

## Charting a course to a future EU Blue Deal

### *The SEArICA Intergroup Final Conference (2019-2024)*

Hosted by MEP **Tonino Picula**, Chair of the SEArICA Intergroup

Organised with the support of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions

**07 March 2024, 14.00 - 16.00**

European Parliament, ASP 3H1, Brussels / Online

Over the past four years, the vital role of seas, rivers, islands and coastal areas has gained significant importance in the EU actions to address the environmental, climate and energy crises. While the European Green Deal set a package of policy initiatives, targets and legislation to engage the EU on the path of green transition, the European Commission proposed a new vision for the transformation of the maritime economic sectors, paving the way for a transition towards sustainable Blue Economy. Within its third mandate, the SEArICA Intergroup has contributed to the political debate on the maritime dimension of strategic EU policies. Shedding a light on the proposals of the SEArICA members for an enhanced consideration of maritime issues at EU and international level, the SEArICA Intergroup has provided an engaging platform for cross-sectoral dialogues and has voiced specific EU sea-basin challenges and realities.

With the parliamentary term coming to an end, and in light of the European Ocean Days 2024, this final conference, hosted by **MEP Tonino Picula**, SEArICA Chair, aims at reflecting on past maritime achievements and on the next generation of EU maritime policies.

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## DRAFT AGENDA

*A Welcome Coffee will be served from 14:00 to 14:15.*

**Roundtable I. From Blue Growth to Blue Deal: Making stock of achievements on sustainable blue economy to pave the way to the next generation of EU maritime policies**

*Moderation by **Eleni Marianou**, CPMR Secretary General*

**Opening by Tonino Picula**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the SEArca Intergroup

**Keynote address by Kestutis Sadauskas**, Deputy Director-General, DG MARE, European Commission

*Reaction by*

- **Jan Christoph Oetjen**, Vice-President of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair for Maritime Transport and North Sea
- **Josianne Cutajar**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair for Blue SMEs & Digitalisation
- **Nils Torvalds**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair for Baltic Sea
- **Catherine Chabaud**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair for Climate & Governance (*video address*)

**Roundtable II. Multi-use of the seas and coastal areas: discussing a strategic agenda for a future EU Blue Deal**

*Moderation by **Tonino Picula**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the SEArca Intergroup*

*Messages from the [European Blue Forum](#), by*

- **Delilah Al Khudhairy**, Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission

*Addresses by*

- **Rémi Gruet**, CEO for Ocean Energy Europe
- **David Basset**, General Secretary for the European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform
- **Anaëlle Boudry**, Senior Policy Advisor, European Sea Ports Organisation
- **Gaëlle Haut**, EU Affairs Coordinator for Surfrider Foundation Europe

***Reactions from SEArca Members & Open debate***

**Conclusions by Tonino Picula**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the SEArca Intergroup