

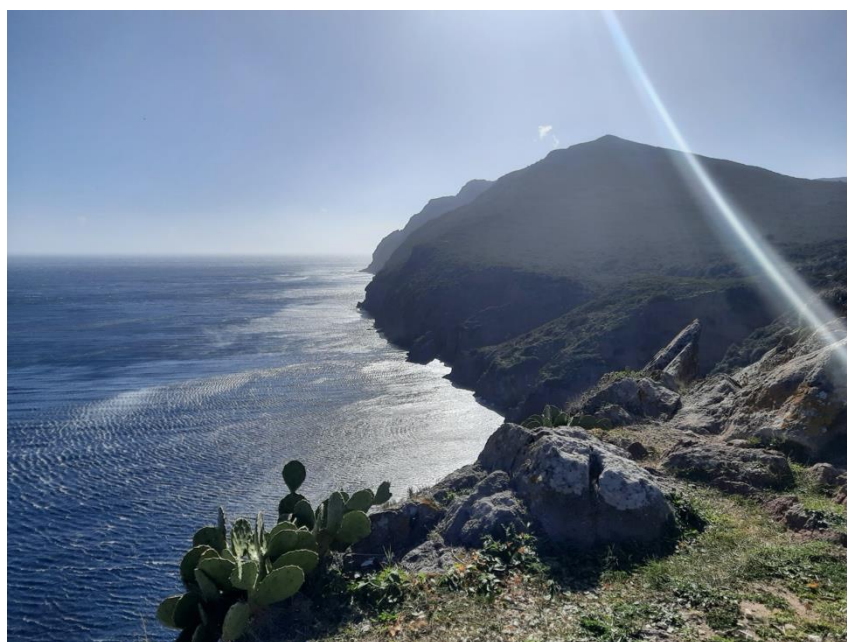


# CAPRAIA SMART ISLAND

**2025**

hosts

**THE PILOT PLATFORM FOR SUSTAINABLE  
MEDITERRANEAN SMALL ISLAND COMMUNITIES**



**A joint initiative of BlueMissionMed, SMILO and  
Chimica Verde Bionet**

**Capraia island  
20-22 May 2025**





Capraia Smart Island 2025 will host the **Pilot Platform for Sustainable Mediterranean Small Island Communities**, a **joint initiative by Chimica Verde Bionet, SMILO, and BlueMissionMed**. This event brings together key players to explore and scale innovative solutions that strengthen the resilience and sustainability of small Mediterranean islands.

These islands are at the front lines of climate change, facing several threats like coastal erosion, rising sea levels, and extreme weather events. At the same time, their unique character and vulnerability make them ideal testing grounds for pioneering sustainability strategies. The Pilot Platform Initiative will **showcase successful pilot projects, highlight community-driven approaches, and create opportunities for knowledge exchange and collaboration** between local authorities, researchers, investors, and civil society.

The **EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”** is central to this transformation, driving research, innovation, and cooperation to restore marine and freshwater ecosystems. **BlueMissionMed**, coordinated by the **National Research Council of Italy (CNR DSSTTA)**, works to bring this vision to life in the Mediterranean. **SMILO** shares these goals, supporting biodiversity conservation and sustainable resource management on small islands worldwide. The **Pelagos Initiative** strengthens protections for the Pelagos sanctuary in line with its management plan, while **Erasmus+** enhances education and training for sustainable blue growth. The event is also backed by the **International Foundation for Aids to Navigation (IFAN)**, which promotes maritime safety and environmental protection. **Chimica Verde Bionet** have long been promoting sustainability-focused initiatives, hosting annual events dedicated to small island resilience. Building on this strong foundation, Capraia has been chosen as the 2025 venue for the Pilot Platform, offering an ideal setting to advance sustainability solutions and foster collaboration.

By equipping **Mediterranean small island communities** with the **tools, knowledge, and connections** they need, this event aims to support **islands’ transition to sustainability**, demonstrating how **resilience, cooperation, and shared expertise** can drive the **ecological transition** for a healthier Mediterranean Sea basin.



## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### 20 May: Day 1 - Islands' Forum & Capraia Sustainable Island Management

**08:00 Departure from Livorno by ferry.** Tickets available at [biglietteria.Toremar](http://biglietteria.Toremar) (Via del Molo Mediceo, 12, Livorno). Boarding starts 45' in advance.

**10:45 Estimated time of arrival in Capraia**

#### **12:30-12.50 Welcome & introduction**

- Lorenzo Renzi, Capraia Mayor (tbd)
- Giampiero Sammuri. Tuscany National Park (tbd)
- Francesco Petracchini, Director of the Department of Earth System Science and Environmental Technologies, National Research Council of Italy (CNR-DSSTA)
- Sofia Mannelli, Chimica Verde Bionet
- Maxime Prodromides, SMILO president

#### **13:00-14.00 Lunch**

#### **14:15-15.30 Islands Forum**

**15:30-18:00 Island Visit:** discovering Capraia's sustainable management & challenges *(with the participation of local stakeholders)*

Visits: (maximum 20 people/group)

- Dessalination plant & water fountains and botanic path & biodiversity conservation in Capraia
- Botanic path & biodiversity conservation in Capraia & agriculture experience (through former prison areas)

**19:00 Sharing island cultures,** food tasting & meeting with the inhabitants



## 21 May: Day 2 - Sea Conservation & Sustainable Tourism

Chair: CNR, BlueMissionMed

**9:00-9:15 Keynote: Climate Change and Sea Level Rise Risk for Mediterranean Small Island,** Fabio Trincardi

**9:15-9:30 Keynote: The EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030,** Elisabetta Balzi, EC DG RTD

**9:30-10:30 Solutions' Forum, Blue Sustainable Tourism & Sea conservation.** Chair: SMILO

- Lavezzi case, OEC Corsica
- Blue Tourism, Giulia Balestracci
- Remedies – fighting against plastic waste pollution, Sylvain Petit
- Carrying capacity – Porquerolles example (tbc)
- IFAN: The role of Aids to Navigation related to safety of navigation and protection of the marine environment

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

**11:15-12:15 Solutions' Forum, Eco-Ports** Chair: SMILO

- Port-Cros electric boat experience (tbc)
- ECOcean
- Capraia electric boats eng. Company, Leonardo Spacone
- Other contact (tbc)

**12:15-12:30 Q&A session**

**12:30-14:00 Lunch**

**14:00-15:00 Parallel tables: What are the obstacles & needs for small islands sustainable transition?** Moderator: BlueMissionMed; Rapporteurs: CNR, MedWaves

Conclusions by Rapporteurs

**15:15-16:30 PARALLEL EVENTS**

**OPTION 1 - Pelagos Sanctuary - Discovering solutions in Capraia**

15:15-16:15 Visit of the port:

- Analysis of the activities envisaged by the Pelagos Project on the reduction of waste produced by tourists arriving at the port of Capraia
- Pelagos Initiative Delivery of electric dinghy to moorers in the port of Capraia
- Other sustainable activities at the port (100% renewable energy system, tbd)



16:30-18:00 Additional tours:

- Mariculture/Sea tour by boat (limited seats, tbc)
- Sustainable agriculture, visit to farm with a walk of at least 6 km with park guide (tbc)

**OPTION 2 - 15:15-18:00 - BlueMissionMed Support Program (tbd)**

**19:00-20:00 Visit to Church of Sant'Antonio.** The historic relationship between the Abbot of Lerins and the island of Capraia: Meeting with the Abbot of Lerins who returns to Capraia after 1500 years.

## **22 May: Day 3 – Supporting Sustainable Mediterranean Small Island Communities**

**Chair: CNR, BlueMissionMed**

**9:00-10:30 National Initiatives for Islands Sustainability and Sea Conservation**

- Gennaro Gilberti, Dir Agricoltura, Regione Toscana
- Italian Protected Areas – PNAT President Mr. Sammuri (tbc)
- Isole Sostenibili 2025 report presentation (tbc)
- Lampedusa Pilot, Direzione Ambiente, Regione Siciliana, Francesco Picciotto
- Biodiversity Gateway (tbc)
- Eros Manzo, CNR How to Empower Energy Transition in Small Island.

**10:30-11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00-12:45 BlueMissionMed think-tank to scale up solutions across Mediterranean Small Islands in the framework of the EU Mission Ocean and Waters**

- CapiMed+, Ignasi Mateo Rodríguez, MedWaves
- Alberto Terenzi, Submariner. Financing solutions, BlueMissionBanos
- IFAN: funding global activities the protection of the marine environment
- Enhancing Cooperation between Northern and Southern Mediterranean Islands, Rym Benzina, President of La Saison Bleue
- Living Lab ENoLL
- Carole Martinez, MedPan

**12:45-13:00 Towards UNOC3: One Island**, Olivier Poivre d'Arvor, Special Envoy of the President of the French Republic for the UNOC (online)

**13:00 Closure of the event**

**13:30 Lunch**



**15:30-17:00 Optional visit to the Info Point of the National Park** + boat visits (depending on capacity)?

**17:15 Departure towards Livorno by ferry**

**20:00 Estimated time of arrival in Livorno**

During the event, the organizers will hold a special reading session of the book “**Our Blue Treasure**” by Susanna Albertini with school children from Capraia at the local library (May 22, morning).

Developed by the BlueMissionMed project, “Our Blue Treasure” is an engaging and educational book designed to foster ocean and water literacy among children aged 6 to 10. Already translated into nine languages, the book serves as a valuable tool to inspire the next generation in protecting our marine and freshwater ecosystems.

***Co-organisers:***

Chimica Verde Bionet, Capraia island, Italy

SMILO – Small Islands Organisation, France

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