

Sharing responsibility - a coherent approach to European ocean observation

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Online - Microsoft Teams

Ocean observation is essential for the knowledge base of the Green Deal. Data is collected by different authorities for different purposes. The European Commission is planning a legislative initiative which aims to achieve a common EU approach for measuring once and using the data for many purposes. It will propose joint planning of observation activities and a framework for collaboration on a national and EU scale.

The SEArice online webinar on Ocean Observation will conclude the [public consultation](#). It is organised by the [SEArice](#) Intergroup of the European Parliament in cooperation with the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission and the [Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions](#).

Draft Agenda

- 1. 14:00 - 14:15 Opening remarks** by MEP **Alicia Homs**, Vice-Chair of the SEArice Intergroup for Biodiversity & Ocean Literacy and by MEP **Ville Niinistö**, Member of the SEArice Intergroup
- 2. 14:15 - 14:25 Keynote** by **Charlina Vitcheva**, Director-General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission
- 3. 14:25 - 15:35 Panel: sharing responsibility - a coherent approach to European ocean observation**

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- Mr **Jörn Schmidt**, Chair of ICES Science Committee, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea **tbc**
 - MEP **Catherine Chabaud**, Vice-Chair of the SEArca Intergroup for Climate & Governance
 - Mr **George Petihakis**, Chairman, EuroGOOS, the European Global Ocean Observing System
 - Mr **Laurent Kerléguer**, Director General, SHOM, French national hydrographic service
 - Mr **Hans Bruyninckx**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)
 - Ms **Fabienne Jacq**, Policy Officer, European Commission, Management of Copernicus marine service
 - Dr **Paul Connolly**, CEO of the Marine Institute of Ireland, implementing [AORA](#), an international agreement on ocean observation in the Atlantic **tbc**
 - Regional representative **tbc**
4. **15:35-15:50 Q&A** with participants
5. **15:50 – 16:00 Concluding remarks** by MEP **Alicia Homs**, Vice-Chair of the SEArca Intergroup

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