





## 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)*



**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**



**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**