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Media Advisory – Invitation to a Press Briefing

UfM and MedECC to spotlight the state of climate change in the Mediterranean at COP30

12:00–12:30 (UTC–3), 13 November 2025, COP30 (Belém) – streaming will be available [here](#).

The Mediterranean is a climate hotspot, warming approximately 20% faster than the global average, and it is among the most plastic-polluted seas worldwide. Around one third of the region's population lives in coastal areas, where sea level is rising by 2.8 mm per year. By 2100, up to 20 million people could face permanent displacement as a result of environmental change. These interconnected threats to people, economies and ecosystems call for urgent and coordinated action.

Against this backdrop and as preparations advance for the 2nd Scientific Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR2) on climate and environmental change, **Grammenos Mastrojeni**, Senior Deputy Secretary General of the [Union for the Mediterranean \(UfM\)](#), and **Prof. Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat**, Principal Scientist at EFIMED and member of the MedECC network of Euro-Mediterranean climate and environmental scientists, will brief the media on the **state of climate and environmental change in the region**.

Mr. Mastrojeni will also present the objectives and key activities of the **[Mediterranean Pavilion](#)** at COP30. Now on its third edition, the Pavilion will spotlight both the pressing challenges facing the region and the innovative adaptation and mitigation solutions emerging across the Mediterranean – bringing greater visibility to a region often overlooked in global climate negotiations.

When: 13 November 2025, 12:00–12:30 (UTC–3)

Where: Press Conference Room 1, Area D

Language: English

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About MedECC Reports

The Mediterranean Experts on Climate and Environmental Change (MedECC) is an independent network of scientists founded in 2015 with the support of the Union for the Mediterranean. Its mission is to provide decision-makers and the public with authoritative assessments of the latest scientific knowledge on climate and environmental change in the Mediterranean region. To date, more than 300 volunteer scientists have contributed to MedECC's reports. The network was created in response to calls from several regional organisations, including the UfM and the UN Environment Program/Mediterranean Action Plan (UNEP/MAP). The MedECC Secretariat is hosted by Plan Bleu/RAC in Marseille, in partnership with the UfM.

With UfM support, MedECC published the [First Mediterranean Assessment Report \(MAR1\)](#) in 2020—the first comprehensive region-wide scientific evaluation of climate change and environmental degradation in the Mediterranean. Four years later, at COP29 (November 2024), MedECC released [two Special Reports focusing respectively](#) on climate and environmental risks in coastal zones, and on the interlinkages between climate change and the Water–Energy–Food–Ecosystems (WEFE) nexus. The network is now preparing the Second Mediterranean Assessment Report (MAR2), expected by the end of 2026.

About the UfM

The Union for the Mediterranean (UfM) is a Euro-Mediterranean inter-governmental organisation that brings together the 27 countries of the European Union and 16 countries from the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. The UfM provides Member States with a platform to strengthen regional cooperation, dialogue and to implement projects and initiatives that have a tangible impact and advance the region's three strategic objectives: stability, inclusive development, and integration.

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