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**Mission Ocean and Waters: Empowering Local Changemakers –
ports, islands, cities and regions**

Wednesday, 5 March 2025, 14:30 – 17:45
European Commission Charlemagne building (CHAR) – room: GASP
Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels

PROGRAMME

Interpretation will be provided for FR-DE-EN-IT-ES-NL-PT-EL

The event brings together representatives from the key Mission communities of ports, islands, cities and regions:

- to showcase local initiatives and targeted support from the Mission, and
- to discuss how to strengthen cooperation to empower actors to implement actions on the ground for restoring the ocean and waters.

Representatives of ports, islands, cities and regions will be given the chance to make their voice heard during discussions after each panel.

Moderator: Karen Coleman

14:00 Welcome coffee

14:30 Introduction and opening

- **John Bell**, Deputy Mission Manager, Director – DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- **Ana Vasconcelos**, MEP (Portugal)
- **Mätta Ivarsson**, Committee of the Regions, and Skåne Region (Sweden)

14:50 Session 1: Regions

- **Elisabetta Maini**, Emilia-Romagna (Italy)
- **Maxime Bonnaud-Delamare**, Région Sud (France)
- **Pirita Lindholm**, European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN)
- **Filip Reinhag**, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

Short comments from representatives of regions attending the event.

15:25 Session 2: Islands

- **Marta Ferretti**, Small Islands Organisation (SMILO)
- **Mihkel Urmet**, Ruhnu Island (Estonia)
- **Philippe Le Fur**, Mairie Île de Houat (France)
- **Giuseppe Siracusano**, Comune di Malfa, Isola di Salina, Isole Eolie (Italy)
- **Marc García-Durán Huet**, Underwater Gardens Blue Innovation Hub (Canary Islands, Spain)

Short comments from representatives of islands attending the event.

16:05 Session 3: Ports and Cities I

- **Rosemary Aghedo**, Møre og Romsdal County (Norway)
- **Giancarlo Teresi**, Regione Siciliana (Italy)
- **Vesna Baltina**, Burgas Municipality (Bulgaria)
- **Alexis Katechakis**, Blue Municipalities Network (Greece)

16:40 Session 4: Ports and Cities II

- **Maria Manuel Cruz**, Porto de Aveiro (Portugal)
- **Clara R. Solé**, Institute of Marine Sciences (ICM-CSIC) - Ocean Cities Network
- **Mario Dogliani**, SDG4MED's Coalition of Mayors (Italy & Spain)

Short comments from representatives of ports and cities attending the event.

17:15 Ocean Rise and Resilience Coalition

- **Agnès Rampal**, City of Nice (France)

17:20 Conclusion

- **Ivelina Vasileva**, Mission Board Member

17:30 Group Pictures

Celebration of all ports, islands, cities and regions that have adhered to the Mission Charter.

17:45 End