



Third Conference The Ocean of Tomorrow projects: What results so far for healthy and productive seas and oceans?

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European Commission MADOU Building, Auditorium Karel van Miert
1 place Madou, 1210 Brussels.

Objective

The objectives of the conference are:

- (1) To present the results of projects funded under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) "The Ocean of Tomorrow" call 2012 which aimed at supporting the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (2008/56/EC)¹ and the achievement of "Good Environment Status" (GES) of EU waters by 2020.
- (2) To envisage how these results can contribute to innovative solutions to improve the overall health and productivity of seas and oceans.
- (3) To capitalise on these results for new research and innovation strategies and actions to reduce pollution on land and at sea and to preserve coasts, seas and oceans, supporting President Juncker's agenda.

Programme

08:30 Registration

8:50 Introduction

Chair: Ms Sigi Gruber, Head of the Unit for Marine Resources, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

9:00 Film (to illustrate the topic of the Conference)

9:10 Exploiting , preserving and valuing our seas and oceans.

Mr John Bell, Director for Bioeconomy, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

Ms Marianne Wenning, Director for Quality of Life, Water & Air, Directorate General for Environment, European Commission

¹ OJ L164 of 25.6.2008, p.19.



Mr Bernhard Friess, Director Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs

09:30 – 12:30 Achieving Good Environmental status of our seas and oceans (GES) through research and innovation. Session 1 –Presentation of STAGES, DEVOTES, AQUATRACE and BENTHIS projects.

The projects will showcase how the research results contribute to understanding and maintaining biodiversity and how they can contribute to the achievement of Good Environmental Status as defined in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

- STAGES: Ms Marisa Fernández Cañamero. Centro Tecnológico del Mar - Fundación CETMAR. Vigo, Spain.
- DEVOTES: Mr Ángel Borja. AZTI-Tecnalia, Marine Research Division, Pasaia, Spain.
- AQUATRACE: Mr Einar Eg Nielsen. Technical University of Denmark. Silkeborg, Denmark.
- BENTHIS: Mr Adriaan Dirk Rijnsdorp. Wageningen University and Research Centre. Wageningen, The Netherlands.

10:50 – 11:10 Coffee break

11:10- 12:30 Achieving Good Environmental status of our seas and oceans (GES) through research and innovation. Session 2 –Presentation of ECSAFESEAFood, KILL –SPILL, SONIC& AQUO projects.

The projects will showcase how the research results contribute to understanding and monitor sea pollutants and stressors affecting food and environment and how they can contribute to the achievement of Good Environmental Status as defined in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

- ECSAFESEAFood: Mr Antonio Marques. Portuguese Institute for the Sea and Atmosphere, I.P. (IPMA). Lisbon, Portugal.
- KILL-SPILL: Mr Nicolas Kalogerakis. School of Environmental Engineering, Technical University of Crete. Chania, Greece.
- SONIC: Mr Christiaan A.F. de Jong. TNO. The Hague, The Netherlands.
- AQUO: Mr Christian Audoly. DCNS Research. Toulon, France.

12:30-13:10 Launch of European Marine Board position paper 22 - Delving Deeper: Critical challenges for 21st century deep sea research.

Chair: Mr. Niall McDonough, Executive Secretary, European Marine Board.

Speakers: Ms Sigi Gruber, Head of Marine Resources Unit, DG RTD. Mr Ricardo Serrão Santos, Member of the European Parliament. Mr Alex Rogers, EMB WG Deep Seas Chair, University of Oxford, UK.

13: 10- 14:00 Lunch break

14:00- 15:00 Achieving Good Environmental status of our seas and oceans (GES) through research and innovation (continued). Session 3 – Presentation of BIOCLEAN, CLEANSEA, PERSEUS and COCONET projects.

The projects will showcase how the research results contribute to monitor and reduce marine litter and how they can contribute to the achievement of Good Environmental Status as defined in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.

- BIOCLEAN: Mr Nicolas Kalogerakis. School of Environmental Engineering, Technical University of Crete. Chania, Greece.
- CLEANSEA: Ms Heather Leslie. Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM), VU University Amsterdam. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- PERSEUS: Mr Evangelos Papanathanassiou. Hellenic Centre for Marine Research. Anavissos, Greece.



- COCONET: Mr Ferdinando Boero. Università del Salento / CoNISMa / CNR-ISMAR. Lecce, Italy.

15:00 – 16:30 Engaging citizens towards protection and cleaning the seas and oceans - from vision to action.

- Ms Stefanie Werner. German Federal Environment Agency (UBA), Germany (TBC)
- Mr Ralph Schneider. PlasticsEurope AISBL.
- Mr Jan Seys. Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), Belgium. (TBC)
- Ms Marguerite Korenblit. Waste Free Oceans (WFO).
- Mr Mike Mannaart. KIMO The Netherlands and Belgium.

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee break

17:00 The way forward - Wrap –up session

Ms Sigi Gruber, Head of the Unit for Marine Resources, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, European Commission

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