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EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY

Platform for dialogues with stakeholders and coastal communities

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Cork – Ireland
21 - 23 May 2025

21 May DAY 1

Time	Event	Details
09:30-12:30	Blue Economy for the All Atlantic - Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Regional Workshop (co-organised with DG RTD)	Venue: UCC Centre for executive education
14:00-18:00	European Maritime Space (co-organised with European Commission DG MOVE)	Venue: UCC Centre for executive education
15:00-17:30	Energy Transition Partnership for fisheries and aquaculture (DG MARE)	Venue: Clayton hotel

22 May DAY 2

Time	Event	Details
08.00-09.15	Welcome coffee & Registration	Venue: Cork city council
09.15-09:45	Plenary: Official opening session	Keynote speakers: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Dan Boyle (+Video) 2. An Taoiseach, Micheál Martin (Irish Prime Minister) 3. Darragh O'Brien, Minister for Climate, Environment and Energy 4. Costas Kadis, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans Facilitator: Mr. Seamus Kearney
09:45-10:00	<i>Transition break</i>	VIP Ceremonial EMD photo

<p>10:00-10:55</p>	<p>Fisheries and Ocean Dialogue</p> <p>Policy Session</p> <p>Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)</p>	<p>Welcoming words by Commissioner Costas Kadis, followed by scene setting by Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG MARE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEP Christophe Clergeau (S&D, FR), Member of the European Parliament, President of the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas (SEARICA) Intergroup, • Mätta Ivarsson, European Committee of the Regions, rapporteur on the Ocean Pact • Speaker tbc <p>Facilitator: Mr. Seamus Kearney</p>
<p>10:55-11:15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>	<p>Launch of the Blue Economy Report 2025 at EC/CINEA Stand with Commissioner and MARE DG</p>
<p>11:15-12:00</p>	<p>Fisheries and Ocean Dialogue</p> <p>Sustainable Blue Economy</p> <p>Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)</p>	<p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gesine Meissner, European Coordinator for the European Maritime Space, DG MOVE, European Commission • Filip Reinhag, President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR) • Jerry Murphy, Director of MaREI: Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine, University College CORK • Esben Sverdrup Jensen, President of the European Association of Fish Producers Organisations • Vincent Guerre, Director for Trade and Competitiveness, SeaEurope • Mattia Cecchinato, Offshore Wind Manager, Wind Europe <p>Facilitator: Mr. Seamus Kearney</p>
<p>12:00-12:45</p>	<p>Fisheries and Ocean Dialogue</p> <p>International Dimension</p> <p>Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)</p>	<p>Panellists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG MARE, European Commission • Eric Banel, Director General of Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture (DGAMPA), France • Vera Coelho, Deputy Vice-President Europe of OCEANA • Dr. Fiona Grant chair of the European Marine Board <p>Facilitator: Mr. Seamus Kearney</p>
<p>12:45-13.00</p>		<p>EMD Family photo</p>
<p>13.00-14.30</p>	<p>Lunch</p>	
<p>14.30-15.30</p>	<p>Plenary: EMD Cities Network Plenary Round Table</p>	<p>Keynote speaker:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG MARE

		<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Kieran McCarthy, Chair of the EMD Blue Cities Network (IE) • Jan de Boer, Mayor of the Municipality of Den Helder (NL) • Fredérique Bonnard, Vice-president of Brest Metropole in charge of European Affairs (FR) • Bo Hansen, Mayor of Svendborg (DK) <p>Facilitator: David Joyce, Director of Climate Action and Emergency Response, Cork City Council</p> <p>Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)</p>
15.30-15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.45 -17.00	Workshops	<p>4 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Venues: Cork city council (Millenium Hall + Council Chambers) - Clayton hotel (meeting centre 1+2)</p>
	Coastal communities	Young generation approach 4 resilient blue economy
	Food security	20 Year of Advisory Councils Stakeholder Expertise for Oceans Pact
	Maritime cooperation	Blue Women champions take the stage at EMD 2025
	Blue energy	Blue Innovation: Ocean Energy scaleup through the European Ocean Pact
17:00-17:15	<i>Transition break</i>	
17.15-18.30	Workshops	<p>4 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Venues: Cork city council (Millenium Hall+ Council Chambers) - Clayton hotel (meeting centre 1+2)</p>
	Maritime cooperation	GNSBI engagement with other users of the North Sea
	Blue energy	Navigating the Future: Sustainable Trade and Ships
	Maritime security/safety	Protecting Subsea Infrastructure
	Coastal communities	EU Pilot Sites Strengthening Coastal Resilience
19.00-21.00	<i>Networking reception</i>	

23 May DAY 3

Time	Event	Details
08:30-09:00	<i>Welcome coffee</i>	Venue: Cork City Council

9:00-9:30	Plenary: Wrap up from the Fisheries and Ocean Dialogue	Reflections on the Dialogue by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG MARE • Oonagh Buckley, Secretary General at the Department of the Environment Climate and Communications, Ireland Facilitator: Mr. Seamus Kearney Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)
9:45-11:00	Workshops	4 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS Venues: Cork city council (Millennium Hall+ Council Chambers) - Clayton hotel (meeting centre 1+2)
	Maritime security/safety	The EUMSS – the role of EFCA, EMSA, and Frontex: Charlina Vitcheva , Director General, DG MARE: scene setting, moderation and closing Keynote speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maja Markovčić Kostelac, Executive Director, EMSA • Susan Steele, Executive Director, EFCA • Lars Gerdes, Deputy Executive Director for Operations, FRONTEX
	Blue enablers	Sailing for Science and Climate Action
	Food security	The role of aquaculture in the Multiuse of the Sea
	Maritime cooperation	Making co-operation in MSP & Regulation a reality
11:00-11h15	<i>Transition break</i>	
11:15-12:15	Plenary: Synergies between Sea basin strategies	Keynote speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG MARE Other participants FR, PT, IE, UA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthieu Reunavot, Deputy-Director for maritime planning, Department for maritime spaces and coastal areas, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture, France for the Greater North Sea Basin Initiative (GNSBI) Co-Presidency • Speaker tbc • Philip Nugent, Director-General for Maritime Affairs at the Department of the Environment Climate and Communications, Ireland for the Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy Presidency • Gryhorii Mozolevych, Director General of Science Development, Directorate of Ministry of Education and Science, Ukraine, for the Presidency of the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea Facilitator: Seamus Kearney Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)

11:15-12:30	Workshops	4 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS Venues: UCC - Cork city council (Council Chambers) - Clayton hotel (meeting centre 1+2)
	Coastal communities	Building Resilience in Island Economies
	Maritime security/safety	EU response to maritime security threats
	Blue energy	How we can all achieve Net 0 in the supply chain
	Blue enablers	Mission Ocean-Unlocking Phase2 Scalable Governance
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:45	Workshops	4 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS Venues: Cork city council (Millenium Hall+ Council Chambers) - Clayton hotel (meeting centre 1+2)
	Maritime cooperation	Boosting Coastal Tourism in the Outermost Regions
	Food security	Funding opportunities, a focus on the EIP Agri: exchange of good practices
	Coastal communities/enablers	Maximising support blue skills and ocean literacy
	Blue enablers/Food security	Have your say: future Ecosystem Informed Advice
14:45-15:00	Transition break	
15:00-16:15	European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) session Venue: Millenium hall	20 years of uniform and effective control and inspection Keynote speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stelios Mitolidis, Director Fisheries Policy Mediterranean and Black Sea, DG MARE Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Sean Murran, Senior Port Officer, Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority, Ireland • Ms. Elin Hedman, Senior Analyst, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management, Sweden • Mr. Claus Wille, Senior fisheries inspector, Danish Agricultural and Fisheries Agency • Ms. Marta Llopis López, Spanish and EU Fisheries Inspector / Spanish External Fleet Head of Sector, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Spain)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nikolay Kerekov, Chief Inspector, Department “Fisheries and Control” - Black Sea, Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Bulgaria <p>Facilitator: Susan Steele, Executive Director of EFCA</p>
15:00-16:15	Workshops	<p>4 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS</p> <p>Venues: UCC - Cork city council (Council Chambers) - Clayton hotel (meeting centre 1+2)</p>
	Maritime cooperation	Engaged Scientific Information & Marine Pollution
	Coastal communities	Seawards, the European University Ocean Cluster
	Food security	Driving Innovation in the Blue Bioeconomy: Algae
	Blue enablers	Ocean Observation - Foundation of Marine Knowledge
<i>16:15-16:30</i>	<i>Transition break</i>	
16:30-17:00	Plenary: End of EMD – Closure session	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. #MakeEUBlue awards: outstanding ocean literacy initiatives in Europe from the EU4Ocean coalition, awarded by Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG MARE 2. Handover ceremony between Cork (IE) and Limassol (CY), In presence of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lord Mayor of Cork, Councillor Dan Boyle - Yiannis Arneftis, Mayor of Limassol, CY with video 3. Closing remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister Timmy Dooley, Minister of State at the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine - Commissioner Costas Kadis, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans <p>Facilitator: Stephen Davies</p> <p>Venue: Cork city council (Millennium Hall)</p>