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YOUTH4OCEAN FORUM

1st EU4Ocean event “Designing Ocean Literacy actions in Europe” Empowering European Youth to Make a Difference for the Ocean 24 September 2020

Main outcomes and key messages

The workshop in a nutshell

The objectives of the workshop were to present the youth’s vision of the Youth4Ocean Forum and the benefits of becoming a member, and to start building collective actions. 153 participants of all ages, from universities, research centres, NGOs, science museums and aquariums of many different countries attended. Together they suggested collective actions that the Youth4Ocean Forum members can carry out, and how synergies can emerge with members of the EU4Ocean Platform and the Network of European Blue Schools. [Virginijus Sinkevičius](#), Commissioner for Environment, Ocean and Fisheries, also attended and was invited to join the Youth4Ocean Forum as the first Honorary Member.

Key messages/main outcome(s)

[Alvine Datchoua-Tirvaudey](#), Founding Member of the Youth4Ocean Forum:

The Forum will be a platform for mutual learning. We are as keen on learning from experts and decision-makers, as them to learn from us. But we want to be listened to and we want to create concrete changes.

Our common vision is to counter the threats our oceans are facing, and promote measures that contribute to healthy and prosperous seas.

[Nil Rodes](#), Founding Member of the Youth4Ocean Forum:

The Forum will empower YOU to become a Young Ocean Leader, and an active Blue Society citizen. Join forces with young like-minded people from many different backgrounds to co-create concrete and collective actions for our ocean’s future.

Benefits of being a member include access to mentorship, resources, knowledge and network.

[Olivia Garcia](#), Founding Member of the Youth4Ocean Forum:

Apply to become a Young Ocean Leader to gain visibility, get concrete support to transform your ideas into actions, be represented in the EU4Ocean Coalition and get the chance to win an award.

[Commissioner Sinkevičius](#):

The voice of the young generation needs to be heard in the ocean debate, and most importantly, listened to.

The best way to get your voices heard is to show the way. Build volume and strength, and be visible all the time to make your voices heard.

You can count on my personal support. When you have convincing ideas or solutions, I will always be happy to hear you and be your loudspeaker.

I accept the challenge of being the first honorary member, but we have to do this together. This is the only way forward.

Follow-up

1. Analyse the poll results and suggestions made during the brainstorming session to define the priority actions of the Youth4Ocean Forum.
2. Organise the Youth4Ocean Forum member meeting in October to plan for and start to implement actions with Youth4Ocean Forum members and in relation to the advocacy campaign.
3. Finalise the Charter and Values of the Forum in October.
4. Continue to promote the Youth4Ocean Forum.
5. Organise the first call for application to become a Young Ocean Leader in November! Stay tuned...!

