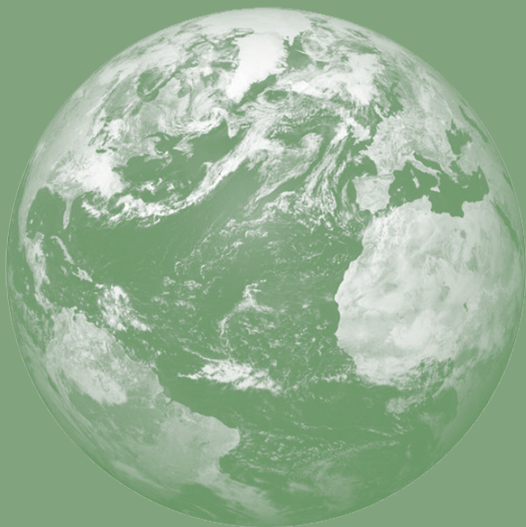


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At the crossroads of three continents, Europe, Africa, and Asia, the wider Mediterranean region has been the cradle of Western civilization. Over the millennia, favorable climatic conditions, trade flows, and cultural exchanges have helped shape a shared culture and a common sense of belonging.

Today, Mediterranean countries are also united by a growing threat: climate change. Rising temperatures, water scarcity and extreme droughts, increasingly widespread wildfires, and rising sea levels are having serious impacts on economic growth, trade, and social and political stability. These phenomena also contribute to complex dynamics such as mass migration, radicalization, and new conflicts.

It is no coincidence that the Mediterranean region has been defined as a climate hotspot—an area where the effects of climate change are occurring more rapidly than in other parts of the planet.

There is no better place than Palermo and Sicily to address the complexities of the contemporary Mediterranean. Due to its central position in the basin, Sicily has for centuries been a crossroads of cultures that have passed through the region, and today it also represents a landing point for those fleeing conflict and poverty, often exacerbated by climate change.

Sicily thus emerges as a true hinge between a Global North and a Global South that are increasingly distant, finding in the Mediterranean a concrete manifestation of this divide.

WHY A CLIMATE FESTIVAL IN THE MEDITERRANEAN?

Fondazione Studio Rizoma,

together with Earth Day Med, has developed a festival format that alternates expert panels and public debates with moments of learning, play, art, culinary performances, and documentary screenings.

The festival addresses a broad audience: families, activists, students, civil society, and institutions, tackling key issues of the climate crisis, from risk management to ecological and energy transition, to environmental sustainability.

**More information on
the events and how to
participate at:
studiorizoma.org**

The Mediterranean Climate Festival

Earth Day Med aims to contribute to this collective effort by creating a space for dialogue to build a shared Mediterranean voice.

The event brings together experts, activists, and institutional representatives from both the northern and southern shores of the basin to discuss shared solutions to common challenges.

Under the patronage of the Union for the Mediterranean, the festival is part of a renewed commitment by Mediterranean countries to become active agents of transformation, helping to shape a safer and more prosperous future in the face of the climate challenge.

2026 Edition – Programme

**MEDITERRANEAN
HOTSPOT:
A SPACE FOR
EXPERIMENTATION
TOWARDS A JUST
TRANSITION**

SATURDAY
APRIL 18,
2026

MEDITERRANEAN GASTRONOMIC INTERSECTIONS WORKSHOP

10.00 AM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



Workshop led by artist **Yolenn Farges**. Participants will be involved in preparing three recipes using fermentation techniques: Garum with seasonal fish, a small fava and wild fennel pie in pickles, and citrus and vine leaf Koso in brine. The workshop concludes with a tasting that transforms these reflections into a sensory experience of storytelling and ecological regeneration.

Reservations: fargesyolenn@gmail.com or 320.1169455
Contribution: €10
Language: Italian

MEETING WITH PATRICIA HILL COLLINS

5.00 PM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



As part of the Earth Day Med Festival, this meeting brings together a critical reflection on the connections between environmental crises and systems of power. **Patricia Hill Collins**, one of the most influential voices in Black feminism and intersectionality, will engage in a public dialogue with **Ségolène Pruvot** (Fondazione Studio Rizoma and Director of European Alternatives) and **Ignazia Bartholini** (University of Palermo).

The event explores how gender, race, class, and territorial inequalities are intertwined with ecological exploitation, focusing on the Mediterranean as a space shaped by historical asymmetries, extractivism, migration, and resistance.

Combining academic perspectives with grassroots practices, the conference opens a dialogue with local collectives, highlighting ecofeminism both as a critical framework and a lived collective practice oriented toward care, justice, and a sustainable future.

Patricia Hill Collins is a sociologist, feminist theorist, and Distinguished University Professor Emerita, recognized as one of the leading voices in Black Feminism, intersectionality theory, and social justice studies.

Introduction: **Patrizia Pozzo** (Fondazione Studio Rizoma & Earth Day Coordinator).

Language: English (with Italian translation)

SUNSET YOGA

*6.00 PM, Porticciolo della Cala, West side,
lawn in front of the Lega Navale facilities*



A yoga experience featuring the classical sequence of the Rishi culture: Aruna Surya Namaskara. Led by the **Rishi Culture Center of Palermo**.

Info and reservations via WhatsApp: +39 338 716 9008

Contribution: €5

Comfortable clothing, a yoga mat, and a light towel or blanket for the final relaxation phase are recommended.

WHITE NIGHT ARTIVISM

9.00 PM



To celebrate the presence of the **Transnational School of Artivism** in Palermo and as part of the Earth Day Med Festival, we invite the public to an evening dedicated to creativity and artistic experimentation.

During the evening, young artists from Palermo and across Europe will present their works: from noise performances to transfeminist hip hop, from hydrofeminist documentaries to astrological readings.

**SUNDAY
APRIL 19,
2026**

GREEN PATHWAYS

9.00 AM, Monte Gallo



Trekking to discover Palermo's "Little Tibet."
Guided excursion with the naturalist guides of **Maranima Experience Nature** in collaboration with the **Centro Muni Gyana** of Palermo.

Route: 6 km

Difficulty: medium

Contribution: €12 + €4 for activities at Centro Muni Gyana

Recommended: sportswear and packed breakfast

Meeting point: 8:45 AM in front of Bar Galatea (Viale Galatea 57, Mondello)

Info and reservations: +39 328 553 8104

Language: Italian

GREEN PATHWAYS

10.00 AM, Fondo Favarella, Piana di Ciaculli



Giuseppe Barbera (agronomist and landscape expert) will guide a walk through the Conca d'Oro and its ancient ecosystem in the Piana di Ciaculli, in the area known as Fondo Favarella. The tour will cover agriculture, industrial archaeology, and the landscape, accompanied by readings and musical performances by **Francesco La Bruna** (violin).

Following the walk: tasting of organic mandarin jams.

Meeting point: Via Conte Federico, 278 (entrance on the left before Vivaio F.lli Romano)

Please arrive by 9:50 AM for audio guide rental

Contribution: €3 for audio guide rental

Info and reservations: +39 320 116 9455

Language: Italian

WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

11.00 AM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



What I See from My Window is a workshop led by **Chicca Cosentino** (Radici Museo della Natura) focused on collaboratively exploring the concept of landscape, reading selected passages and picture books, and engaging in role-playing games. A forest, a garden, or a building are different environments that become a landscape through the way we perceive them. The workshop begins with readings from picture books and continues with the creation of inner landscapes using clay and natural elements.

For children aged 6 to 10.

Info and reservations: +39 329 726 0846

Language: Italian

CLASS IN ACTION LET'S RECONNECT WITH THE GARIBALDI THEATRE GARDEN

4.00 PM, *Teatro Garibaldi* (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



Participatory workshop led by **Aterraterra** and **Palma Nana**, beginning with a guided observation of this small yet complex microcosm. This will be followed by a shared assembly and workshops for adults and children to gather observations, reflections, and ideas on how to imagine and experience this rediscovered garden in the future.

Language: Italian

ECOVISIONS SCREENING “HOW TO FEED THE PLANET”

8.30 PM, *Teatro Garibaldi* (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



Screening of the documentary **How to Feed The Planet** by Francesco De Augustinis, premiering in Palermo. The investigative film examines how the global food system is irreversibly disrupting the planet's balance, contributing to climate crises, biodiversity loss, and the spread of new epidemics.

Francesco De Augustinis / One Earth DOC, January 2025. 1h 25'
Original languages: Italian, English
Followed by a discussion with the director

**MONDAY
APRIL 20,
2026**

GREEN CONVERSATIONS WATER ATLAS

6.00 PM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



The **Water Atlas**, born from the collaboration between **Legambiente** and the **Heinrich Böll Foundation – Paris**, collects stories, data, challenges, and solutions, providing a global snapshot of consumption, waste, and impacts worldwide and in Italy.

Speakers: **Giuseppe Maria Amato** (Legambiente Sicilia), **Stefania Di Vito** (Legambiente), **Benjamin Fishman** (Heinrich Böll Foundation Paris – France & Italy), **Luigi Pasotti** (Sicilian Agrometeorological Information Service – SIAS). Moderator: **Vanessa Rosano**, Legambiente Sicilia

Lingua: Italiano

ECOVISIONS “DRY SICILY”

7.15 PM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



In Sicily, water disappears without a sound. Lakes recede, dams crack, and fields split. **Dry Sicily** tells the story of this crisis by exploring the island's main reservoirs, intertwining the natural reality of the places with the voices of those who face thirst every day: farmers, entrepreneurs, regional officials, families, technicians, and activists.

Followed by a discussion with the director, Nunzio Gringeri.

**TUESDAY
APRIL 21,
2026**

GREEN PATHWAYS “RIVERS OF DEMOCRACY”

9.30 AM, Pollina River



A transformative journey connecting youth activism with the Rights of Nature. We will travel from Palermo to the Pollina River to learn from **Rewilding Sicily** about local river restoration and the legal personality of water. This event marks the official launch of **Rivers of Democracy**, a project designed to foster new relationships with rivers across Europe through artistic interventions and democratic engagement.

Info and registration: studiorizoma.org
Language: Italian and English

WORKSHOP DEMOCRATIC WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

3.00 PM, *Teatro Garibaldi* (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



The **Heinrich Böll Foundation**, together with the expert **Francesca Greco**, brings together experts and activists from across the Mediterranean to discuss challenges and solutions for the fair and responsible management of our most precious resource.

Speakers: **Katerina Georgiadou** (Greece), **Sammy Kayed** (Lebanon), **Dounia Mseffer** (Morocco), **Muna Dajani** (Palestine), **Emna Fourati** (Tunisia). Moderator: **Francesca Greco**

Simultaneous translation: Italian-French-English

GREEN CONVERSATIONS “IN DEFENSE OF WATER”

6.30 PM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



Presentation of the book **In Defense of Water** by **Francesca Greco**. **Manuele Vannucci** (Editorial Director, Intermezzi Editore) will engage in a dialogue with the author.

The book addresses the issue of bluewashing, i.e., the instrumental use of water sustainability by companies.

Language: Italian

GREEN CONCERT “WATERBOWLS” BY TOMOKO SAUVAGE

9.00 PM, Teatro Garibaldi (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



The **Waterbowl**s project (2006 – ongoing) takes its name from the instrument created by **Tomoko Sauvage**, inspired by the Jaltarang, a traditional instrument from southern India. Through extensive research on the tactile properties of materials, Sauvage transformed porcelain bowls into electroacoustic water instruments.

Event in collaboration with Meeraqui.
Info and tickets: studiorizoma.org

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 22,
2026**

EARTH DAY CONFERENCE

9.00 AM - 1.00 PM, Teatro Garibaldi

(Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)

FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN BASIN TO COP31: HOW TO IMPLEMENT A JUST TRANSITION TOWARDS ANTALYA

This opening panel is explicitly dedicated to **COP31** and positions the Mediterranean as a “Mediterranean COP”: a region where climate ambition, social cohesion, and geopolitical stability converge, and where global commitments are tested against real-world constraints and grassroots initiatives, such as TeraMed.

9:00-9:30

Opening remarks

Marc Berthold, Director, Paris Office, Heinrich Böll Foundation
Rei Tang, Programme Officer, Climate Change, Stanley Center for Peace and Security
Hajar Khamlichi, Director, North Africa, Pooled Fund for International Energy

9:30-11:00

From the Mediterranean to COP31: Making Climate Ambition Socially Credible

Ayşin Turpancı, Head of Department for Climate Negotiations and International Policies, Directorate of Climate Change
Federico Butera, Professor Emeritus, Politecnico di Milano
Grammenos Mastrojeni, Former Senior Deputy Secretary General, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean
Bengisu Ozenc, Director, Sefia
Iskander Erzini Vernoit, Director, IMAL Initiative for Climate and Development
Moderator: **Giulia Giordano**, Director of Mediterranean and Global Strategy, ECCO Think Tank

Language: English with italian translation

11.30 AM – 1.00 PM

From Local Evidence to Systemic Change: Financing the Social Pillar of the Transition, Lessons from Sicily.

This panel is based on the ECCO policy study Integrating the Economic, Social and Climate Transition in Sicily, which highlights that:

Sicily received 50% less funding for household energy efficiency compared to the national average.

Energy savings per euro invested are 55% lower than in Northern Italy.

Only 10% of households accessed incentives, while low-income groups remain largely excluded.

Nevertheless, 70% of citizens support climate policies prioritizing vulnerable households.

These dynamics are not unique to Sicily but reflect structural challenges in how the transition is financed across much of Southern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Speakers:

Laura Marinelli, Researcher in Economics and Statistics, ECCO Think Tank (confirmed)

Luca Guidi, Young European Greens (confirmed)

Anna Lisa Boni, Councillor for European Funds, Municipality of Bologna (online)

Daniele Ronsivalle, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, University of Palermo (confirmed)

Francesco Muzzicato, Etna Renewable Energy Community and Presidio Simento

Moderator: **Bianca Minotti**, Researcher and Consultant, Està – Economics and Sustainability

1.00 - 1.10 PM

Conclusion address

Patrizia Pozzo, Head of Institutional relations and Earth Day Med Coordinator, Studio Rizoma

Language: Italian with English translation

Està **LIVING LAB** – FOOD POVERTY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN: TOWARDS INTEGRATED POLICY PROPOSALS

3.30 PM, *Teatro Garibaldi* (Via Teatro Garibaldi, 45)



The Living Lab, organised by **Està** in collaboration with the **Heinrich Böll Stiftung Paris**, is based on the comparative report '**Three different models of food poverty intervention: Italy, France, Germany**'. The Lab brings together institutions, researchers, the third sector and local organisations to tackle food inequalities in the Mediterranean context. The aim is to share local experiences and co-design innovative models for fairer and more inclusive food systems

Language: Italian and English





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