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Date: Wednesday 2 April 2025

Venue: Institute of Natural Sciences, Brussels and Online

Moderator: Sheila Heymans

Please note that some speakers are currently TBC and subject to change. The agenda is also still in development and therefore timings and titles may also change. All timings are in CEST.

09:00 - 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee / Livestream link opens	
09:30 – 10:15	Opening Session	
09:30 – 09:40	Welcome	Fiona Grant Chair, European Marine Board
09:40 – 09:55	Presenting EMB documents (NFVI and CR PBs)	Fiona Grant Chair, European Marine Board
09:55 – 10:15	Presenting the EU Oceans Pact	Ioannis Hadiyiannis , Cabinet of Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans
10:15 – 11:00	Session 1. Setting the scene on the land-sea interface	
10:15 – 10:40	Keynote address – Transformative change including Q&A	David Obura , CORDIO East Africa and Chair of IPBES
10:40 – 11:00	Land-sea interactions in European marine governance including Q&A	Cassandra Laetitia Tocco , University of Portsmouth, UK
11:00– 11:30	Networking and coffee	
11:30 – 13:00	Session 2. Pollution crossing the land-sea interface	
11.30 – 11.45	Speaker 1 – Pollutants of concern and their pathways including Q&A	Saša Marcinek , IRB, Croatia
11:45 – 12:00	Speaker 2 – Tackling land- based pollution including Q&A	Efthymios Lytras , EYDAP, Greece

12:00 – 13:00	Panel discussion with questions from audience	<p>Saša Marcinek, IRB, Croatia</p> <p>Efthymios Lytras, EYDAP, Greece</p> <p>Detlef Schulz-Bull, Leibniz Institute for Baltic Sea Research Warnemünde, Germany</p> <p>Adriana Constantinescu, GeoEcoMar, Romania and DANUBIUS-RI</p>
13:00 – 14:30	Group photograph, followed by lunch	
14:30 – 16:00	Session 3. Coastal adaptation and livability on the land-sea interface	
14:30 – 14:45	Speaker 1 – How can and should we adapt? including Q&A	Louis Celliers , GERICS, Germany
14:45 – 15:00	Speaker 2 – Working with coastal communities including Q&A	Hannelore Maelfait , Province of West Flanders, Belgium
15:00 – 16:00	Panel discussion with questions from audience	<p>Louis Celliers, GERICS, Germany</p> <p>Hannelore Maelfait, Province of West Flanders, Belgium</p> <p>Soetkin Vervust, Free University of Brussels, Belgium</p> <p>Richard Cronin, Department of Housing, Planning, Community and Local Government, Ireland</p>
16:00 – 16:30	Closing Session	
16:00 – 16:20	EU Ambitions for Water Resilience	TBC
16:20 – 16:30	Closing words	Fiona Grant , Chair, European Marine Board
16.30 – 18:00	Reception	