



SIDE EVENT

**Community Action for the Mission:
*Building the lighthouse from the bottom up***

**Thursday, 24 November 2022
National Maritime College of Ireland, Cork**

PROGRAMME

This session will enable a concrete engagement with community and sectoral stakeholders in the Atlantic and Arctic regions. The goal of the session is to present the Mission “Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030”, and to mobilise stakeholders to sign up to the Mission Charter by contributing with their policies, programmes, initiatives in line with the Mission’s objectives.

Please note times listed are in Irish Standard Time (IST)

14:00 - 14:45 Marine Demonstrations in the NMCI lobby

Moderator: Peter Heffernan, Member of the Mission Board Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030

15:00 - 15:30 Welcome and opening remarks

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”

John Bell, Director of Healthy Planet, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission and Mission Manager Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”

ClIr Danny Collins, Lord Mayor of County Cork



15:30 - 15:45 Presentation of the Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030

Elisabetta Balzi, Head of Unit, Healthy Oceans and Seas Unit, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

15:45 - 16:45 Pitch presentations: how to protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity

- **Geneviève Pons**, Director General and Vice President Europe Jacques Delors
- **Aoife O'Mahony**, Campaign Manager, Fairs Seas
- **Patrick Murphy**, Chief Executive of Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation
- **Stephanie Brennan**, EU Pilot Island Initiative, Aran Islands
- **Diarmuid Kelly**, Cuan Beo, Galway Bay
- **Samuel Collins**, Oceano Azul Foundation
- **Mario Dogliani**, Ports and Shipping representative

Q&A

16:45 - 17:00 Key messages and closing remarks by John Bell

17:10 Depart by ferry for the Royal Cork Yacht Club, Crosshaven