



MARITIME FORUM

High-level conference the future of the blue planet

Event date:
19/03/2019 (All day)

the Parliament will host a conference on the future of oceans, with panel discussions covering global ocean governance; sustainable blue economy; and healthy, clean seas and oceans by 2030. The conference will start at 14.00 CET with doors opening at noon.



Joint conference of the **European Parliament** and the **European Commission**

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

14:00 - 15:00 Opening ceremony (plenary chamber)

- **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament
- **Frans Timmermans**, Vice-President of the European Commission (TBC)
- **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Carlos Moedas**, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Research, Science and Innovation (TBC)

- **Gesine Meissner**, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Policy
- Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU
- **Sylvia Earle**, Oceanographer (TBC)
- **Nello Musumeci**, President of Sicily (TBC)
- **Boyan Slat**, Founder of The Ocean Cleanup (TBC) or Daniela Fernandez, Founder and CEO of the Sustainable Ocean Alliance (TBC)

Family photo

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

(plenary chamber)

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) (TBC)
- **Steve Trent**, Executive Director of the Environmental Justice Foundation
- **Maria Damanaki**, Global Managing Director for oceans at the Nature Conservancy
- **Johan Rockström**, Professor and Researcher at the Stockholm Resilience Centre (TBC)
- **Árni M. Mathiesen**, assistant director-general, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Food and Agriculture Organisation
- **Pasquale Legora De Feo**, CEO of CO.NA.TE.CO S.P.A.

Q&A

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

(plenary chamber)

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 Mobility and Environment at the European Commission

- **Mark Demesmaeker** (ECR), **Ricardo Serrão Santos** (ALDE), **Cláudia Monteiro De Aguiar** (EPP), **Giovanni La Via** (EPP)
- **Audrey Azoulay**, Director General of UNESCO
- **Peter Herzig**, Executive Director at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel
- **Søren Skou**, CEO of the transport and logistics division of MAERSK CEO (TBC)
- **Inger Andersen**, Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme (TBC)

Q&A

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

(plenary chamber)

Chair: Jerzy Buzek, Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy

Introduction: Jerzy Buzek, 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), **Christian Ehler** (EPP), **Dan Nica** (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

Q&A

18:00 - 18:30 Concluding remarks (plenary chamber)

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

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