

European Maritime Day

Den Helder, 20 – 21 May 2021 (virtual conference)

Programme

DAY 1 – Thursday 20 May 2021

08.30 – 9.00 Welcome and networking

09.00 – 10.00 **Opening Session** – *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

Moderator: Humberto TAN

Welcome: Micheál MARTIN, Prime Minister of Ireland (host of EMD 2020 – video message)

Jan DE BOER, Mayor of Den Helder

Kees VISSER, Alderman Economy and Harbour, Den Helder

Key note: **A NEW APPROACH FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY**

Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

OPENING EXCHANGE: A GREEN RECOVERY FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY

- Cora van NIEUWENHUIZEN, Minister for Infrastructure and Water Management, The Netherlands
- Cees LOGGEN, Vice-Governor of Noord-Holland, President CPMR
- Carmen-Gabriela AVRAM, MEP, Vice-Chair Intergroup Seas, Rivers Islands and Coastal Areas
- Malgosia BARTOSIK, Deputy CEO, Wind Europe
- Monika VERBEEK, Executive director, Sea at Risk

10.00 – 10.15 Networking break

10.15 – 11.00 **Pitch Stage I** – *virtual, web-streamed*

BRINGING BLUE/GREEN INNOVATION TO MARKET (EMFF blue economy innovation projects)

(Organised by European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency - CINEA)

Moderator: Vincent Favrel

Speakers:

- Tomas FLANAGAN (CEO at [EireComposites](#))
- Esteban CAMACHO (Innovation Manager at [RDC](#))
- Stephen WANN (CEO at [ZOAN BIOMED](#))
- Zuriñe VARELA ARANGUREN (Data Analysis Manager at [Xabet](#))

10.15 – 11.00 **EU Blue Economy Report 2021: The blue' in the 'green'** - virtual session, web streamed
(Organised by European Commission – DG MARE)

Moderator: Frangiscos NIKOLIAN, Head of Unit, DG MARE

Speakers:

- Anders MALLE HJORTSHØJ, Special Advisor from the Danish Maritime Authority (Climate Team / Department for Blue Growth and Maritime Policy)
- Sandra SILVA, Director Programming services, DG Maritime Policy, Portugal
- Claudia GROTZ, Head of Public Affairs Europe, Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy

11.00 – 12.15 **EU Policy Session** - *from Den Helder studio, web streamed*

THE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD SECTOR AND THE EU'S GREEN DEAL

(Organised by European Commission – DG MARE)

This session will highlight the role of seafood in the context of the wider political agenda and notably the Farm to Fork Strategy, as well as the implications and the opportunities offered by this agenda for the EU seafood sector. The EC will present new initiatives such as the new Commission Strategic Guidelines for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture as well as its work towards a future initiative to support the production and use of algae in the EU (“Blue bio economy – towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector”)

Moderator: Felix LEINEMANN, Head of Unit, DG MARE

Speakers:

- Javier OJEDA (Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council)
- Maria DAMANAKI (Systemiq, Seaweed for Europe)
- Louise FRESCO, President of the Executive Board of Wageningen Research
- Brian O' RIORDAN, Executive Secretary, Low Impact Fishers of Europe

11.00 – 12.15 **EU Policy Session:** *virtual session - web streamed*

MARINE AND FRESHWATER RESEARCH & INNOVATION

(Organised by European Commission – DG MARE)

This session will shed light on the expected marine and aquatic research and innovation in the Horizon Europe work programme. The discussion will explore what kind of research we need in the next years and how the proposed mission on healthy ocean, seas and waters will complement this research towards impactful policy-making. The session will also touch upon how EU research fits in the global spectrum through the UN Decade of ocean science.

Moderator: Andreea STRACHINESCU, Head of Unit, DG MARE

Speakers:

- John BELL, Director, DG R&I
- Darko MANAKOVSKI, Board Member, Ocean Mission
- Julian BARBIERE, UN Ocean Decade Focal Point

12.15 – 13.15 Networking lunch

13.15 – 14.30 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - virtual sessions

14.30 – 15.15 **Pitch Stage II** - *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

OCEAN LITERACY AND SOFT POWER: STORIES FROM THE NETHERLANDS

(Organised by 'Ministry of Storytelling' -NGO, City of Den Helder and Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management of The Netherlands)

Moderator: Eelco KOOLHAAS, Chief Story Teller, Ministry of Storytelling (NGO)

Speakers:

- Thijs MIDDELDORP (Embassy of the North Sea – Partizanpublik)
- Tim HAASNOOT (Director, Catching the Potential -ProSea)
- Erwin COOLEN (Director, ECHT, de Rijke Noordzee & Dutch Wave Makers - SDG Nederland - life below water Alliance)
- Intermezzo – YANAIIKA, City Poet of Den Helder
- Wietske WIJNANT (Director, Blue School Den Helder Jac P Thijsse)
- Mark FREDERIKS (Local2local short sustainable food chains - Amped)
- Bruno DOEDENS (land artist - Dancing with Nature)

15.15 – 16.30 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - virtual sessions

16.30 – 16.45 Networking break

16.45 – 18.00 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - virtual sessions

18.00 – 19.00 Networking

Day 2 – Friday 21 May 2021

09.00 – 10.15 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** - *virtual sessions*

10.20 – 11.00 Networking break

10.20 – 11.00 **Pitch Stage III: Interact** – Knowledge of the Seas network – *virtual session*

Moderator: Philipp SCHWARTZ

11.05 – 12.20 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** *virtual sessions*

12.25 – 13.00 **Closing session and handover ceremony** - *from Den Helder studio, webstreamed*

Moderator: Charlina VITCHEVA, Director General, DG MARE

Speakers:

- Jan DE BOER, Mayor of Den Helder
- Lotte MOLLEMA, Youth Mayor of Den Helder
- Giacomo COSTANTINI, Deputy Mayor for Tourism and Smart City, Ravenna (next EMD host city)
- Farah OBAIDULLAH, Ocean Advocate, Founder Women4Oceans

13.00 – 14.00 Networking lunch

14.00 – 16.30 **BLUEINVEST workshop** (special event)

FINANCING A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY: FROM PIPE DREAM TO PIPELINE

16.30 **End of EMD conference**

Saturday 22 May 2021

[OCEAN LITERACY FESTIVAL – CELEBRATING THE ATLANTIC OCEAN AND THE NORTH SEA](#)

A post EMD special event, organised by the EU4Ocean coalition (EU4Ocean Platform, Youth4Ocean Forum and EU Network of Blue Schools) addressed to families, young people, pupils, teachers, marine science educators, researchers, policy makers, entrepreneurs and other professionals.

The festival will showcase diverse virtual events, activities and digital educational content from the European countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean and the North Sea.

Main themes:

- Food from the Ocean
- Ocean and Climate
- Healthy Oceans

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