
SEArICA Blue Economy Conference

A blue dimension to the Green Deal: The way towards a sustainable recovery of the blue economy in Europe

With the support of CPMR and DG MARE

Thursday 28 January 2021 from 10:00 to 12:30 (CET)

Online - Microsoft Teams

The SEArICA Blue Economy Conference is organised by the [SEARICA](#) Intergroup of the European Parliament in cooperation with the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries of the European Commission and the [Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions](#).

The online conference will conclude the feedback process on the EC [Roadmap](#) on sustainable blue economy. It has been designed to engage regional, national and sectoral blue economy stakeholders, Members of the European Parliament and high-level officials of the European Commission on the various facets of the blue economy.

Agenda

- 1. 10:00 – 10:30 Opening remarks:** MEP Tonino PICULA, Chair of the SEArICA Intergroup, Commissioner Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, Ricardo SERRAO SANTOS, Minister of Maritime Affairs in Portugal, Cees LOGGEN, CPMR President
- 2. 10:30 – 11:00 Scene setting by lead scientists** to underline the severity of the situation, 10 years to act or oceans will become a carbon source, point of no return:
 - Karina VON SCHUCKMANN, Oceanographer specialised in ocean climate monitoring, IPCC author, Mercator Ocean International/EU Copernicus Marine Service
 - Stéphane ISOARD, European Environmental Agency
 - Claire JOLLY, Head of the Innovation Policies for Space and Ocean (IPSO) Unit, and of the OECD STI Ocean Economy Group, supervisor of OECD study “Rethinking Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean Economy

INTERGROUP SEAS, RIVERS, ISLANDS AND COASTAL AREAS



3. **11:00 – 11:15 Reactions from SEARica Intergroup members:** Jan-Christoph OETJEN (RE) and Petros KOKKALIS (GUE)

4. **11:15 – 12:10 Panel with key stakeholders:** key marine sectors, maritime regions, NGOs, Starfish 2030

Moderator: Ms Eleni MARIANOI, CPMR Secretary General

- Mr George ALEXAKIS, CPMR Vice President
- Mr Christophe TYTGAT, Secretary General, Sea-Europe (maritime civil and naval technology)
- Mr Rémi GRUET, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe
- Mr Pierre TARDIEU, Chief Policy Officer, Wind-Europe
- Mr Daniel VOCES, Managing Director, Europeche
- Mr Jeremy SAMPSON, CEO, The Travel Foundation and Chair, Future of Tourism Coalition
- Ms Gesine MEIßNER, Mission Board Healthy Oceans, Seas, Coastal and Inland Waters members (Starfish 2030)
- Ms Antidia CITORES, Surfrider Europe

5. **12:10 – 12:20 Reactions from SEARica Intergroup members:** Vangelis MEIMARAKIS (EPP) and Josianne CUTAJAR (S&D)

6. **12:20 – 12:30 Closing remarks** by SEARica MEPs Manuel PIZARRO (S&D) and Claudia MONTEIRO DE AGUIAR (EPP)



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