

Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters Annual Forum

Brussels, 17 February 2023

Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium, Rue du Musée 6

Preliminary Programme

Paul Ian Rose, Moderator, Explorer, Broadcaster

9:00 – 9:15 Opening activity

Interactive show related to the ocean and waters

Welcome & opening: Political engagement to restore the health of our ocean and waters

(Videomessage by) **Virginijus Sinkevičius**, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

9:15 – 10:00

Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Pierre Karleskind, President of the Committee on Fisheries, European Parliament

Statement by **Mariya Gabriel**, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Markku Markkula, Member of the European Committee of the Regions

10:00 – 10:45 Coffee Break

Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters: The way forward

10:45 – 11:15

Kęstutis Sadauskas, Mission Manager and Deputy Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

John Bell, Deputy Mission Manager and Director of Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Joining efforts under the Mission: Restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity

Keynote speaker: **Jannica Haldin**, Deputy Executive Secretary, HELCOM

Leading by example: actions from the Atlantic-Arctic & Danube lighthouses and beyond

11:15 – 12:00

- **Romain Troublé**, representative of "Tara Europa Mission - Traversing European Coastlines, TREC", CEO of Tara Ocean Foundation
- **Delia Dimitriu**, representative of "3D - Danube Delta Decarbonization", Head of Climate Change & Circular Economy at GEOSTUD
- **Steven Degraer**, project coordinator BLUE4ALL, Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
- **Robert Lichtner**, Head of Danube Strategy Point, EU Strategy for the Danube Region

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:15 Joining efforts under the Mission: Preventing and eliminating pollution in our Ocean and waters

Keynote speaker: **Jussi Soramäki**, Senior Ministerial Advisor, Finish Prime Minister's Office

Leading by example: actions from the Mediterranean Sea lighthouse and beyond

- **Mario Dogliani**, representative of "LIFE4MEDECA - Knowledge center", President of SDG4MED
- **Alfonso Raiola**, representative of "DuWo the smart box for sustainable fishing and aquaculture", DuWo Marketing Director
- **Uroš Novak**, project coordinator of REMEDIES, Kemijski Institut

Joining efforts under the Mission: For a sustainable, carbon-neutral and circular blue economy

Keynote speaker: **Spyros Kouvelis**, Mission Board member

Leading by example: actions from the Baltic-North Sea lighthouse and beyond

- 14:15 – 15:00**
- **Katrin Mögele**, senior policy adviser Fraunhofer EU Office
 - **Ann-Katrien Lescauwat**, representative of "Simon Stevin Expedition", Director International Relation at VLIZ
 - **Ghada El Serafy**, scientific coordinator of ULTFARMS, Deltares
 - **Laura Maragna**, EU4Algae platform coordinator, EurA Innovation Consultant

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

Joining efforts under the Mission: The European Digital Twin Ocean

Keynote speaker: **Mauro Facchini**, Directorate General for Defence Industry and Space

Vision of the European Digital Twin of the Ocean

- 15:30 – 16:15**
- **Pierre Bahurel**, EU DTO core infrastructure, CEO of Mercator Ocean International
 - **Bente Bye**, partner of ILIAD project, funder of BLB consultancy
 - **Eoin O'Grady**, Irish DTO application, Marine Institute expert
 - **David Bassett**, user perspective of EU DTO services, General Secretary of EATiP

Joining efforts under the Mission: The citizens in the heart of the Mission

Keynote speaker: **Sheila Heymans**, Executive Director of European Marine Board

Panel on citizens voices for restoring our Ocean and Waters

- 16:15 – 17:00**
- **Johan Strid**, representative of "Racing with Purpose", Director of Policy and The Ocean Race Summits, The Ocean Race
 - **Richard Sempéré**, representative of "The Mediterranean, the sea as a future" CNRS Director of Ocean Sciences Institute, University of Aix- Marseille
 - **Philip Ackermann**, project coordinator of Plastic Pirates, German Aerospace Center

Quiz: **Maëlle Montier**, Nausicaá National Sea Centre

Closing

Pascal Lamy, Chair of the Board, Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters"

17:00 – 17:30 **Tonino Picula**, Chair of the Intergroup for Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA), European Parliament

Matthias Rust, Head of Maritime Sector, Ministry of Infrastructure, Swedish Presidency

Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission