

## EMD - European Maritime Day

Den Helder, 20 – 21 May 2021

Provisional Programme

### DAY 1

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08.30 – 09.00

**Welcome breakfast**

09.00 – 10.15

**Opening Session** (Moderator: Humberto Tan) – *in Den Helder, webstreamed*

Welcome: Kees VISSER, Alderman Economy and Harbour, Den Helder

Key note: **A NEW APPROACH FOR A SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY**

Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

**OPENING EXCHANGE: A GREEN RECOVERY FOR THE BLUE ECONOMY**

- Cora van Nieuwenhuizen, Minister for Infrastructure and Water Management, NL
- Cees Loggen, Vice-Governor of Noord-Holland, President CPMR
- Carmen-Gabriela Avram, MEP, Vice-Chair Intergroup Seas, Rivers Islands and Coastal Areas
- Malgosia Bartosik, Deputy CEO, WindEurope
- Dona BERTARELLI, UNCTAD special adviser for the Blue Economy (tbc)

10.20 – 11.00

**Pitch Session I:** organised by EU Executive Agency for SME (*in Den Helder, webstreamed*)  
**BRINGING BLUE/GREEN INNOVATION TO MARKET** (EMFF blue economy innovation projects)

10.20 – 11.00

**EU Blue Economy Report 2021:** DG MARE (*virtual*)  
**HOW BLUE IS EUROPE'S ECONOMY IN 2021: SUPPORTING THE GREEN**

11.00 – 12.15

**EU Policy Session:** DG MARE (*in Den Helder, webstreamed*)  
**THE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD SECTOR AND THE EU'S GREEN DEAL**

*This session will highlight the role of seafood in the context of the wider political agenda and notably the Farm to Fork Strategy, as well as the implications and the opportunities offered by this agenda for the EU seafood sector. The EC will present new initiatives such as the new Commission Strategic Guidelines for the sustainable development of EU aquaculture as well as its work towards a future initiative to support the production and use of algae in the EU ("Blue bio economy – towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector")*

*Moderator: Felix Leinemann, Head of Unit, DG MARE*

*Speakers:*

- Javier OJEDA (Chair of the Aquaculture Advisory Council) - tbc
- Maria DAMANAKI (Systemiq, Seaweed for Europe) - tbc
- Louise Fresco, President of the Executive Board of Wageningen Research – tbc
- Brian O'Riordan, Executive Secretary, Low Impact Fishers of Europe - tbc

11.00 – 12.15 **EU Policy Session:** DG MARE (*in Den Helder, webstreamed*)

**MARINE AND FRESHWATER RESEARCH & INNOVATION**

*This session will shed light on the expected marine and aquatic research and innovation in the Horizon Europe work programme. The discussion will explore what kind of research we need in the next years and how the proposed mission on healthy ocean, seas and waters will complement this research towards impactful policy-making. The session will also touch upon how EU research fits in the global spectrum through the UN Decade of ocean science.*

Moderator: Bernhard Friess, Director, DG MARE (tbc)

- Speakers:
- John Bell, Director, DG R&I (tbc)
- Darko Manakovski, Board Member, Ocean Mission (tbc)
- Julian Barbieri, UN Ocean Decade Focal Point (tbc)

12.15 – 13.15 Lunch Break

13.15 – 14.35 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** (*webstreamed + virtual*)

14.35 – 15.15 **Pitch Stage II:** organised by NL (*in Den Helder, webstreamed*)

Info to be provided

15.15 – 16.30 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** (*webstreamed + virtual*)

16.30 – 16.45 Break

16.45 – 18.00 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** (*webstreamed + virtual*)

18.00 **Networking reception and handover ceremony (tbc)<sup>1</sup>**

- Lord Mayor Joe Kavanagh, Cork, Ireland
- Kees VISSER, Alderman Economy and Harbour, Den Helder
- N.N., Political Representative Ravenna City Hall

## Day 2

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09.00 – 10.15 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** (*virtual via Zoom*)

10.20 – 11.00 **Pitch Stage III:** INTERACT – Knowledge of the Seas network (*virtual via Zoom*)

Info to be provided

11.05 – 12.20 **Parallel Stakeholder Workshops** (*virtual via Zoom*)

12.25 – 13.00 **Closing Session**

- Charlina Vitcheva, Director General, DG MARE
- N.N. Representative EU4Oceans platform

13.00 – 14.00 End of EMD conference

14.00 – 16.30 **BLUEINVEST Roundtable** (special event)

**INVESTING IN THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY**

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<sup>1</sup> In case no networking reception can take place, the handover will be moved to the closing session.