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All the participants in this network believe that there is a great need for serious and innovative environmental and scientific journalism, especially in this region that is addressing important social and environmental challenges. These kind of meetings try to provide a discussion forum for learning from each other and enlarge the network of experts and source of information, essential for good environmental and scientific journalism. The Mediterranean societies will gain from the consolidation of the network.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the environmental journalists from news agencies in the Mediterranean will provide the opportunity to analyze and discuss with experts some environmental challenges, including climate change, and the initiatives put in place at a regional scale. Achieving long term sustainability requires fundamental changes in our society, in particular those related to , mobility, food, consumption of natural resources. Addressing these challenges requires the transition to a green, circular, low carbon and socially inclusive economy through the adoption of sustainable consumption and production patterns, thus decoupling development from environmental degradation and resource depletion.

Shifting to a non-carbon based economy (decarbonizing electricity generation, shifting from fuel to electricity, focusing on , preserving and increasing natural carbon sinks) is basic for the ecological transition. All sectors of the economy, not only the energy, must respond to these global agreements (2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Paris accord...). This is particularly the as well. Today nearly everyone, everywhere, every day comes into contact with plastics. Some reports showed that shifting the plastic sector to a circular model could generate a \$706 billion economic opportunity, of which a significant proportion m onmod op

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Ministerial Declaration on Environment and Climate Change ([Athens, 2014](#)) and to provide suggestions for further action and follow up of the UfM activities in those fields.

Journalists could address invited experts in the round tables to continue open discussions on the main two topics: energy transition and the circular economy for plastics. Also journalists will have the opportunity to engage their peers about how the role of environmental and scientific media in fostering public awareness to promote ecological transition in the Mediterranean region.

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