

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

Date: 03/12/2021 14:00 – 16:00 CET

Meeting chair: Tymon Zielinski (IOPAN, Poland)

Meeting facilitator: Ángel Muñoz Piniella (EMB, EU4Ocean Platform facilitator)

Participants: see annex 1

Meeting agenda: see annex 2

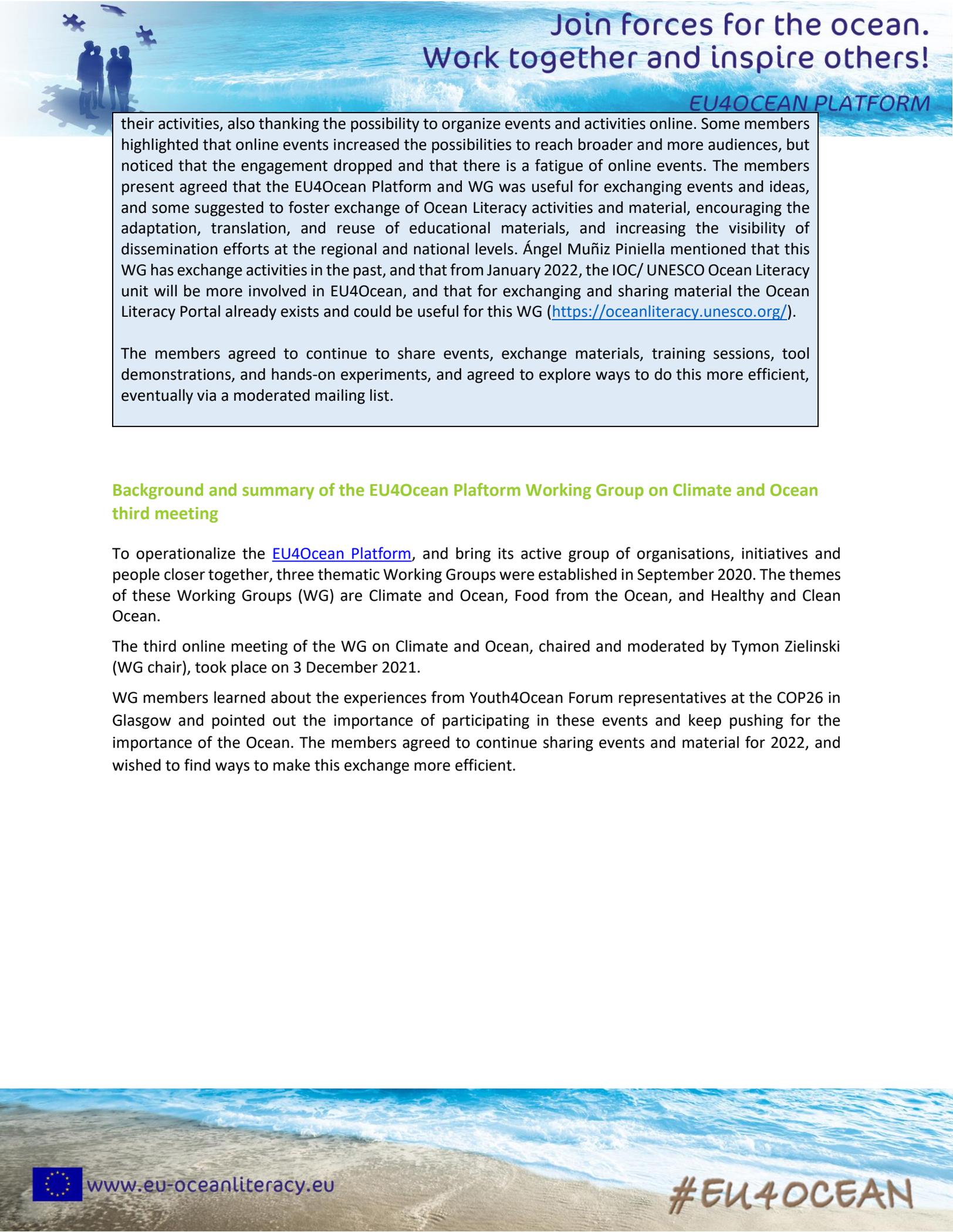
Main outcomes:

The third meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group (WG) on Climate & Ocean focused on what the members of the Working Group have done in the framework of EU4Ocean over the past year and on how and how much the Working Group has been useful to the members. In addition, input was sought for the next phase of the Working Group from January 2022 onwards.

The meeting started with two presentations from Youth4Ocean Forum members which attended the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in early November 2021. Rebecca Daniel (The Marine Diaries) highlighted that the conference was overwhelming as there are a lot of events going on at the same time as part of the conference, or as side events outside of it. She appreciated that the link between climate and Ocean was recognized, and this was a step in the right direction, but there was still a lot to do. Mariana Océane Roudaut (4PShore) gave a presentation via a recorded video, where she also pointed out that the overwhelming and rich experience that participating in this conference was. She highlighted some inspiring speeches and guests she met, and the activities going on in parallel outside the conference rooms. She closed by saying that these events are needed, and that the voices of her generation matter as well.

The members at the meeting appreciated both presentations and asked several questions about their experience. Some members regretted that the presence of the Ocean in the conference final declaration was not strong enough, and that media did not pay much attention to this component during the conference. Others also highlighted the difference between the policy-making side of the conference and the scientific and public side, and that the scientific community was making efforts to make the science more accessible, while the policy-makers are not making efforts to make their side of the story more understandable. All members agreed that participation in these big events was useful and needed, especially for youth representatives as it could be inspiring for them and useful to expand their networks. Rebecca Daniel recommended to facilitate the participation from youth by organising panel discussions with them, by organizing meet ups during the conference and by helping them to get accommodation, accreditation and travel arranged.

Tymon Zielinski then opened the discussion by highlighting that 2021 was a very productive year for them, as thanks to the connections built within EU4Ocean, they were able to broaden the scope of



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their activities, also thanking the possibility to organize events and activities online. Some members highlighted that online events increased the possibilities to reach broader and more audiences, but noticed that the engagement dropped and that there is a fatigue of online events. The members present agreed that the EU4Ocean Platform and WG was useful for exchanging events and ideas, and some suggested to foster exchange of Ocean Literacy activities and material, encouraging the adaptation, translation, and reuse of educational materials, and increasing the visibility of dissemination efforts at the regional and national levels. Ángel Muñiz Piniella mentioned that this WG has exchange activities in the past, and that from January 2022, the IOC/ UNESCO Ocean Literacy unit will be more involved in EU4Ocean, and that for exchanging and sharing material the Ocean Literacy Portal already exists and could be useful for this WG (<https://oceanliteracy.unesco.org/>).

The members agreed to continue to share events, exchange materials, training sessions, tool demonstrations, and hands-on experiments, and agreed to explore ways to do this more efficient, eventually via a moderated mailing list.

Background and summary of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Climate and Ocean third 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 third online meeting of the WG on Climate and Ocean, chaired and moderated by Tymon Zielinski (WG chair), took place on 3 December 2021.

WG members learned about the experiences from Youth4Ocean Forum representatives at the COP26 in Glasgow and pointed out the importance of participating in these events and keep pushing for the importance of the Ocean. The members agreed to continue sharing events and material for 2022, and wished to find ways to make this exchange more efficient.





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Annex 1

EU4Ocean Platform members at the third meeting of the Working Group on Climate and the Ocean

WG member	First Name	Last Name
EurOcean	Margherita	Zorgno
ACTeon	Olga	Mashkina
Ecologic Institute	Chiara	Mazzetti
Fondazione Acquario di Genova	Antonio	Di Natale
CETMAR	Amaya	Soto
YEE	Anna	Marino
ACDIPE	Ekaterina	Solovova
ICTS SOCIB	Llucia	Ribot
independent	Tiago	Garcia
IOPAN	Tymon	Zielinski
Mare Nostrum NGO	Andreea-Stefania	Ionascu
Irish Ocean Literacy Network	Maria Vittoria	Marra
NAUSICAA	Delphine	EL-KHASSAWNEH
Seascope Belgium	Nathalie	Van Isacker
The Marine Diaries	Rebecca	Daniel
4PShore	Mariana Océane	Roudaut



Annex 2

Agenda

13:50 – 14:00	<i>Log in by participants</i>
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and reflections by Tymon Zielinski (IOPAN) Chair of the Working Group on Climate & Ocean
14:10 – 14:30	Messages from the youth at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26 Glasgow) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Rebecca Daniel, The Marine Diaries</i>• <i>Mariana Océane Roudaut, 4PShore</i>• Q&A
14:30 – 15:00	Discussion: What's the added value of this Working Group? – <i>moderated by Tymon Zielinski (IOPAN) Chair of the Working Group on Climate & Ocean</i>
	<i>Participants will be asked how they have contributed and benefited from participating in this Working Group, and reflect on previous meetings (see reports from previous meetings here)</i>
15:00 – 15:15	<i>Comfort break</i>
15:15 – 15:55	Discussion: How would you like to see the future of this Working Group from January 2022 onwards? – <i>moderated by Tymon Zielinski (IOPAN) Chair of the Working Group on Climate & Ocean</i>
	<i>Participants will be asked what kind of activities they would like to conduct as a Working Group for the new phase from January 2022 onwards, and their recommendations and willingness to continue these activities in the future.</i>
15:55 – 16:00	Final remarks and next steps - <i>Ángel Muñoz Piniella, EU4Ocean WG facilitator</i>
16:00	<i>Close</i>