



## **MED NEWS**

### **HEADLINES FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN**

#### **Politics**

##### **New Caledonia to Vote on Independence from France (Independent)**

Voters in New Caledonia, a French archipelago in the South Pacific, will choose whether they want independence from France in a referendum that marks a milestone in a three-decades decolonization effort. Read more [here](#).

##### **Turkish Cypriot Hardliner Ousts Incumbent President in Northern Cyprus Vote (DW)**

Ersin Tatar, a nationalist prime minister who favors stronger ties with Turkey, scored a surprise victory in a runoff election in breakaway northern Cyprus — ousting pro-unification incumbent president Mustafa Akinci. Read more [here](#).

##### **Energy Resources and the New Great Game in the Eastern Mediterranean (The Jamestown Foundation)**

Control over energy resources and transit routes has long been a source of rivalry and competition among major powers with interests in the Middle East, Caspian Sea basin and Central Asia. Read more [here](#).

##### **Better Future for the Euro-Mediterranean Region Continues to Inspire**

Twenty-five years ago, the Barcelona Process was launched in an effort to construct a zone of shared prosperity around the Euro-Mediterranean area. President of the Committee of the Regions Apostolos Tzitzikostas looks at the progress made and challenges left to overcome. Read more [here](#).

#### **Environment**

##### **Spain Approves Hydrogen Strategy to Spur Low-carbon Economy (Reuters)**

Spain approved on Tuesday a plan to boost clean hydrogen production, aiming to build enough infrastructure to give it a major role in Europe's market for a fuel seen as key to meeting international carbon emissions targets. Read more [here](#).

##### **Israeli Environmentalists, Skippers Battle over New Marina Plan (Al-Monitor)**

A controversial plan promoted by local municipalities in Israel foresees the construction of six new marinas and the expansion of existing ones. Read more [here](#).

### **France Clamps Down on Use of Weedkiller Glyphosate in Farming (Reuters)**

France's health and environment agency announced restrictions on weedkiller glyphosate in farming, but stopped short of a full ban in the European Union's top agricultural producer due to a lack of non-chemical alternatives in some areas. Read more [here](#).

### **DiCaprio Supports Suspension Of Hydropower Development In Bosnia And Herzegovina (Ooskanews)**

Fimstar Leonardo DiCaprio has added his voice to a movement challenging construction of small hydropower plants in the Balkans. Read more [here](#).

## **Culture & Archeology**

### **6,500-year-old Copper Workshop Uncovered in the Negev Desert's Beer Sheva (ScienceDaily)**

A new study by Tel Aviv University and the Israel Antiquities Authority indicates that a workshop for smelting copper ore once operated in the Neveh Noy neighborhood of Beer Sheva, the capital of the Negev Desert. The study, conducted over several years, began in 2017 in Beer Sheva when the workshop was first uncovered during an Israel Antiquities Authority emergency archeological excavation to safeguard threatened antiquities. Read more [here](#).

### **Archaeological Discovery in Split: Ancient Roman Market Found in Manuš Area (Total Croatia News)**

What was found long ago in the Split neighborhood of Manuš is not an odeon, nor an amphitheater, but a late antique macellum. That is, an ancient Roman indoor market! Read more [here](#).

## **Caricature of the Week**



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