

High-level conference

# Oceans

the future of the blue planet



Joint conference of the **European Parliament** and the **European Commission**  
Plenary chamber, European Parliament, Brussels – 19 March 2019

## Draft Programme

**12:00 – 14:00 Registration of participants** (Atrium welcome point)

**14:00 – 15:00 Opening ceremony**

- **Ioan Denes**, Romanian Minister for Water and Forests (TBC)
- **Karmenu Vella**, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Gesine Meissner**, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Affairs
- **Carlos Moedas**, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Research, Science and Innovation
- **Geneviève Pons**, Director of Institut Jacques Delors Brussels office
- **Daniela Fernandez**, CEO Sustainable Ocean Alliance

### Family photo

**15:00 – 16:00 Panel 1: Shaping global ocean governance for the future**

**Chair: Alain Cadec (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's fisheries committee**

**Introduction:** **Alain Cadec (EPP)**, Chair of the Parliament's fisheries committee – **João Aguiar Machado**, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for maritime affairs and fisheries – **Christian Leffler**, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service

- **José Inácio Faria (EPP)**, **Ulrike Rodust (S&D)**, **Gabriel Mato (EPP)**
- **Steve Trent**, Environmental Justice Foundation
- **Maria Damanaki**, The Nature Conservancy
- **Árni M. Mathiesen**, Assistant Director-General FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture
- **Pasquale Legora De Feo**, CEO CONATECO S.P.A.

### Q&A

## 16:00 – 17:00 Panel 2: Achieving healthy, clean seas and oceans

**Chair:** Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's committee on environment, public health and food safety

**Introduction:** Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's committee on environment, public health and food safety – Jean-Eric Paquet, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for research and innovation – Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General for Environment at the European Commission

- Mark Demesmaeker (ECR), Ricardo Serrão Santos (S&D), Cláudia Monteiro De Aguiar (EPP), Giovanni La Via (EPP)
- Vladimir Ryabinin, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director General of UNESCO
- Peter Herzig, Executive Director at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel
- John Kornerup Bang, Head of Sustainability Strategy and Climate, MAERSK CEO
- Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO Oceano Azul Foundation

## 16:45 – 17:00 Keynote speech

- Antonio Tajani, President of the European Parliament

## 17:00 – 18:00 Panel 3: A sustainable blue economy, reducing pressures on the oceans

**Chair:** Hans-Olaf Henkel (ECR), Vice-Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy

**Introduction:** Hans-Olaf Henkel (ECR), Vice-Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy – Emma Navarro, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank – Pierre Delsaux, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's directorate general for internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs

- Izaskun Bilbao Barandica (ALDE), Clara Eugenia Aguilera García (S&D), Jakop Dalunde (Greens/EFA)
- Vitor Verdelho, General Manager at the European Algae Biomass Association (EABA)
- Ester Asin, Director of the WWF European Policy Office
- Emanuele Grimaldi, Co-Managing Director at Grimaldi Group
- Rémi Gruet, CEO Ocean Energy Europe
- Christophe Tytgat, Secretary General at SEA EUROPE

### Q&A

## 18:00 – 18:30 Concluding remarks

- Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Gesine Meissner, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Policy