

# Turquoise X Summit

Accelerating Blue-Green Innovation

27-28 March 2025  
Marina Innova Hub  
Lanzarote  
Canary Islands  
Spain



# The summit will

## host

global and regional innovation leaders driving the sustainable blue economy in Macaronesia and internationally

## showcase

unique projects and applications being implemented on the Canary Islands, across Macaronesia and globally

## bring together

experts, innovators and change makers from ocean science, industry, start-up, and investment communities

## develop

future collaborations and transformation projects in a focused and interactive format

## explore

innovative solutions and technologies that can accelerate blue-green innovation

Registration here



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Thursday, 27 March 2025

**09:00 - COFFEE AND NETWORKING**

**09:30 - OPENING SESSION**

Introduction

**Florian Lennert**

Founder, Turquoise X and Klaus Töpfer Fellow, Research Institute for Sustainability (RIFS), Germany

**José Joaquín Hernández Brito**

CEO, PLOCAN, Canary Islands, Spain

**Rainer Quitzow**

Research Group Leader, RIFS, Germany

**Juan Luis Quincoces Soler**

CEO, miHub, Spain

Welcome

**Migdalia María Machín Tavio**

Consejería de Universidades, Ciencia e Innovación y Cultura, Gobierno de Canarias, Spain (invited)

**Oswaldo Betancort García**

Presidente del Cabildo de Lanzarote, Spain (invited)

**10:15 - OCEAN SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MACARONESIA**

**Arne Körtzinger**

GEOMAR Germany & Scientific Director, OSMC, Mindelo, Cabo Verde

**Albertino Martins**

Member of the Board, Instituto de Mar, Cabo Verde

**Telmo Morato**

Principal Marine Scientist, Okeanos, University of the Azores, Portugal

**R.Andreas Kraemer**

Founder, Ecologic Institute; and Special Adviser, Oceano Azul Foundation, Alemania/Portugal

**11:15 - COFFEE**

**11:30 - INNOVATION PITCHES: ADVANCING OCEAN INNOVATION**

**Rafael Robaina Romero**

Professor, University of Las Palmas Gran Canaria, Spain

**Sergio Diaz Martinez**

Head of Strategic Projects, Fuerteventura Technology Park, Spain

**12:00 - INNOVATION PITCHES: SUSTAINABLE MARINE MOBILITY I**

**Billy Thalheimer**

CEO, REGENT, USA

**John Rossant**

Founder and CEO, CoMotion, USA

**Jaime Collar**

Senior Manager Ports and Maritime Transport, IDOM, Spain

**12:45 SUSTAINABLE PORTS AND MARITIME LOGISTICS**

**Oliver Risse**

Managing Partner, OneNorth Ventures, Singapore

**Pedro José García Gómez**

Director, Smart Port Projects, IDOM, Spain

**Guillermo Quintana Ramos**

CCO, Port Authority of Las Palmas, Spain

**Adelina de la Yara**

Project Manager, Cluster Marítimo Canarias/FEDPORT, España

**14:00 - LUNCH**

**15:00 - A BLUE-GREEN ECONOMY**

**Marc Stuart**

CEO, Allotrope Partners, USA

**Paul Holthus**

Founder and CEO, World Ocean Council, USA

**Torsten Thiele**

Founder, Global Ocean Trust, Germany

**16:00 - COFFEE**

**16:15 - INNOVATION PITCHES: SUSTAINABLE MARINE MOBILITY II**

**Belén Linares**

Chief Innovation Officer, Moeve, Spain

**Ben Sorkin**

CEO, Flux Marine, USA

**Helmut Scholze**

Senior Partner & Co-founder, Advanced Mobility Institute Kearney, UAE

**17:00 - INSPIRATION KEYNOTE**

**Nacho Rodríguez**

Founder, Repeople, Las Palmas, Gran Canaria, Spain

**20:00**

CONFERENCE DINNER

Friday, 28 March 2025

**09:00 - COFFEE AND NETWORKING**

**09:30 - INNOVATION PITCHES: TRANSFORMATIVE OCEAN SOLUTIONS**

**Már Fernández-Méndez**

Founder and CEO, Macrocarbon, Spain

**Janek Andre**

Founder and CEO, WeWhale, Spain

**10:00 SUSTAINABLE OCEAN INNOVATION AND VENTURE BUILDING**

**Janade du Plessis**

CEO, Launch Africa, South Africa

**Adam de Sola Pool**

Member of the Corporation, Woods Hole Oceanic Institution, USA

**Javier Garabal**

General Partner, Archipelago Next, Spain

**Eberhard Sauter**

Head of Transfer, Alfred-Wegener Institute, Germany

**11:00 INNOVATION PITCHES: OCEAN & RENEWABLE ENERGY**

**Rainer Quitzow**

Research Group Leader, Energy Transformation, RIFS, Germany

**Carlos García Acón**

CEO, Esteyco, Spain

**Javier Roo Filgueira**

R&D&I Project Leader, Agency for Research & Innovation, Government of the Canary Islands, Spain

**Elena Sánchez Rivero**

Manager, Floating Power Plant, Denmark/Spain

**Michael Henriksen**

CEO, Wavepiston, Denmark/Spain

**Sebastian Feimblatt**

Co-Founder and CEO, Ocean Oasis, Norway/Spain

**12:30 - COFFEE**

**12:45 - INNOVATION PITCHES: OCEAN CONSERVATION AND GOVERNANCE**

**Evandro Lopes**

Professor, Technical University of the Atlantic, Cabo Verde

**Peter Fippinger**

Managing Director, Blue Crescent Group, UAE

**Tommy Melo**

Co-Founder, Biosfera, Cabo Verde

**Ben Boteler**

Senior Research Associate, Ocean Governance Group, RIFS, Germany

**13:45 VERTICAL & AUTONOMOUS MOBILITY FOR OCEAN USE**

**A Erdem Kazakali**

CEO, Speeder Systems, Netherlands

**José Luis García**

President, Cluster Aeronáutico y Aeroespacial de Canarias, Spain

**Laia d'Armengol**

Project Manager, La Palma Research Centre, España

**Frank Wernecke**

CEO, DroneMasters, Germany

**14:45 - CLOSING LUNCH**

