

### Agreement on the Laboratory for research and higher education on sustainability at Ponza Prima-Med

In view of the Euro-Med Summit, scheduled on November 26, 2020, to celebrate the **25th Anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration** in the same Spanish city, and the restoration of the *Santo Stefano Penitentiary* in Ventotene, **Mediterranean Prospectives (Prospettive Mediterranee)** presented – on the occasion of the inter-institutional annual Ponza **Prima-Med** Conference held in the Ponza Island (Piazzetta della SS. Trinità), on Monday 14 September 2020 at 6:30pm. - a proposal for the renovation of the *Turtledoves Villa (Villa delle Tortore)* in Ponza to convert it into a **Laboratory for Research and Higher Education on Sustainability (LARHES)** devoted to Mediterranean talented women and new generations ([ponzaprimamed.com](http://ponzaprimamed.com)).

In this context, The conference's chairman, Dr **Enrico Molinaro** - President of the organizing association and Secretary General and Co-founder of the **Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue RIDE-APS (Anna Lindh Foundation's HoN in Italy)** – launched, in cooperation with the **PRIMA Foundation** and its **Italian Secretariat**, the **Union for the Mediterranean-UfM**, the **Ponza Municipality**, and the **Pontine Archipelago Community**, the **Euro-Med Manifesto for sustainable development about climate change, circular economy, and food security**. The Fascist regime confined **Altiero Spinelli** in Ponza from 1937 to 1939, before deporting him to the nearby Island of **Ventotene** (in the same Pontine Archipelago) where he launched his famous 1941 **Manifesto for Europe**, inspiring the *Ponza Prima-Med Manifesto*.

The four international organizations' leaders - Amb. **Miguel Angel Moratinos** (UNAOC High Representative), Amb. **Nasser Kamel** (UfM Secretary General), Dr. **Nabil Al-Sharif** (ALF Executive Director), and Prof. **Angelo Riccaboni** (PRIMA Foundation's President) – jointly confirmed together for the first time (following the preliminary Seminar held at the Italian Foreign Ministry-MAECI on December 6, 2019), the *Barcelona Declaration's* relevant values, and called for an active EU support to develop the Ponza's research center promoting sustainable ideals to co-design a new water/food system in the same Archipelago that hosted the forefathers of the democratic and peaceful European rebirth.

After the introduction of the hosting authorities - **Francesco Ferraiuolo** (Ponza Municipality, RIDE-APS' member), **Gerardo Santomauro** (Ventotene Municipality), **Gennaro di Fazio** (Pontine Archipelago Community), and the greetings from **David Maria Sassoli** (President, European Parliament), the highly qualified participants – including the Italian Ministers **Vincenzo Amendola** (European Affairs), **Teresa Bellanova** (Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policies), **Luigi di Maio** (MAECI), and **Gaetano Manfredi** (University and Research), of **Francesco Tufarelli** (Director, Department of Regional Affairs and Autonomies), **Antonio Parenti** (Head, European Commission Representation in Italy), Councillor **Enrica Onorati** (Agriculture, Promotion of food culture, Environment and Natural Resources, Lazio Region) and **Francesco di Majo**, (President, Lazio Ports: Civitavecchia, Gaeta, Fiumicino), while Min. **Giuseppe Provenzano** (South and Territorial Cohesion) previously confirmed his personal support to the initiative - agreed on a shared road map leading to the third *Ponza Prima-Med Annual Event*, planned for September 4, 2021, in Ventotene, on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the aforementioned *Manifesto for Europe*.

A general consensus emerged among the panel's speakers - **Enrico Granara** (Euro-Med Coordinator, MAECI), **Grammenos Mastrojeni** (Deputy Secretary General, UfM), **Cristiana Gaita** (Deputy Executive Director, ALF), **Silvia Costa** (Commissioner for the Restoration of the Santo Stefano Penitentiary in Ventotene), **Roberto Morabito** (Director, Department of Sustainability, Enea), **Almotaz Abadi** (Managing Director, UfM), **Giuseppe Provenzano** (Expert, Higher Education and Research, UfM), **Cristian Chiavetta** (Circular Economy applied to the agro-food sector in Mediterranean coastal cities, Summit of the two shores 5+5), **Sergio Martes** (DG EU, MAECI), and **Enrico Forte** (Regional Councillor, Lazio Region) – on the suggestion to explicitly clarify that the **Blue Economy** mentioned in the agreed upon **Euro-Med Manifesto for Sustainable Development** includes also the two following dimensions: the need to promote a **sustainable mobility model in the Mediterranean basin**, based on the integration of TEN-T and TMN-T networks and developing innovative project ideas for the transport of goods and passengers between the two shores, involving Ports and Integrated Logistics Sector; and the development and integration of **renewable energies in the region**, supporting projects contributing to the creation of a single Mediterranean gas and electricity network between the two shores and promoting for the sea all renewable and clean energy sources. In this context, Mr. Di Majo concluded the debate stressing the need to support policies aimed at transferring road traffic to maritime traffic, strengthening the "Motorways of the Sea" (such as the Barcelona-Civitavecchia), and he invited the same representatives of UfM, ALF, PRIMA Foundation, and the European Commission, to participate in a conference he plans to host in Civitavecchia on November 20, 2020.

# A Euro-Med Manifesto for Sustainable Development

## Climate Change, Circular Economy, Food Security 25 Years after Barcelona

We, the Promoters of this Initiative, intend to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the *Barcelona Declaration* by launching a **Euro-Med Manifesto** on sustainable development, climate change, circular economy, and food security, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, showing once more the close correlation between food, health, and environment.

We share the *Barcelona Declaration's* values and its close connection between culture, economy and security, since we are convinced that only with a perspective of authentic Euro-Med partnership we will have a peaceful and sustainable future in our regional ecosystem.

We hope that the recent efforts on behalf of the European Commission towards sustainable development, a just environmental transition and the new European generations will produce concrete international, national and local initiatives for innovation and growth towards a more fair and resilient society, in order to actively engage the collective identities in the region.

We believe that the 1941 Altiero Spinelli's *Ventotene Manifesto for a Free and United Europe* and the 1995 *Barcelona Euro-Mediterranean Declaration* paved a historical road leading to a shared, innovative, and sustainable future for the Mediterranean - a road that we intend to revive in the light of today's challenges.

We believe that in the **Pontine Archipelago**, where the Fascist regime confined Spinelli (Ponza 1937-1939, Ventotene 1939-1943), a center for the propagation of the Mediterranean region's sustainability and a laboratory for the co-designing of a new circular and sustainable water/food system - involving different actors, and including local producers - can develop.

We want to promote innovative research in the fields of sustainable development, agri-food, climate change, and blue and circular economy, in the context of the 2030 ONU Agenda's goals, taking into account their impact on public health and civil protection.

We desire in the **Blue Economy** context to promote a model of sustainable transportation in the Mediterranean basin based on the integration of TEN-T and TMN-T networks through innovative projects for the transportation of goods and people between the two Mediterranean shores involving Ports and the Sector for Integrated Logistic, and the development and integration of renewable energies in the region, supporting projects contributing to the creation of a single Mediterranean gas and electricity network between the two shores, and promoting for the sea all renewable and clean energy sources.

We trust that research and innovation will contribute to promoting more inclusive, just, and resilient Euro-Mediterranean societies, enhancing good practices as a model for the Euro-Med socio-economic development based on dialogue between collective identities

We consider *Ponza Prima-Med* as a significant opportunity for discussing and drafting our future agenda, based on a new research methodology in terms of training and employment with youth and women as the main actors.

We praise Mediterranean Perspectives and the Italian Network for the Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue RIDE-APS (Head of the Anna Lindh Foundation-ALF in Italy) for organizing, in cooperation with the PRIMA Foundation, the PRIMA's Italian Secretary, the Union for the Mediterranean-UpM, and the municipalities of the Pontine Archipelago, the *Ponza Prima-Med* initiative's second yearly event on September 14, 2020, in the Ponza Italian.