



## Discussion EVENT

**"National Outreach Dialogues" –  
Malta hosts Mediterranean Basin Countries  
In frame of Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) Knowledge 4  
Action (K4A) research project**

New Research  
“Climate risk mitigation and adaptation to  
climate security in Mediterranean countries”

20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 | 3pm CET | in Gozo Malta and Online

### Join Us

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Malta hosts representatives of CSOs in Mediterranean countries for a joint discussion on the Climate vulnerability and climate resilience from different perspective and how engaging the civic voice in decision-making process on regional climate policy.

The meeting will be held in Malta and online to be host by the Genista Research Foundation (GRF) and the Tahadhari Center (Brussels).

A study we conducted on "***Climate risk mitigation and adaptation to climate security in Mediterranean countries***" in frame of ALF – K4A emphasizes the importance of collaboration in climate preparedness at the regional level, between neighboring countries, not only when targeting extreme climate events, as wildfires, but also when addressing long term objectives as SDGs.

In the study's assessment, it is recommended to focus on aspects of reducing gaps between countries in relation to their ability to cope with the climate crisis, encouraging awareness of the socio-economic aspects of climate crisis and developing tools and a network for exchanging information to be used by communities in the Mediterranean countries.

## Program:

- 15:00 - **Opening session - Chairman Dr Mark Causon, Malta**  
15:20 New research findings – The preparedness of Mediterranean countries to cope with climate change compared to European countries
- 15:20 - **Panel discussion – Moderators Dr Mark Causon and Carmit Lubanov**  
16:20
- Sabrina Agius, Malta** - Founder and head of GSE Technologies  
*Malta as hub for sustainability innovation – national and regional prism for Green Vision for Mediterranean*
- Prof. Elias Nasri Jadallah Baboun, Palestine** - CEO for the Youth Education Development Forum Association in Palestine and Peace advocate  
*Regional cooperation, peace process, and the education on climate for future generations*
- Janja Dimitrijevic, Director of Smart Consulting, Serbia**  
*The Value of Education in addressing risks & security for local population*
- Lorance Awwad, President of Watan Association for Human Rights, Jordan**  
**Reem Ammari, Executive Director of Watan Association for Human Rights, Jordan**  
*Vulnerable populations and protecting human rights in the frame of dealing with severe climate crisis - examples of activities in Jordan*
- Marie Josette Vella Magro, Executive Secretary, Ta' Sannat Local Council, Malta**  
*A local perspective, the local council's preparation for dealing with climate change in the Mediterranean*
- 16:20 – **Concluding Session: Carmit Lubanov and Dr. Mark Causon**  
16:30 *Summary of the meeting and presenting an Outline to continue the Dialogue – Med countries preparing to COP30*



# Info about the speakers



## **Sabrian Agius, Malta, Founder and head of GSE Technologies**

Key activity: Leadership in Sustainability - Founded GSE Technologies and led the development of three major ecoinitiatives, including the Green Vision Summit & Expo, which attracted over 300 foreign participants, thereby establishing Malta as a hub for sustainability innovation.

Business Development: Facilitated international partnerships between GSE Technologies and at least ten foreign companies, paving the path for new business opportunities.

## **Prof. Elias Nasri Jadallah Baboun, Palestine, CEO for the Youth Education Development Forum Association in Palestine**

He is educational expert well known peace advocate and been engaged on peace initiative. He worked as a trainer, teacher for the electrical trade, and industrial electronics (1984-2020), in addition to a part-timer in the General Maintenance for the school and convent position at the Salesian Technical High School in Bethlehem.

He is Trainer and Interpreter from Italian to Arabic, in the training courses for Industrial School Trainers under the auspices of the Italian Government in 1998. Initiator and participating in cross border initiatives for cooperation, Youth activity and more.



## **Janja Dimitrijevic, Director of Smart Consulting, Serbia**

Janja Dimitrijevic is the Serbian teacher and the director of the organization Smart Consulting, based in Nis, Serbia. The organization is focused on lifelong learning and non-formal education, by encouraging the Serbian VET schools and high-school students to participate in the Erasmus projects. The aim of this is, that, besides the formal teaching in the school, the students get an international experience abroad at the real working placements

## **Lorance Awwad, President of Watan Association for Human Rights organization, Jordan**

Lorance Awwad President of Watan Association is local community activist, who has undertaken several environmental initiatives, including agricultural valley cleaning, and contributing to spreading environmental awareness in agricultural and rural areas.

He and his team believe that a safe environment is one of the human rights, and the unnatural climate changes are undoubtedly negative aspects of societal culture. We are one of the countries that lack the correct environmental thinking and approach that reinforces the concept of unjustified consumption and water waste, knowing that Jordan is one of the poorest countries in the world in terms of water. He work on spreading environmental culture and preserving what we have requires a great awareness effort to change the collective thinking of the society so that we reach a generation that realizes the importance of the healthy environmental concept of air, water and agricultural products to preserve humanity.



## **Reem Ammari, Executive Director of Watan Association for Human Rights, Jordan**

Arabic language interpreter with Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. An activist on social media to build bridges between Western society and Jordanian society to shed light on the problems of Jordanian society, including securing a safe climate environment for society.

## **Marie Josette Vella Magro, Executive Secretary, Ta' Sannat Local Council, Malta**

Marie Josette Vella Magro has a Master of Arts in Islands and Small States Studies from the University of Malta, majoring in Economics with a minor in Environmental Studies. Her thesis focused on tourism in Malta and the economic, environmental, sociological and cultural factors affecting it. Her first B.A. is in Economics and Philosophy and History of Mediterranean Studies.

She studied Inclusivity and Vulnerability in Society which serves well in her volunteer work with various NGOs.

She is a policy consultant with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Animal Rights of Malta, a Consultant on EU funding, and regulatory and banking matters with other private companies.



## Info about the Researchers and moderators

Carmit Lubanov and Dr. Mark Causon, Co-authors of the new research  
“Climate risk mitigation and adaptation to climate security in Mediterranean countries” published recently.



### **Mark Causon, Director of Genista Research Foundation, Malta**

Mark is a diplomat and Ambassador for the Maltese foreign Ministry. He was the manager of the Europe Direct Mosta office of the European Commission DG Communications office. Working in European affairs for the past 12 years as consultant, coordinator and project manager for various companies and local councils in Malta, and in several European countries and non-European countries on EU funding calls. He was projector for the Ministry of sustainable development and climate change.

He heads Genista Research foundation, Researcher on different fields, primarily environment and economy, migration policy; initiator and active as manager in cross-national projects and advocate for regional cooperation in the Mediterranean, Middle East and MENA sub-regions. He is Co-founder of the "Tahadhari Center for Climate and Migration in Euro-Med.



### **Carmit Lubanov, Director of Tahadhari Center for Climate and Migration in Euro-Med , Brussels**

Carmit (Israeli) has expertise on climate and environmental justice policy from the perspective of reducing economic and social disparities and promoting democracy and the values of equality among disadvantaged communities, as minorities - with the aim of promoting agreed solutions to achieve regional climate stability and economic prosperity in the social and geographic periphery. She has expertise on developing methodology for evaluate the environmental In-justice, environmental democracy and climate governance.

Carmit initiated and led cross-border projects for peace building, energy poverty initiatives and incorporate women in decision making on environmental issues in conflict zones. Carmit published dozens of articles on Climate and regional cooperation, on international media.

She is member of few international working groups on climate change and environmental justice.

Co-founder of the "Tahadhari Center for Climate and Migration in Euro-Med", acting in Brussels targeting the climate crisis from regional perspective of Euro-Med.

