

Draft Programme of 2nd Mission Forum

5 March 2024, SPARKS, Brussels

Professional Moderator: Katrina Sichel

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration and welcome coffee**

09:00 – 10:00 **Welcome & Opening remarks**

Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

Iliana Ivanova, European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (tbc)

Maria da Graça Carvahlo, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Sophie Mirgaux, Belgium's Special Envoy for the Ocean at the Belgian Government (tbc)

10:00 – 10:15 **Artistic show**

10:15 -11:00 **Synergies of Mission Ocean and Waters across EU programmes and beyond**

Keynote speakers

Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Panellists

Vasco Cordeiro, President of the Committee of the Regions (tbc)

Julien Chebbo, Head of Division for Public Sector and Infrastructure Finance Advisory, European Investment Bank (tbc)

Ragna Fidjestøl, Managing Director of the Financial Mechanism Office, European Economic Area and Norway Grants.

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11:00– 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:15 **Restoring marine and freshwater ecosystems**

Panel discussion with speakers responsible for implementing solutions in the Mission's lighthouses from Charter actions

12:15 – 12:30 **Marine Protected Areas** awards by:

Kęstutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mission Manager, Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”,
Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

12:30 – 13:15 **Preventing and eliminating pollution**

Panel with speakers responsible for implementing zero pollution solutions in the Mission's lighthouses from the Charter actions

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 – 15:15 **Climate neutrality and circularity in the blue economy**

Panel with speakers responsible for implementing climate-neutral and circular solutions from the Mission's lighthouse representatives from Charter actions

15:15 –16:00 **EU Ocean and Waters Knowledge System**

Panel with speakers from Charter actions contributing to the ocean and knowledge system

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

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16:30 – 17:00 Communities in action for the Mission

Panel discussion with key actors on the necessary steps for the implementation and deployment of solutions for the Mission and then presentation by the Mission Manager on the next strategic steps in the implementation of the Mission.

Kęstutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission and Mission Manager, Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”

17:00 – 17:30 The moment of truth

Quiz to hear live feedback from all stakeholders on the Mission and the next Forum.

17:30 – 18:00 Closing

Pascal Lamy, Chair of the Mission Board, Mission “Restore our Ocean & Waters”

John Bell, Deputy Mission Manager and Director of Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

Networking reception: 18:00