



Ministerial Conference

Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe

4-5 December 2018

Belgrade, Serbia

CALL FOR POSTERS

Background:

In the framework of the Ministerial Conference on “*Innovative Solutions to Pollution in South East and Southern Europe*” the Secretariat of the Conference is organizing a “*call for posters*” on innovative solutions addressing all forms of pollution (air, water and soil).

This initiative was inspired by the [Ministerial Declaration](#) “*Towards a pollution-free planet*” adopted during the 2017 UN Environment Assembly that is suggesting to “*prevent, mitigate and manage the pollution of air, land, and soil, freshwater and oceans*” also by promoting “*science-based decision making in the public and private sectors.*”

To promote the dissemination of innovative environmental solutions, we encourage researchers, public and private institutions, and technology providers to present to the Ministers of Environment of South East and Southern Europe, and to all conference attendees, their innovative proposals to accelerate the path “*Towards a pollution-free planet*” by setting a specific focus on South-East and Southern European countries.

The conference poster session constitutes a unique opportunity to present recent advancements in pollution reduction technologies and approaches to governments, international and regional organization, donor agencies, local authorities, civil society organizations, and the private sector.

Specifics:

The solutions and best practices presented in the framework of the poster session must address at least one of the proposed transformative actions foreseen by UN Environment Executive Directors’ Report “[Towards a Pollution-Free Planet](#)”:



- Building circularity and resource efficiency into production processes, supply chains, and key economic sectors;
- Incentivizing and redirecting finance and investments to less-polluting economic activities;
- Adopting ecosystem-based approaches and solutions to mitigate and manage pollution;
- Promoting green technologies to mitigate and manage pollution;
- Integrating policies to tackle pollution;
- Incentivizing responsible consumption and lifestyles choices;

The presented solutions must be characterized by high potential applicability in the geographic context of Southern Europe.

Submitted posters will be examined by the Scientific Committee, composed by representatives from the Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, the Serbian Ministry of Environmental Protection, Fondazione Lombardia per l'Ambiente and UN Environment. The posters will be evaluated according to the three pillars of sustainability: they must prove to be economically feasible and sustainable, effective in reducing pollutants, and socially acceptable.

Since the aim of the conference is to identify solutions that may constitute a step forward in pollution monitoring and reduction, the presentation of market products is not allowed.

Submission:

Posters must be submitted through the [Conference website](#), following the required format, as pdf files. Acceptance will be notified to the authors within three days from the submission. Accepted posters will be printed in A1 format (594 x 841) and displayed by the conference organizers in the framework of the event.

At least one author of each accepted poster must register to the conference and participate on both days. **Registration to the conference is free and mandatory.**

Publication:

An A4 printout of all accepted posters will be included in the conference material and published on the conference website. Additionally, accepted posters will be included in the conference outcome report developed by the Scientific Committee and presented in the framework of the Fourth United Nations Environment Assembly that will take place in March 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya.



Presentation:

Conference attendees will be asked to evaluate the three most interesting posters on innovative solutions to pollution. Presenters that will receive more votes will have ten minutes each for an oral exposition of the poster in the framework of the Multi-stakeholder dialogue on 5 December 2018.

Deadline:

Poster submission deadline: **20 November 2018.**

Poster format:

Posters must be submitted as PDF files and must contain the following sections:

1. *Title of the poster;*
2. *Introduction and context;*
3. *Materials and approaches;*
4. *Outcomes;*
5. *Transferability.*

Posters must be formatted according to the following specifications:

- Page size A1 vertical (841 x 594 mm), with 40 mm margins and text justified.
- 100 pt Arial title followed by 40 pt authors' names and affiliations including e-mail addresses.
- 48 pt Arial sections titles followed by 24 pt single-spaced text.
- Photos, graphs, and tables included must be readable when reducing the poster to A4 size (a reduction to one eighth). Figure captions are not mandatory but can be included.

Following information should be also provided:

1. Title of the initiative;
2. Implementing period (start, end of initiative);
3. Location;
4. Organization details (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, web-site);
5. Personal details of the presenter (name, address, telephone number, e-mail address);



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- Prof. Antonio Ballarin Denti, Fondazione Lombardia per l'Ambiente;
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