

**Mission “Restore our Draft Concept Ocean and Waters by 2030” Annual
Forum: towards 2030.**

Draft Programme of 2nd Mission Forum

5 March 2024, SPARKS, Brussels

Professional Moderator: Katrina Sichel

08:30 – 09:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome & Opening remarks**

Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries
(video message)

Iliana Ivanova, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and
Youth (tbc)

Maria da Graça Carvahlo, Member of the European Parliament

Pascal Lamy, Chair of the Mission Board, Mission “Restore our Ocean & Waters”

10:00 – 10:15 **Artistic show**

10:15 -11:00 **Synergies of Mission Ocean and Waters**

Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European
Commission

Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European
Commission

Ragna Fidjestøl, Managing Director of the EEA and Norway Grants

Dr. Marijn Rabaut, International Marine Policy Manager Blue Cluster - De Blauwe Cluster
VZW

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11:00– 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:15 **Restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems**

Panel discussion with speakers responsible for implementing solutions in the Mission's lighthouses from Charter actions (with Q&A through Slido)

Manuel F. Sousa, “BlueHorizon” [ES], Charter action

Ulla Rosenström, “Baltic Seagrass project” [FI], Charter action

Gilles Lecaillon, “Artificial habitats with ecological connectivity” [FR], Charter action

Mihai Cristian Adamescu, “Restoration of wetland complexes as life supporting systems in the Danube River basin (Restore4Life)”, Mission project

12:15 – 12:30 **Marine Protected Areas** awards by **Kęstutis Sadauskas**, Deputy Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mission Manager, Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” and **John Bell**, Deputy Mission Manager and Director of Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

12:30 – 13:15 **Preventing and eliminating pollution**

Panel with speakers responsible for implementing zero pollution solutions in the Mission's lighthouses from the Charter actions (with Q&A through Slido)

Francesca Portincasa, “Good wastewater management for environmental protection” [IT], Charter action

Piia Leskinen, “Eliminating Micro-Pollutants from Effluents for Reuse. Strategies (EMPEREST) project” [PL], Charter action

Gert Everaert, “Innovative Solutions for Plastic Free European Rivers (INSPIRE)”, Mission project

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 – 15:15 **Climate neutrality and circularity in the blue economy**

Panel with speakers responsible for implementing climate-neutral and circular solutions from the Mission's lighthouse representatives from Charter actions (with Q&A through Slido)

Philip Easthill, “Implementing a circular economy for end-of-life boats” [BE], Charter action

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Roger Preston, “TRESOILPower2X Waste Plastic To Hydrogen/Ammonia” [RO], Charter action

Angela Schultz-Zehden, “AlgaeProBANOS”, Mission project

15:15 – 16:00 EU Digital Ocean and Waters Knowledge System

Panel with speakers from Charter actions (with Q&A through Slido)

Emmanuelle Dilasser, “Ocean Hackathon” [FR], Charter action

Vanessa Sarah Salvo, “Minka Citizen Observatory” [ES], Charter action

Bjørn Egil Asbjørnslett, “Norwegian Ocean Technology Center” [NO], Charter action

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:00 Mission Ocean and Waters in action

Panel discussion with key actors on the necessary steps for the implementation and deployment of solutions for the Mission and then presentation by the Mission Manager on the next strategic steps in the implementation of the Mission.

Kęstutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mission Manager, Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”

Cécile Nys, PREP4BLUE – Horizontal coordination and support to the Mission

Fedra Francocci, BlueMissionMed – Mediterranean lighthouse coordination and support

Alberto Terenzi, BlueMissionBanos – Baltic-North Sea lighthouse coordination and support

Jose Moutinho, BlueMissionAA – Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse coordination and support

Nadja Schlichenmaier, Ecodalli – Danube lighthouse coordination and support

17:00 – 17:30 The moment of truth

Quiz to hear live feedback from all stakeholders on the Mission and the next Forum.

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17:30 – 17:45 **Closing**

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

Networking reception: 17:45