

IMPLEMENTING THE EUROPEAN OCEAN PACT: JPI OCEANS NEW STRATEGY

Hosted by MEP **Paulo do Nascimento Cabral**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArice Vice-Chair for Fisheries, Aquaculture, Marine Biological Resources and Blue Biotechnologies.

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Room Antall 6Q1

This parliamentary session signals a decisive step from vision to execution in European ocean governance. Convened under the SEArice Intergroup and hosted by MEP Paulo do Nascimento Cabral, it aligns priorities of the recently unveiled European Ocean Pact with the implementation capacities enabled by JPI Oceans' new Strategy Framework 2026-2030.

In a compact format, the session will move from the Ocean Pact's broad political mandate to the practical levers, including research programming, international collaboration, and parliamentary action needed to deliver it. Brief keynote insights set the stage, an expert debate discusses the implementation and a networking reception lets participants establish the partnerships that translate a vision into concrete actions.

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Introduction and welcome, *by*:

- **Paulo do Nascimento Cabral**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Peter Haugan**, Chair, JPI Oceans, Policy director, Institute of Marine Research, Norway

The Science we Need for the Ocean we Want: An International Perspective

- **Vidar Helgesen**, Executive Secretary Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)

The European Ocean Pact: Policy Framework and Ambitions

- **Costas Kadis**, Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

The JPI Oceans Strategy Framework 2026-2030, A Strategic Response to the European Ocean Pact

- **Peter Haugan**, Chair, JPI Oceans, Policy Director, Institute of Marine Research, Norway
- **Benjamin Kürten**, Vice Chair, JPI Oceans, Science-Policy Officer, Project Management Jülich,
- **Maria Azzopardi**, Director (Internationalisation), Xjenza Malta.

Panel discussion: From Strategy to Impact

Moderator: Sofia Cordeiro, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General for Studies, Planning and Evaluation of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation, Portugal and Member of the JPI Oceans Management Board

Speakers:

- **Peter Haugan**, Chair, JPI Oceans, Policy director, Institute of Marine Research, Norway
- **Vidar Helgesen**, Executive Secretary Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)
- **Wiebke Pankauke**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission DG Research & Innovation, Healthy Planet Directorate: Ocean, Seas and Waters

Q&A

Concluding remarks

Thomas Bajada, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair

17:00 – 18:00: A Networking reception will follow the event