

High-level conference

Oceans

the future of the blue planet



Joint conference of the **European Parliament** and the **European Commission**
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Draft Programme

12:00 – 14:00 Registration of participants (Atrium welcome point)

14:00 – 15:00 Opening ceremony (plenary chamber)

- **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament
- **Jean-Claude Juncker**, President of the European Commission (TBC)
- **Federica Mogherini**, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission
- **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Gesine Meissner**, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Policy
- Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU
- **Sylvia Earle**, Oceanographer
- **Luigi Brugnaro**, Mayor of Venice (TBC)

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15:00 – 16:00 Panel 1: Shaping global ocean governance for the future
(plenary chamber)

Chair: Alain Cadec (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's fisheries committee

Opening statement: Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation (TBC)

Introduction: Alain Cadec (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's fisheries committee; - **João Aguiar Machado**, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for maritime affairs and fisheries

- **José Inácio Faria (EPP)**, **Ulrike Rodust (S&D)**, **Gabriel Mato (EPP)**
- **Steve Trent**, Executive Director of the Environmental Justice Foundation
- **Maria Damanaki**, Global Managing Director for oceans at the Nature Conservancy
- **Johan Rockström**, Professor and Researcher at the Stockholm Resilience Centre
- **Árni M. Mathiesen**, assistant director-general, Fisheries and Aquaculture, Food and Agriculture Organisation

Q&A

16:00 – 17:00 Panel 2: Achieving healthy, clean seas and oceans by 2030 (plenary chamber)

Chair: Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's committee on environment, public health and food safety

Introduction: Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's committee on environment, public health and food safety; Daniel Calleja Crespo, Director-General of the European Commission's directorate-general for environment; Jean-Eric Paquet, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for research and innovation

- Mark Demesmaeker (ECR), Ricardo Serrão Santos (ALDE), Jytte Guteland (S&D), Cláudia Monteiro De Aguiar (EPP)
- Audrey Azoulay, Director General of UNESCO
- Jeremy Darroch, CEO of Sky - Sky's Ocean Rescue Campaign
- Peter Herzig, Executive Director at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel
- Kitack Lim, Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation

Q&A

17:00 – 18:00 Panel 3: A sustainable blue economy, reducing pressures on the oceans (plenary chamber)

Chair: Jerzy Buzek, Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy

Introduction: Jerzy Buzek, Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy; Emma Navarro, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank; Timo Pesonen, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs

- Dominique Riquet, Clara Eugenia Aguilera García, Christian Ehler, Dan Nica, Jakop Dalunde
- Vitor Verdelho, General Manager at the European Algae Biomass Association (EABA)
- Ester Asin, Director of the WWF European Policy Office
- Emanuele Grimaldi, Co-Managing Director at Grimaldi Group
- Rémi Gruet, CEO Ocean Energy Europe

Q&A

18:00 – 18:30 Concluding remarks (plenary chamber)

- Karmenu Vella, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- Gesine Meissner, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Policy