
What next steps for OurOcean?

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As already expressed in its 2015 Statement for Oceans and Climate, the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup of the European Parliament fully endorses the statement of the Our Ocean Conference that “all of us depend on the ocean: for our water, our food, our climate and our air”.

Our action has indeed left our ocean “heavily affected by pollution, overexploitation, coastal degradation and global warming. This has severe consequences for all.”

In this Context, the EU had the honour to host the Our Ocean Conference in Malta on 5-6 October 2017. It offered a great opportunity to showcase commitments illustrating the leading role Europe plays in achieving maritime sustainable development.

The Intergroup do believe that a new vision is needed, along with strong and action-oriented commitments.

Therefore, the Seas, Rivers, Islands and Coastal Areas Intergroup of the European Parliament would like to seize this great opportunity to organise a post OOC17 conference in Brussels in January. It would be the occasion to present the results of the OOC17 while reflecting upon the potential next steps for action.

*The day of the conference, Participants are kindly requested to present themselves from **12:45** onwards, in order to avoid delays*

13.00-13.30 - Sandwich Lunch & Coffee in the Room offered by Ocean & Climate Platform

13.30-13.50 - Welcome Addresses

- Ms **Gesine MEISSNER**, MEP, Chair of the Intergroup
- Comm. **Karmenu VELLA**, Commissioner for the Environment and Maritime Affairs

13.50-14.15 - Key Note Speeches

- Mr **Nicolas HULOT**, French Ministry for the Environment tbc
- Representative from SKY

14.15-15.00 - Commitments from European stakeholders – Focus on Transport

Moderation by Ms **Karima DELLI**, MEP, Chair of TRAN Committee, Member of the Intergroup tbc

- Mr **Henrik HOLOLEI**, Director General, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport tbc
- Ms **Birgitta LOSMAN**, Chair regional development committee of Västra Götaland Region, Member of the CPMR, Sweden
- Ms **Antidia CITORES**, Co-Chair Platform Ocean and Climate, Head of Lobbying and Campaign Department Surfrider Foundation
- Mr **Peter MÜLLER-BAUM**, Managing Director VDMA Engines and Systems

Respondents: Members of the European Parliament

- Ms **Claudia MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR**, MEP, Member of the Intergroup
- Ms **Deirdre CLUNE**, MEP, Member of the Intergroup

15.00-15.45 - Commitments from European stakeholders – Focus on Outermost Regions and Islands

Moderation by Ms **Sofia RIBEIRO**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup in charge of Outermost Regions

- Mr **Pierre-Emmanuel NOËL**, European Investment Bank
- Mr **Teva ROFRITSCH**, Vice-President of French Polynesia Region, Member of the CPMR, France
- Ms **Françoise GAILL**, Conseil National de la Recherche Scientifique
- Representative from IRENA

Respondents: Members of the European Parliament

- Mr **Ricardo SERRÃO SANTOS**, MEP, Vice-Chair of the Intergroup in charge of Marine and Maritime Research
- Mr **Younous OMARJEE**, MEP, Member of the Intergroup

Discussion with the participants

Concluding Remarks