



RETHINKING THE FUTURES OF MEDITERRANEAN LAND AND WATER

The Future of Land and Water in the Mediterranean Science, Cooperation, and the Next Generation at the Forefront

On November 11, the **Academy of Athens** will host the high-level conference “**The Future of Land and Water in the Mediterranean**”, bringing together leading scientists, policymakers, international organizations, and young innovators to address one of the most pressing challenges of our time: sustainable land and water management across the Mediterranean region.

Organized by the **SALAM-MED Project** in collaboration with **OurMed**, **NatMed**, and other PRIMA-funded initiatives, the event is supported by the **PRIMA Programme (Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area)**. It aims to strengthen scientific cooperation and empower a new generation of Mediterranean leaders in research, innovation, and sustainable development.

A Shared Vision for a Resilient Mediterranean

The Mediterranean region is facing unprecedented, interconnected challenges of land degradation and water scarcity, further exacerbated by climate change and socio-economic pressures. Through PRIMA, the scientific community has established a solid foundation for developing evidence-based solutions and cross-border collaboration to foster resilience and sustainability.

The conference will:

- Distill key findings from PRIMA projects focused on land and water sustainability;
- Showcase scalable and innovative practices for resilient Mediterranean drylands;
- Promote dialogue between science, policy, and society, highlighting the role of **Science Diplomacy**;
- Foster intergenerational exchange and youth-driven visions through the **NextGen4MED** initiative.

The agenda includes plenary discussions, a poster exhibition showcasing achievements from multiple PRIMA projects (SALAM-MED, OurMed, NatMed, AG-WAMED, SUREPASTOR, and others), and an **interactive drafting session** to co-design a **Joint Declaration** outlining recommendations for advancing Euro-Mediterranean cooperation on land and water sustainability.

Empowering the Next Generation

At the heart of the event is the **NextGen4MED** initiative, co-led by **Daniele Secci** and **Chiara Ceseracciu**, which will provide a platform for young researchers and professionals to exchange ideas and co-create solutions for a more inclusive and sustainable Mediterranean future.

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