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MISSION “RESTORE OUR OCEAN AND WATERS BY 2030” THE BALTIC & NORTH SEA LIGHTHOUSE IN ACTION

25-26 April 2023

Factory Hammerbrooklyn, Stadtdeich 2-4, Hamburg, Germany
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High-level event organised by the European Commission in close cooperation with the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and with the support of the BlueMissionBANOS Co-ordination and Support Action for the Baltic & North Sea.

Format: hybrid event

Date: 25-26 April 2023

Venue: Hamburg, Germany

Targeted stakeholders: Baltic and North Sea Member States and Associated Countries, third countries, international organisations, sea basin intergovernmental organisations, communities of Mission Ocean actors including representatives from regions, cities, ports, shipping, industries, academia and education, researchers, investors, NGOs, citizens and youth.

Scope: The aim of this event is to launch the Baltic and North Sea lighthouse of the Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”, with a broad mobilisation of the communities of actors to implement this Mission across this lighthouse. The event will focus on the political commitment to implement the Mission, and agree on concrete measures and actions in the Baltic and North Sea basin, particularly to make the blue economy carbon-neutral and circular.

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

- Confirm and amplify political buy-in to the Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030” in the Baltic & North Sea basin, and engagement in the Mission Charter.
- Show-case and further agree on key actions and measures to meet the Baltic & North Sea lighthouse objectives and targets by 2030.

DAY 1

25 April 2023
Hamburg

25 APRIL

Morning Session

Moderator: Katrina Sichel

FACTORY HAMMERBROOKLYN, Hamburg, Germany

9:00 - 9:30 EXHIBITION AREA

Plastic Pirates, MSP Board Game Demonstration, Algae Sculptures

9:30 - 11:00 Opening

Welcome address by

- ***Katharina Fegebank***, Second Mayor and Minister of Science, Research, Equality and Districts, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Keynotes by

- ***Virginijus Sinkevičius***, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries (video message)
- ***Joanna Drake***, Deputy Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission
- ***Judith Pirscher*** State Secretary Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Statements by

- ***Baltic & North Sea Countries (Kristina Sigurdottir Hansen, State secretary, Norway) and representatives of Denmark, France, Poland, Finland, Belgium, Lithuania)***

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00 Leading actions for making the blue economy carbon-neutral and circular

This session will showcase main actions to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from maritime economic activities in Europe, develop zero-carbon and low-impact aquaculture, and promote circular, low-carbon multi-purpose use of marine and water space.

Introduction by

- ***Kestutis Sadauskas***, Mission Manager, European Commission

Panel discussion with the participation of some Mission Charter signatories:

- **BalticSeaSafe**, SUBMARINER Network for Blue Growth
- **Walking expedition around the Baltic Sea**, For a Clean Lithuania
- **ReNutriWater**, Chamber of Economy Polish Waterworks
- **Ocean Literacy with all**, Marine Education Center in Malmö

Q&A

Decarbonise the Blue Economy: panel on green ports & shipping

- **Isabelle Ryckbost**, Secretary General European Sea Port Organisation
- **Annelies Oeyen**, Advisor to the CEO and programme manager Water Strategy, Port of Antwerp Bruges
- Representative of Dunkerque port (tbc)
- **Simon Christopher Bergulf**, Head of Energy Transition & Operations, Maersk
- **Michele Francioni**, Senior Vice President, MSC Cruise

Q&A

13:00 - 14:00 Networking Lunch


14:00 - 15:15 Pitches from EU funded and national projects/initiatives

This session will present examples of EU funded projects and national projects/initiatives relevant for the Mission Restore our Ocean & Water as well as national initiatives with specific topics linked to the Baltic and North Sea lighthouse.

Introduction by

- **Patrik Kolar**, head of Department, Green research & innovation, CINEA

Some examples of the EU funded projects

- OLAMUR project
 - ULTFARMS project
 - BlueMissionBANOS coordination and support action
 - COOL BLUE project
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Some examples of National projects/initiatives

- **Poland:** *Agnieszka Jędruch*, Institute of Oceanology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Interreg Baltic Sea Region
- **Denmark:** *Christian Byrith*, Head of Secretariat, Interreg North Sea
- **Germany:** *Corinna Schrum*, Director of the Hereon Institute of Coastal Systems – Analysis and Modeling
- **Latvia:** *Laura Zariņa*, Deputy Director Business Incubator Department Investment and Development Agency of Latvia
- **The Netherlands:** *Hein Pieper*, Program Leader Green Climate Solutions, A Nature-based future for Europe by 2050

15:15 - 15:30 Closing

- **Pascal Lamy**, Chair, Mission Board “Restore our Ocean & Waters”
- **John Bell**, Deputy Mission Manager, European Commission

Visit of the port of Hamburg

The visit will last around 2h and will be an opportunity for networking.

Networking dinner at the Maritime Museum of Hamburg with addresses by *Dr. Joachim Harms*, German Marine Research Alliance (DAM) and celebration of Mission signatories.

26 APRIL

Morning Session

Moderator: *Katrina Sichel*

FACTORY HAMMERBROOKLYN, Hamburg, Germany

9:00 - 9:30 WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

Keynote speaker:

- **Gesine Meißner**, Member of Mission Board "Restore our Ocean and Waters"
- **Kestutis Sadauskas**, Deputy Director-General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mission Manager, Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030"
- **Henrik Lesaar**, Director International Relations and EFRE, Ministry of Economy and Innovation, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg
- **Heike Imhoff**, Head of the Marine Protection Division at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection

9:30 - 10:30 COMMUNITIES OF ACTORS FOR THE BALTIC - NORTH SEA LIGHTHOUSE

This session will illustrate examples of good practices from communities of actors for the Baltic & North Sea lighthouse. It will provide opportunities for networking and identify needs, bottlenecks and key activities to meet the Mission objectives, particularly towards the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions from maritime economic activities in the EU; the development of zero-carbon and low-impact aquaculture, and promotion of the circular, low-carbon multi-purpose use of marine and water space.

- **Cities:** **Björn Grönholm**, Director of Strategic Projects, city of Turku (Finland), **Nuno Jardim Nunes**, Bauhaus of the sea project in Hamburg and Malmø cities, **Siri Granum Carson**, city of Gjøvik (Norway)
- **Regions:** **Markku Viitasalo**, Finnish Environment Institute (Finland), **Astrid Burhöi**, Västragötaland region (Sweden), **Chantal Martens**, Blue Innovation Officer, VLIZ (Belgium)
- **Islands:** **Morten Ledertoug**, Blue Bornholm NGO, Bornholm (Denmark), **Jaanika Tiitson**, Saaremaa Municipality (Estonia), **Mattias Holmquist**, coordinator Blekinge Arkipelag (Sweden).

Q&A

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 COMMUNITIES OF ACTORS FOR THE BALTIC - NORTH SEA LIGHTHOUSE:

- **Industries/SME:** *Prof. Pawel Licznar*, The Polish stormwater system (Poland), *Austeja Platukyte*, founder of SEA FOAM start up (Lithuania).
- **Fisheries & aquaculture:** *Jörn Schmidt*, Chair of the Science Committee of ICES, *David Bassett*, General Secretary of EATiP, *Jonas Žolobaila*, AquaQLT

Q&A

12:00 - 12:30 KEY MESSAGES AND CLOSING REMARKS

- *Peter Grönwoldt*, Division Marine, Coastal and Polar Research, Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- *John Bell*, Director, Healthy Planet, European Commission and Deputy Mission Manager, Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030"

12:30 - 13:30 Networking lunch

