **Guido Sonnemann**, Professor for Sustainable Chemistry  
University of Bordeaux, and Vice Chair, Forum for Sustainability through Life Cycle Innovation (FSLCI)
  - **Marco Faimali**, Research Scientist, Institute of Marine Science of Genoa, National Research Council (ISMAR-CNR) & **Nikoleta Bellou**, Research Scientist, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research, Institute of Oceanography (HCMR-IO)
  - **Julien Boucher**, Partner, Shaping Environmental Action & **Carole Dubois**, Senior Consultant, Quantis
  - **Philippe Diercxsens**, Packaging & Environment Manager, DANONE Waters
  - **Joao Sousa**, Marine Programme Officer/Project Manager, IUCN

- 12:30 – 12:35 **VIDEO MESSAGE**  
**Matthieu** and **Quentin**, Cycle to Recycle  
Two cousins cycling the world to spotlight plastics waste solutions
- 12:35 – 13:00 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
**Europe's commitment & Plastics Strategy**
- **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- 13:00 – 13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30 – 13:40 **Creating Awareness and Changing Behaviour**
- INTRODUCTION**
- **Lesley Henderson**, Senior Lecturer in Sociology & Communications Institute for the Environment, Health & Societies, Brunel University London
- 13:40 – 14:30 **MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY Q&A**  
**Creating Awareness and Changing Behaviour**
- **Allan Thomas Williams**, Geologist, Chartered Engineer & Scientist
  - **Helmut Schmitz**, Director Communication & Public Affairs Duales System Holding (DSD) – Der Grüne Punkt
  - **Maria Westerbos**, Director, Plastic Soup Foundation
  - **Lesley Henderson**, Senior Lecturer in Sociology & Communications Institute for the Environment, Health & Societies, Brunel University London
  - **Simon Bernard**, Expedition Leader, Plastic Odyssey
- 14:30 – 14:40 **KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
**Alternative Views on Waste Collection & Recycling – Global Experiences**
- **Costas Velis**, Lecturer, Resource Efficiency Systems School of Civil Engineering, University of Leeds
- 14:40 – 15:25 **MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION, FOLLOWED BY Q&A**  
**Improving Resource Efficiency and Accelerating Innovation to Increase Circularity – Resource Management**
- **Crispian Lao**, Vice Chairman and Private Sector Representative to the Recycling Industry, National Solid Waste Management Commission Office of the President, Republic of the Philippines
  - **Leon Jacobs**, Sustainability Leader, SABIC Europe
  - **Michael Scriba**, Managing Director, mtm plastics GmbH, member of Borealis Group
  - **Christian Crépet**, Executive Director, Petcore Europe
  - **Ziad Abichaker**, Chief Executive Officer and Founder Cedar Environmental, Lebanon
- 15:25 – 15:30 **WRAP-UP AND CLOSING REMARKS**
- **Karl-H. Foerster**, Executive Director, PlasticsEurope