

## Report from the second meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Food from the Ocean

Date: 17/12/2020 10:00-11:30 CET

Meeting chair: Gesche Krause (AWI, Germany)

Meeting facilitator: Ángel Muñiz Piniella (EMB, EU4Ocean Platform facilitator), with the collaboration of Nathalie Van Isacker (Seascope Belgium, EU4Ocean Platform facilitator) and Olga Mashkina (ACTeon, EU4Ocean Coalition facilitator).

Participants: see annex 1

Meeting agenda: see annex 2

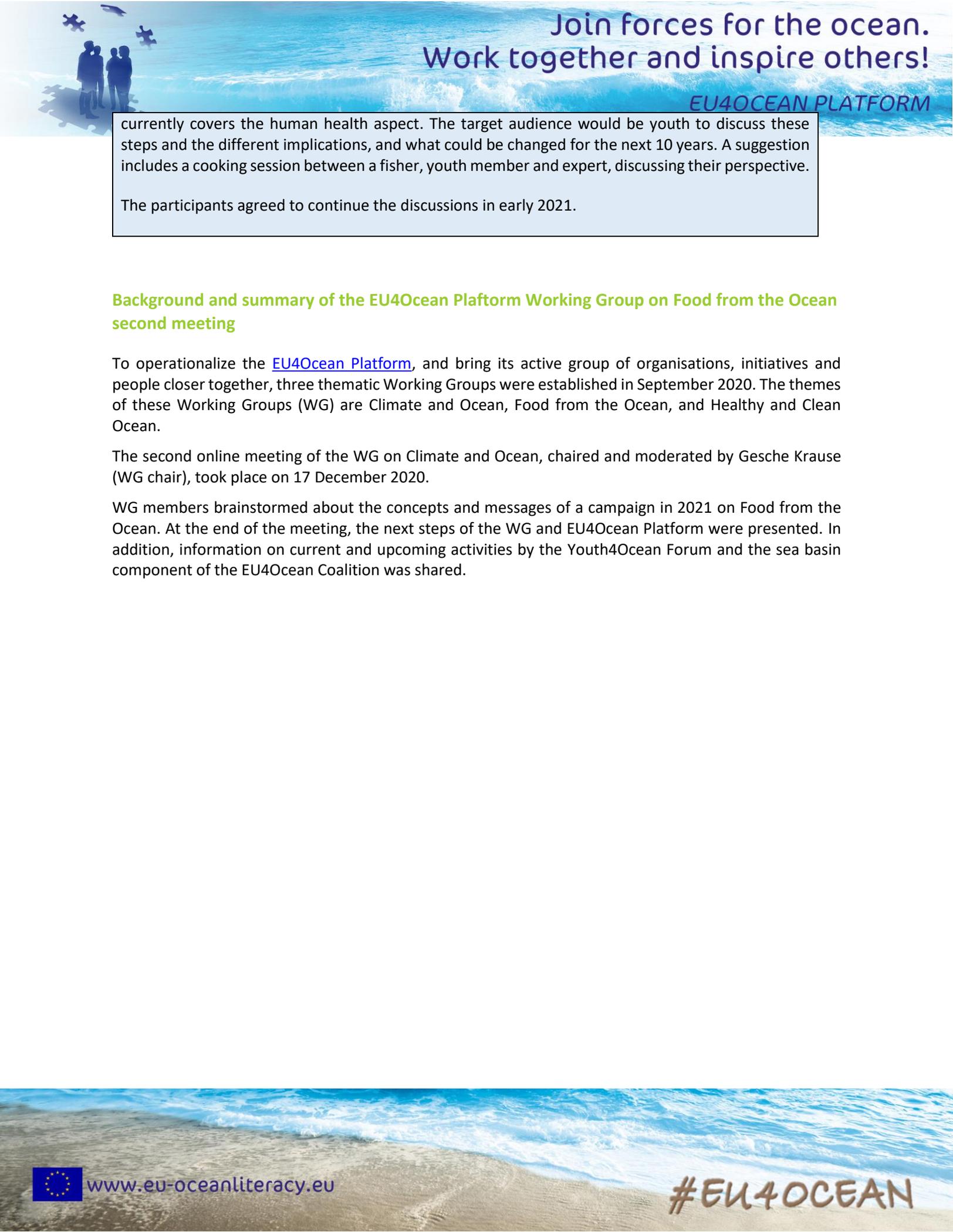
Main outcomes:

The second meeting of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group (WG) on Food from the Ocean focused on brainstorming between the Platform members to bring forward joint activities for 2021 and to discuss how to move to practical actions, following the ideas from the previous workshops in September.

After a brief self-introduction by all participants, Gesche Krause, the WG chair after replacing Jens Ambsdorf, presented the aim of the meeting: to find common grounds to develop activities on sustainable transformation in 2021, targeting the European Maritime Day 2021. She mentioned that the Food from the Ocean topic is complex, as it includes cultural, economic and environmental considerations. She also presented the EU4Ocean advocacy campaign being prepared and its angle for the Food from the Ocean topic, on how to protect the ocean by using it.

The WG members discussed concepts such as differences in cultural perceptions to approach food from the ocean, in terms how this food is presented to the consumer in different countries and the image and perception aquaculture has against wild fish. Discussions evolved to who are the consumers of tomorrow (youth), and what is their perspective, considering the reduction of meat consumption due to environmental issues and animal welfare. International governance and policy, the role of businesses and the dangers of simplification (not all industrial fisheries and small-scale fisheries are unsustainable), local consumption according to the season, the increasing production from aquaculture, the role of promoting not-so-known species to diversify the environmental pressure and economic sustainability, and how food from the ocean, especially fisheries reflect on emotion and identity, were also discussed.

The participants agreed to suggest a campaign at the European Maritime Day 2021 presenting Food from the Ocean not only as food, but also the impact of its consumption. It would cover the whole value chain, from extraction to consumption, each step considering the cultural, economic and environmental perspective. Comparisons could be made with land production as hunting-fishing & farming-aquaculture, bringing environmental awareness of extracting Food from the Ocean, as it



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currently covers the human health aspect. The target audience would be youth to discuss these steps and the different implications, and what could be changed for the next 10 years. A suggestion includes a cooking session between a fisher, youth member and expert, discussing their perspective.

The participants agreed to continue the discussions in early 2021.

### Background and summary of the EU4Ocean Platform Working Group on Food from the 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 Gesche Krause (WG chair), took place on 17 December 2020.

WG members brainstormed about the concepts and messages of a campaign in 2021 on Food from the Ocean. 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.





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## Annex 1

### EU4Ocean Platform members registered for the second meeting of the Working Group on Food from the Ocean

WG member	First Name	Last Name
CSIC	Jaime	Amaro Blanco
Nausicaa	Delphine	El-Khassawneh
Nausicaa	Iwona	Gin
HCMR	Yolanda	Koulouri
AWI	Gesche	Krause
ACTeon	Olga	Mashkina
Ecologic	Chiara	Mazzetti
EMB	Ángel	Muñiz Piniella
FARNET	Janne	Posti
Youth4Ocean Forum	Nil	Rodes
The Seaweed Alliance	Fiona	Trappe
Seascape Belgium	Nathalie	Van Isacker
EurOcean	Margherita	Zorgno



Annex 2

Agenda

9:50-10:00	<i>Log in by participants</i>
10:00-10:05	Welcome by Gesche Krause, Chair of WG Food from the Ocean
10:05-10:15	Actions, that emerged from different workshops, initiatives that already started + new ideas...(including Sealogy)
10:15-10:45	Making priorities, discussion on mechanisms for making these happen, and support needed from members, in particular for supporting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EMD 2021 and sea-basin events spring/summer/autumn 2021</li><li>- Launch of an advocacy campaign (at EMD)</li><li>- Other</li></ul>
10:45-11:00	Linking to Youth actions (Nil Rodes): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Call for EU4Ocean Young Ocean Advocate</li><li>- Other actions /campaigns from Youth4Ocean Forum</li></ul> Linking to launch of the Blue schools
11:00-11:15	Discussion on how we evaluate/measure success of our actions?
11:15-11:30	Implementation plan – Q&A Final remarks and next steps