

## **European Ocean Days - Marine Knowledge for the Ocean Pact on Friday 7th of March (09.00-12.40)**

**Venue: Sparks Meeting Rue Ravenstein 60, 1000 Brussels, Belgium**

### **General**

The European Ocean Days is a week-long event with a series of dynamic and interconnected sessions relevant to maritime topics. Each day features distinct sessions focused on various key ocean-related themes, allowing participants to engage deeply with sustainable blue economy, considering fisheries science outcomes, showcasing Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters actions, blue investments, and dialogues with key stakeholders, including youth.

The European Ocean Days provides a unique platform to exchange of ideas across diverse blue communities, discuss about the challenges ahead, explore innovative solutions, and pave the way for concrete actions that address the interconnected ocean issues. This year, the Ocean Days are a key component of the preparation of the Ocean Pact, a reference framework for all EU ocean-related policies.

### **Marine Knowledge for the Ocean Pact on Friday 7th of March 9.00 to 12.30**

Preparation for the Ocean Pact demands a robust foundation of knowledge, and the Day 5 morning focuses on this crucial need by gathering Europe's marine data and observation to discuss challenges and opportunities. The morning session Marine Knowledge for the Ocean Pact will be devoted to showcase the crucial role of all the components of its value chain: ocean observation, data, research, models and forecasting, assessments and scenario analysis, delivery of this outputs in different forms, including applications under the European Digital Twin Ocean, as well as citizen science.

### **Agenda**

#### **Marine Knowledge for the Ocean Pact**

#### **Ocean Observation, data and services towards an operational Digital Twin Ocean**

<b>09.00 09.10</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction to the Marine Knowledge for the Ocean Pact</b>  <i>Olivier Schalbroeck, Master of Ceremony</i>
<b>09.10 09.20</b>	<b>Opening words</b> , Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission  <i>Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries</i>
<b>09.20 09.40</b>	<b>Marine Knowledge for the Ocean Pact – Master keynote speech</b>  <i>Claire Jolly, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development</i>

	<b>Ocean Observation for the Ocean Pact</b>
<b>09.45</b> <b>10.30</b>	<p><b>Policy input on Ocean Observation</b> <i>Andreea Strachinescu, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b> <i>Alessandra Giorgetti, National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics – OGS, Italy</i> <i>Inga Lips, EuroGOOS, European Global Ocean Observing System</i> <i>Nicolas Pade, EMBRC, European Marine Biological Resource Centre</i> <i>Rui Caldeira, ARDITI, Regional Agency for the Development of Research, Technology and Innovation, Portugal</i></p> <p><b>Slido with the audience</b></p>
<b>10.30</b> <b>11.00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
	<b>Marine Data for the Ocean Pact</b>
<b>11.00</b> <b>11.45</b>	<p><b>Policy input on Marine Data</b> <i>Fabio Pirotta, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> <i>Nadia Pinardi, University of Bologna</i> <i>Sylvie Beaus, Vlaamse Visveiling</i> <i>Simone Quatrini, Blue Economy Observatory, Joint Research Centre, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A and Slido with the audience</b></p>
	<b>EU DTO: Integrating Marine Knowledge for a sustainable and competitive Europe</b>
<b>11.45</b> <b>12.30</b>	<p><b>Policy input on Digital Services</b> <i>Mauro Facchini, Directorate-General for Defence Industry and Space, European Commission</i></p> <p><b>Panel discussion</b> <i>Marina Tonani, Mercator Ocean International</i> <i>Marijn Rabaut, North C Neutral</i> <i>Patrizio Mariani, DTU Aqua</i></p> <p><b>Q&amp;A and Slido with the audience</b></p>
<b>12.30</b> <b>12.40</b>	<p><b>Closing words</b>, <i>Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Elisabetta Balzi, HoU Oceans, Seas and Waters</i></p>
<b>12.40</b> <b>14.00</b>	<b>Networking lunch</b>