



TUESDAY 14 APRIL | 13:30- 15:30
EUROPEAN COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS, JDE 51
FROM 15:30, NETWORKING DRINKS IN THE ATRIUM

SEARICA ANNIVERSARY EVENT: ONE YEAR OF STEERING OCEAN ACTION IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT



AT THE INVITATION OF MEP CHRISTOPHE CLERGEAU,
CHAIR OF THE SEARICA INTERGROUP

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Hosted by MEP Christophe Clergeau, SEArICA Chair

Organised with the support of the [Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions](#)

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followed by a networking drink until 16:30

European Committee of the Regions, JDE 51, Brussels

One year after our renewal for the 2024-2029 term and our February 2025 Launch Conference, it is time for the SEArice Intergroup in the European Parliament to take stock of our achievements during this first year and to set the groundwork for future successes.

This anniversary conference will be an opportunity to assess SEArice's role in helping deliver an ambitious and transformative Ocean Pact, and reaffirm the importance of ensuring the Pact's concrete implementation. It will also serve as a moment of reflection and exchange on the contents of the future Ocean Act. The publication of the Act is set for the end of this year, and will occupy an important place in SEArice's work in 2026 and beyond as we aim to reshape and fully integrate Ocean governance in Europe.

As no policy can succeed without being anchored in territorial realities and implemented with local actors, regional voices must play a central role in delivering on the Ocean Pact in Islands and Coastal Areas. The EU Strategy on Islands and Coastal Communities can provide a unique vision for our local communities, paying close attention to their respective specificities, challenges and innovative visions. This anniversary conference will therefore also be a moment to hear from regional actors working for islands and for coastal areas.

The SEArice Members of the European Parliament invite you to join them for this one-year anniversary event of the SEArice Intergroup 2024-2029 to continue to shape the Ocean policy of the future together.

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DRAFT AGENDA

Welcome (20 min) – 13h35 – 14h

- **Christophe Clergeau**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Chair – 5min
- Video address by **Costas Kadis**, Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans – 6min
- **Charlina Vitcheva**, Director General, DG MARE – 5min

Opening. ONE YEAR OF MOBILISATION FOR THE OCEAN – SEARICA IN ACTION (15 min) – 14h-14h15

Presentations by

- **Isabelle Le Callennec**, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair – 5min
- **Sabrina Repp**, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair – 5min

Session I. FROM STATEMENT TO ACTION: SHAPING THE OCEAN ACT IN 2026 (25 min) 14h15-14h40

Moderated by Isabella Lövin, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair – 5 min

- **Paulo Do Nascimento Cabral**, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair – 5min
- **Helen Willetts**, Advocacy Director, Seas At Risks for the Blue NGOs – 5min
- **Monia El Faziki**, SEAEurope Director for Social & EU Public Affairs – 5min

**Session II. UNITED FOR ISLANDS, COASTAL AREAS AND OUTERMOST REGIONS: SHAPING AN
AMBITIOUS EU STRATEGY (30 min) 14h40 – 15h10**

Moderated by Tonino Picula, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair – 5 min

- **Marie-Antoinette Maupertuis**, President of the Assembly of Corsica, Member of the Committee of the Regions, Chair of the Insular Regions interregional group, CoR rapporteur on the opinion 'Enhancing Cohesion Policy support for regions with geographic and demographic handicaps (art 174 TFEU)' – 5min
- **Ivan Matić**, ESIN, Vice-Chair for the Mediterranean – 5 min
- **Alicia Homs**, MEP, SEArca Vice-Chair – 5 min
- Roundtable conclusion by **Davide Strangis**, CPMR Secretary General – 5 min

CONCLUSIVE REMARKS (15 min) 15h10 - 15h30

- **Geneviève Pons**, Director General & President of Europe Jaques Delors – 5min
- **Christophe Clergeau**, MEP, SEArca Chair – 5 min
- **Amb. George Ioannides**, Permanent representative, Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the European Union – 8 min