

20 | BIG DATA IN <sup>7<sup>TH</sup></sup> EMB  
20 | MARINE SCIENCE FORUM



📍 BLUEPOINT, BRUSSELS

PROGRAMME | 23 OCTOBER 2020

09.30 – 10.00

REGISTRATION

10.00 – 11.00

OPENING SESSION

10.00 – 10.10 WELCOME

**GILLES LERICOLAIS**

Chair, European Marine Board

Director European and International Affairs, IFREMER

10.10 – 10.20

EMB FUTURE SCIENCE BRIEF 'BIG DATA IN MARINE SCIENCE'

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10.20 – 10.40 OPENING REMARKS

**SIGI GRUBER**

Head, Healthy Oceans & Seas Unit, DG RTD, European Commission

**ANDREEA STRACHINESCU**

Head, Maritime Innovation, Knowledge and Investments Unit,  
DG MARE, European Commission

10.40 – 11.00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS (VIDEO RECORDING)

**LINWOOD PENDLETON**

Ocean Data Platform, Centre for the 4th Industrial Revolution

11.00 – 11.30

COFFEE BREAK

11.30 – 12.30

THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL

11.30 – 11.45 VIRTUAL TALK

**JEROEN STEENBEEK**

Marine Spatial Planning Challenge

Senior Software Engineer, Ecopath International Initiative

11.45 – 12.30 PANEL DISCUSSION

**ANTONIA LEROY**

Head of Ocean Policy, WWF Brussels Office

**CLEA PARCERISAS**

Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ), PhD Student

**ONDREJ SOCUVKA (TBC)**

Senior Policy Manager, Google EU

**FELIX LEINEMANN**

Head, Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning  
Unit, DG MARE, European Commission

12.30 – 14.00

LUNCH

14.00 – 15.00  
**THE EU BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY**

**14.00 – 14:15 VIRTUAL TALK**

**SAKINA AYATA**  
Associate Professor, Sorbonne Université

**14:15 – 15:00 PANEL DISCUSSION**

**LUC BAS (TBC)**  
European Regional Director, IUCN

**ANNE TELLER**  
Policy Officer, DG Environment European Commission

**PATRICIA MARTIN-CABRERA**  
Data Manager, Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ)

**WARD APPELTANS (TBC)**  
Marine Biodiversity Programme Specialist, IOC-UNESCO

15.00 – 15.30  
**COFFEE BREAK**

15.30 – 16.30  
**THE DIGITAL TWIN OCEAN**

**15.30 – 15.45 VIRTUAL TALK**

**NEIL DAVIES**  
Executive Director, Richard Gump South Pacific Research Station  
Berkeley Institute for Data Science Research Affiliate

**15:45 – 16:30 PANEL DISCUSSION**

**CHRISTIAN KIRCHSTEIGER**  
Policy Officer, e-infrastructure and Science Cloud Unit, DG Connect,  
European Commission

**MARILAURE GREGOIRE**  
Research Director, University of Liège,  
Member of Copernicus Marine Scientific and Technical Advisory  
Committee

**SERGE SCORY**  
Chair, SeaDataNet

**KATE LARKIN**  
Deputy Head, EMODnet Secretariat

16.30 – 16.45  
**CLOSING SESSION**

**16.30 – 16.45 CLOSING ADDRESS**

**MARIYA GABRIEL (TBC)**  
European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education  
and Youth

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# BIG DATA IN 7<sup>TH</sup> EMB FORUM MARINE SCIENCE

The European Marine Board Biennial Open Forum acts as a platform to bring together a wide range of marine science stakeholders to discuss and share knowledge, identify common priorities, develop common positions and collaborate. The 7<sup>th</sup> EMB Forum will foster discussion and collaboration to advance the role of big data, digitalization and artificial intelligence in marine science to support the European Green Deal, the post-2020 EU Biodiversity Strategy, and the development of a Digital Twin Ocean.

Big data is rapidly transforming our society and is leading to a paradigm shift in the way we face major challenges including climate change and the sustainable management of marine resource use. With the expansion of the scale and scope of ocean observing systems and other data sources, there is an increasing flood of highly complex ocean data being generated, often in near real-time. Data need to be integrated and readily available to support decision-making, which can be assisted by artificial intelligence. Find out more in the EMB Future Science Brief No. 6 'Big Data in Marine Science'.

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