

Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030": an Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse

Event organised by the European Commission in close cooperation with Ireland Ministries and National Maritime College

Format: three-day hybrid event

Date: 23 - 25 November 2022

Location: Cork, Ireland

Targeted stakeholders: Atlantic-Arctic Member States and Associated Countries, international partner countries, representatives of sea basin intergovernmental organisations, as well as other relevant stakeholders including academia and industry representatives, investors, NGOs, Atlantic Strategy Committee.

Scope: the aim of this event is to mobilise a wide range of stakeholders to join the Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030", and particularly the Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse. The event will focus on the political commitments to implement the Mission and agree on concrete measures and actions in the Atlantic-Arctic to protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, and boost coastal resilience.

The event will bring together key stakeholders in the lighthouse area to:

- Generate political buy-in to the Mission and application of the Charter for the Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030" in the Atlantic-Arctic basin.
- Agree on actions and measures to contribute to the Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse 2030 targets, following the Sherpa's group discussions (workshop on 24 November):
 - Protect a minimum of 30% of the EU's sea area and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.
 - o Strictly protect at least 10% of the EU's sea area.
 - o Contribute to the marine targets of the Nature Restoration Law proposal¹
- Showcase concrete examples of programmes and initiatives from Member States, regions, cities and other stakeholders, using Research and Innovation and nature-based solutions for protecting and restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, and strengthening coastal resilience, thus contributing to the Mission's Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse.

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¹ Nature restoration law (europa.eu)







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DRAFT PROGRAMME

National Maritime College of Ireland, Ringaskiddy, Cork, Ireland 23 - 25 November 2022

23 November

10:00 – 16:00: BlueMissionAA kick off meeting, MaREI, Ringaskiddy, Cork

Afternoon: Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership workshop, Clayton Hotel, Cork City

24 November

Afternoon: Citizen Action for the Mission

Evening: Welcome dinner at the Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven, Cork

25 November

Moderator: Karen Coleman

09:00-09:45 | Welcome & opening

Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries (tbc) *Mariya Gabriel*, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (tbc)

Taoiseach Prime Minister of Ireland (tbc)

Simon Harris, Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Ireland

Ministries from France, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, Finland, Norway, Iceland Greenland, Denmark and Faroe Islands (tbc)







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09:45-11:15 | Leading actions for the protection and restoration of marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity

This session will address the main actions to protect a minimum of 30% of the EU's sea area and integrate ecological corridors, strictly protect at least 10% of the EU's sea area and contribute to the marine nature restoration targets.

Keynote speaker: Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mission Manager, Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030"

An example of Ocean restoration initiative.

Romain Troublé, Head of the Tara Ocean Foundation

Q&A / Slido

Member States and Associated Countries - Showcasing of actions and initiatives suitable for scaling up for the Atlantic/Arctic lighthouse

Feedback from some Strategic Programme Committees Group Representatives

Q&A / Slido

Joining forces across the Atlantic and Arctic

Markku Markkula, Committee of the Regions, member and rapporteur of the Opinion on the HE Missions

Jose Maria Solano, Chair, Atlantic Strategy 2.0 Committee (ASC) Atlantic Action Plan. Steven Thur, US assistant administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (NOAA Research) (tbc)

Q&A / Slido

11:15-11:35 | Coffee break





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11:35-12:45 | Leading actions for the protection and restoration of marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity (continued)

Public and private sectors (research, academia, industries, philanthropy, investors, foundations...)

Jane Stout, Vice President Biodiversity and Climate, Trinity College Dublin (tbc)

Dirk Carrez, Executive Director of Bio-based Industries (BBI)

Tiago Pitta e Cunha, Oceano Azul Foundation

Martin Sommerkorn, Head of Conservation WWF Arctic Programme

Outreach and Engagement- Empowering the community to take action

Representative from the Irish South & West Fish Producer's Organisation (tbc)

Dara Molloy, EU Pilot Island Initiative – Aran Islands (tbc)

Gary Kett, All-Atlantic Ocean Youth Ambassador

Q&A / Slido

12:45-13:15 | Closing

Pascal Lamy, Chair, Mission Board "Restore our Ocean & Waters"

John Bell, Director of Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission and Deputy Mission Manager

Paul Connolly, Chief Executive Officer, Marine Institute (tbc)

Networking Lunch