

Report from the second meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Climate and Ocean

Date: 09/12/2020 10:00-12:00 CET

Meeting chair: Tymon Zielinski (IOPAN, Poland)

Meeting facilitator: Ángel Muñiz Piniella (EMB, EU4Ocean Platform facilitator), with the collaboration of Nathalie Van Isacker (Seascape Belgium, EU4Ocean Platform facilitator).

Participants: see annex 1

Meeting agenda: see annex 2

Main outcomes:

The second meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group (WG) on Climate and Ocean focused on developing joint actions between the Platform members for 2021. One of the outcomes from the first meeting of the WG highlighted the importance of target audiences and how the messages should be tailored to these audiences. The participants were divided into 3 breakout discussions according to their simplified target audience, namely:

- Public decision makers (e.g. local authorities, Ministries)

The members of this breakout group, mainly intergovernmental and governmental institutions, centres, projects and NGOs targeting policy making, shared their planned activities for 2021. It was clear that the members targeted different sea-basin (or pan-European) policy making, with different environmental challenges, messages, governance and processes, so a common denominator was sought. Still, some members identified some synergies for events in 2021, specially in the Baltic Sea. The members identified the need of showing the added value of including local knowledge together with credible science to help understand the impact of climate change in a local level, as something in common between all sea-basins. This would be focused on the promotion of solutions from a regional perspective to address global challenges (or elsewhere, e.g. other similar sea basins). The members also agreed to continue the discussions to label some on-going actions around the dates in May-June 2021, centred in online activities.

- Private decision makers (e.g. Blue Economy industries)

The members of this breakout group mainly included SMEs with activities around the blue economy and addressing the impact of human activities. The members agreed to gather inspiring success stories on how “blue” companies can address sustainability and mitigate their contribution to climate change (increasing the connections to the WG on Food from the Ocean which suggests a similar activity). This could be done in the framework of the UN Ocean Decade, to target the launch at the European Maritime Day 2021 as an online action (developing a portfolio and promoting success stories). Short term indicators would be the number of companies involved (exchange with existing groups and initiatives, e.g. EU BlueInvest).

- Daily decision makers (e.g. general public, students)

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The members of this breakout group normally organise public events every year, and all agreed to that online activities would be still the norm in the first half of 2021. The members agreed to explore possibilities to establish connections between their planned events in 2021. These connections could include organising events around the same dates (e.g. World Ocean Day 8 June), under the framework of a EU4Ocean festival, posing challenges for competition between different countries/groups, sharing evaluation questionnaires, procedures or tools (e.g. MIRO, Jamboard), etc.

Members of the different breakout groups agreed to continue discussions in early 2021 to try to find connections between their different activities in early 2021.

Background and summary of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Climate and Ocean second meeting

To operationalize the [EU4Ocean Platform](#), and bring its active group of organisations, initiatives and people closer together, three thematic Working Groups were established in September 2020. The themes of these Working Groups (WG) are Climate and Ocean, Food from the Ocean, and Healthy and Clean Ocean.

The second online meeting of the WG on Climate and Ocean, chaired and moderated by Tymon Zielinski (WG chair), took place on 9 December 2020.

WG members were asked to fill a table shared online where they could specify their target audiences and broad lines of their activities. After an analysis by the WG Chair, three overarching and bold types of members were categorized and invited to register to the meeting according to their main target audience of their regular activities.

- Public decision makers: what is regularly considered “policy makers” (e.g. local authorities, Ministries), but scientists are also included in this category.
- Private decision makers: initiatives working on mitigating the impact on the environment of Blue Economy industries, including tourism and fisheries.
- Daily decision makers: what is generally referred to “general public”, including students of all ages.

After a brief introduction by the WG Chair and EU4Ocean facilitators, the WG members discussed in breakout groups according to their target audiences, sharing their planned actions for 2021, discussing on synergies, needs, opportunities, indicators and target dates. Designated rapporteurs presented a brief wrap up of the discussion in plenary and a short discussion took place.

At the end of the meeting, the next steps of the WG and EU4Ocean Platform were presented. In addition, information on current and upcoming activities by the Youth4Ocean Forum and the sea basin component of the EU4Ocean Coalition was shared.

Annex 1

EU4Ocean Platform members registered for the second meeting of
the Working Group on Climate and the Ocean

WG member	First Name	Last Name	Which category reflects better your target audience?
ACTeon	Olga	Mashkina	Private decision makers
ACTeon environment	Anna	Saito	Public decision makers
aquatil gGmbH	Ralph	Schill	Private decision makers
CNR-ISMAR	Francesca	Alvisi	Daily decision makers
Confédération Mondiale des Activités Subaquatiques (CMAS)	Ralph	Schill	Daily decision makers
Ecologic Institute	Nico	Stelljes	Public decision makers
Ecologic Institute	Grit	Martinez	Public decision makers
Ecologic Institute	Chiara	Mazzetti	Public decision makers
Fondazione Acquario di Genova	Antonio	Di Natale	Daily decision makers
Freelance science journalist	Hanns-J.	Neubert	Public decision makers
HCMR	Yolanda	Koulouri	Daily decision makers
HELCOM	Dominik	Littfass	Public decision makers
iAtlantic Project	Christine	Gaebel	Public decision makers
ICM- Association Mar de Ciència	Carine	Simon	Daily decision makers
ICMAN-CSIC	Laura	Prieto	Daily decision makers
ICTS SOCIB	Llucia	Ribot	Public decision makers
I'm With Lorac	Neus	Figueras	Daily decision makers
IMarEST	Caitriona	Hanly	Private decision makers
Incredible Oceans	Russell	Arnott	Daily decision makers
INDIGO MED	Martha	Papathanassiou	Private decision makers
Individual Consultant	Tiago	Garcia	Daily decision makers
IOPAN	Tymon	Zielinski	Daily decision makers
Mare Nostrum NGO	Andreea-Stefania	Ionascu	Daily decision makers
MARE-Marine and Environmental Sciences Centre	Zara	Teixeira	Daily decision makers
nausicaa	christine	cause	Daily decision makers
NAUSICAA	Philippe	VALLETTE	Daily decision makers
Plymouth Marine Laboratory	Gennadi	Lessin	Private decision makers
Plymouth Marine Laboratory	Thecla	Keizer	Public decision makers
RACLSPA	khalil	attia	Daily decision makers
REV Ocean	Tom	Redd	Private decision makers
Sea Teach	Max	Schmidle	Private decision makers



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Seascope Belgium	Nathalie	Van Isacker	Private decision makers
SOA	Ben	Lesage	Private decision makers
Surfrider Foundation Europe	Yann	Leymarie	Public decision makers
Swedish institutet for the Marine Environment	Kajsa	Tönnesson	Public decision makers
The Marine Diaries	Rita	Steyn	Daily decision makers
Today We Have	Izabela	Kotynska-Zielinska	Daily decision makers
University of Lapland, Arctic Centre	Stefan	Kirchner	Public decision makers
YEE	Venetia	Galanaki	Daily decision makers



Annex 2

Agenda

09:50 – 10:00	<i>Log in by participants</i>		
10:00 – 10:05	Welcome by Tymon Zielinski, WG Climate and Ocean Chair		
10:05 – 10:20	Aim of the meeting, structure of discussions + Q&A – <i>Tymon Zielinski, WG chair</i>		
10:20 – 11:20	Breakout groups discussion: joint actions for 2021		
	Target audience: Public decision makers	Target audience: Private decision makers	Target audience: Daily decision makers
	10:20-10:30 - Initial brainstorm and sharing of planned actions for 2021 10:30-10:50 - Discussion on synergies, needs, expansion opportunities 10:50-11:05 - Agreement on indicators for evaluating the actions 11:05-11:15 - Target dates in 2021 for conducting actions 11:15-11:20 - Wrap up discussions		
11:20 – 11:25	<i>Comfort break</i>		
11:25 – 11:50	Brief report in plenary and discussion – <i>moderated by Tymon Zielinski, WG chair</i>		
11:50 – 12:00	Final remarks and next steps - <i>Ángel Muñoz Piniella, EU4Ocean WG facilitator</i>		
12:00	<i>Close</i>		