

# Supporting the Ocean Decade in Europe

1 December 2021, BluePoint Brussels and Online



**Moderator:** Sheila Heymans

09.00- 09.30	<b>Registration and welcome coffee / Livestream link opens</b>	
09.30 – 10.00	<b>Opening Session</b>	
09.30 – 09.35	<b>Forum Opening and Housekeeping</b>	<b>Sheila Heymans</b> Executive Director, European Marine Board
09.35 – 09.45	<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Gilles Lericolais</b> Chair, European Marine Board
09.45 – 10.00	<b>Opening address</b>	<b>Charlina Vitcheva</b> Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
10.00 – 11.15	<b>Session 1. Engaging ECOP's in the Ocean we want</b>	
10.00 – 10.30	<b>This is the Ocean We Want</b>	<b>Jasmine Harrison, UK</b>
10.30 – 11.15	<b>Panel discussion</b> with questions from audience on "How do we engage ECOP's in the Ocean Decade and what is the Ocean they want?"	<b>Alessandro Cresci</b> , IMR, Norway <b>Natalija Dunic</b> , IOF, Croatia <b>Rebecca Zitoun</b> , GEOMAR, Germany <b>Anjali Gopakumar</b> , Uni Bologna, Italy <b>Jasmine Harrison</b> , UK
11.15 – 11.45	<b>Networking and coffee / Online breakout room for networking</b>	
11.45 – 12.30	<b>Session 2. EMB activities towards the Ocean we want</b>	
11.45 – 12.00	<b>Underwater Noise</b> (a clean ocean) including Q&A	<b>Frank Thomsen</b> DHI, Denmark
12.00 – 12.15	<b>Geohazards</b> (a predicted and a safe ocean) including Q&A	<b>Heidrun Kopp</b> GEOMAR, Germany
12.15 – 12.30	<b>Launch of EMB programme for an Inspiring and Engaging Ocean</b>	<b>Gilles Lericolais</b> Chair, European Marine Board
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Group photograph, followed by lunch / Online breakout room for networking</b>	

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14.00 – 14.45	<b>Session 3. An engaging Ocean Decade</b>	
14.00 – 14.45	<b>Panel Discussion</b> with questions from audience on communicating about and engaging in the Ocean Decade (an inspiring and engaging ocean)	<b>Maria Carmen Garcia Martinez</b> , Chair of EMBCP and IEO, Spain <b>Marian Paiu</b> , Mare Nostrum, Romania <b>Peer Fietzek</b> , Kongsberg, Germany Panelist tbc Panelist tbc
14:45 – 15.45	<b>Session 4. Harmonizing Ocean Decade activities in Europe</b>	
14.45 - 15.00	<b>Ambitions for the Ocean Decade</b>	<b>Vladimir Ryabinin</b> Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission - UNESCO
15.00 – 15.45	<b>Panel discussion</b> with questions from audience on “How can we bridge science and policy at different levels to support the Ocean Decade in Europe?”	<b>Andreea Strachinescu</b> , DG MARE <b>Niall McDonogh</b> , Marine Institute, Ireland and JPI Oceans <b>Gessine Meissner</b> , German Ocean Decade Committee, Germany <b>Colin Stedmon</b> , Ocean Decade Arctic Task Force and Danish Centre for Marine Research, Denmark <b>Annemie Janssen</b> , Ocean Decade Southern Ocean Process and RBINS, Belgium
15.45 – 16:00	<b>Closing Session</b>	
15.45 – 15.55	<b>Jean-Eric Paquet</b> , Director-General, DG Research and Innovation	
15.55 – 16.00	<b>Sheila Heymans</b> , Executive Director, European Marine Board	
16.00	<b>Reception</b>	