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# MED NEWS HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN

### **Politics**

#### Analysis: Will COVID-19 usher in a new wave of populism in Europe?

In the decade that followed the global financial crash of 2008, a wave of protest and populism battered and challenged many of the perceived norms of Europe's political discourse. Read more here.

#### Slovenia's Cycle Protests Enter 7th Week Despite Bad Weather (Total Slovenia News)

Despite the stormy weather, anti-government protesters on bicycles hit the streets of several Slovenian towns for the seventh consecutive Friday, the biggest crowd rallying in the capital Ljubljana. Read more here.

### Cyprus urged to provide trafficking victims free legal aid (Washington Post)

The human trafficking arm of Europe's top human rights body is expressing concern over Cyprus' failure to grant free legal aid and expertise to trafficking victims during criminal proceedings. Read more here.

### Charitsis: Greece-Italy agreement for delimitation of EEZ "Undoubtedly Positive"

"The agreement with Italy for the delimitation of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is undoubtedly positive," SYRIZA's spokesperson Alexis Charitsis said on Wednesday in an interview with Mega TV. Read more <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Environment**

# 'An Ecological Disaster': Masks, gloves found in Mediterranean raise alarm about Covid-19 waste (News18)

A French NGO recently collected nine surgical face masks and 14 latex gloves along with 200 litres of other waste from the Mediterranean sea-bed around the Antibes. Read more here.

#### Tunisia's sea turtles are beating the odds as they inch towards survival (Guardian)

Despite the threats posed by fishing gear, warmer seas and plastic, loggerheads on Kuriat Island are making a comeback. Read more here.

#### Backlash grows over Greek energy deregulation law (Guardian)

Campaigners fear damage to protected regions by companies exploiting their resources. Read more here.

# 30 young Mediterranean leaders to implement environmental campaign (The Jordan Times)

Thirty young civil society leaders will carry out the "10 Days for the Mediterranean" campaign, comprising 30 initiatives taking place from June 1 to 30 in the Southern Mediterranean to raise awareness on ecological issues. Read more here.

# **Culture & Archeology**

# Croatia's underwater archeological discoveries have tourism potential (Total Croatia News)

Ancient underwater vessels and sites recently unearthed off the coast of Pag could become another draw for travelers. Read more here.

### Merging tourism, antiquities funds based on practicalities: Egypt's El-Anany (Zawya)

New fund is the outcome of merging together three funds, including the Archaeology and Museum Projects Fund, the Nuba Archeology Project Fund, and the Tourism Fund

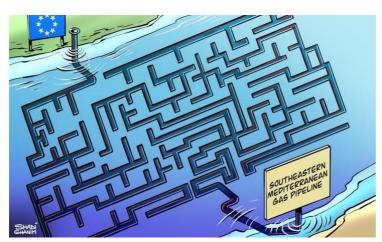
# Archaeological remains of oldest Liburnian Port discovered in Novigrad Sea near Posedarje (Total Croatia News)

Mato Ilkić and Mate Parica from the Department of Archeology at the University of Zadar recently discovered a much older port in the western part of the Novigrad Sea, 22 kilometers northeast of Zadar. Read more here.

#### Mersin's Roman-era tombs defy time (Hurriyet Daily News)

Monumental tombs of the Roman era in the ancient geography of Cilicia in the southern province of Mersin are defying time. But experts are saying some of these structures, dating back to the 2nd century, should be restored as soon as possible, as they face the danger of collapse. Read more here.

#### Caricature of the Week



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