



Healthy Oceans – Productive Ecosystems: A European conference for the marine environment

3-4 March 2014 – Charlemagne Building

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 (3RD MARCH) – THE CHALLENGES

Registration (8.00-9.00)

Day 1.1 – Opening Session (9.00-10.45)

Speakers:

- **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission (video message)
- **Janez Potočnik**, European Commissioner for Environment
- **Klaus Töpfer**, Executive Director, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies, Keynote address: *The resource efficiency challenge in the marine environment*
- **Yannis Maniatis**, Minister of Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Greece

Ministerial interventions

- **EU Environment Ministers in attendance**, *Quick-fire interventions*

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Coffee Break/Press Point (10.45-11.15)

Day 1.2 – “Wake-up Call” panel (11.15-12.30)

Speakers:

- **Hans Bruyninckx**, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)
- **Paul Rose**, Vice-President, Royal Geographical Society
- **Paul Holthus**, Executive Director, World Ocean Council
- **Ann Dom**, Deputy Director, Seas At Risk

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Networking lunch (12.30-14.00)

Day 1.3 – State of the Marine Environment (14.00-15.30)

Speakers:

- **Laurence Mee**, Director, Scottish Association of Marine Science
- **Steve Katona**, Managing Director, Ocean Health Index
- **Tony Long**, Director (European Policy Office), World Wildlife Fund

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Coffee Break (15.30-16.00)

Day 1.4 – Parallel Sessions: Human-induced pressures in the marine environment (16.00-17.30)

Day 1.4.1 – Biodiversity, fisheries & aquaculture

Speakers:

- **Ernesto Penas Lado**, Director (Policy Development & Coordination), DG MARE
- **Anne Christine Brusendorff**, General Secretary, International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- **Uta Bellion**, Director (European Marine Programme), PEW Charitable Trust
- **Ulrike Rodust**, MEP (DE, S&D)

Moderator: **Pia Bucella**, Director (Natural Capital), DG Environment

Day 1.4.2 – Disturbance (marine litter and noise)

Speakers:

- **Richard Thompson**, Plymouth University
- **Antidia Citores**, Surfrider Foundation
- **Mark Tasker**, Joint Nature Conservation Committee (UK)
- **Kriton Arsenis**, MEP (EL, S&D)

Moderator: **Maria Betti**, Director (Institute for Environment and Sustainability), JRC

Day 1.4.3 – EUTROPHICATION/POLLUTANTS

Speakers:

- **Jacob Carstensen**, Aarhus University
- **Bo Gustafsson**, Director, Baltic Nest Institute, Sweden
- **Emma Gileva**, Black Sea NGO Network, Bulgaria
- **Richard Seeber**, MEP (DE, EPP)

Moderator: **Marianne Wenning**, Director (Quality of Life, Water & Air), DG Environment

Plenary session: feedback from moderators of each parallel session (17.40-18.00)

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Cocktail + “speed pitching” session 1 (18.30-19.30)

The “Speed-pitching” session consists of 3-minute presentations from participants on concrete examples of how to make marine activities more sustainable (e.g. eutrophication, biodiversity, Invasive Alien Species, Marine Protected Areas, air pollution, litter, noise).

DAY 2 (4TH MARCH) – THE SOLUTIONS

Day 2.1 – Financing marine protection: *What's out there for marine policy?* (9.00-10.00)

Speakers:

- **Angelo Salsi**, Head of Unit (Life – Nature), DG Environment: *LIFE*
- **Haitze Siemers**, Head of Unit (Maritime Policy Baltic and North Sea), DG MARE: *European Maritime & Fisheries Fund - EMFF*
- **John Bell**, Director, (Bioeconomy), DG RTD: *Horizon 2020*
- **Charlina Vitcheva**, Director (Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development and Northern Europe), DG REGIO: *Regional funds*
- **Pierre Karleskind**, Vice President of the Region of Brittany, with responsibility for Europe, the sea and coasts

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Day 2.2 – Round 1 Parallel Sessions: Monitoring (10.00-11.00)

Day 2.2.1 – Common indicators

Speakers:

- **Angel Borja**, Coordinator, DEVOTES project (DEVELOPMENT OF innovative TOOLS for understanding marine biodiversity and assessing Good Environmental Status)
- **Ulla Li Zweifel**, HELCOM
- **Gyorgi Gurban**, Barcelona Convention (UNEP/MAP) Secretariat
- **Fritz Holzwarth**, Senior marine policy expert, former German Marine Director

Moderator: **Gheorghe Constantin**, Marine Director, Romania

Day 2.2.2 – Shared resources for monitoring

Speakers:

- **Lisette Enserink**, Project Coordinator, “Towards a Joint Monitoring Programme for the North Sea and the Celtic Sea”
- **Beate Gminder**, Head of Unit (Maritime policy Mediterranean & Black Sea), DG MARE
- **Giovanni Bidoglio**, Head of Water Resources Unit, Joint Research Centre

Moderator: **Eeva-Liisa Poutanen**, Marine Director, Finland

Day 2.2.3 – Gaps in marine knowledge

Speakers:

- **Rudy Herman**, Management Board member, JPI Oceans
- **Leonie Robinson**, University of Liverpool
- **Giordano Giorgi**, ISPRA

Moderator: **Marina Argyrou**, Marine Director, Cyprus

Coffee Break (11.00-11.30)

Day 2.3 – Round 2 Parallel Sessions: Programme of Measures (11.30-12.30)

Day 2.3.1 – Programme of measures – The way forward

Speakers:

- **Olivier Laroussinie**, Director of French Agency for Marine Protected Areas
- **Dominic Pattinson**, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK
- **Xavier Pastor**, Senior Vice President & Executive Director, Oceana

Moderator: **Andrzej Jagusiewicz**, Marine Director, Poland

DAY 2.3.2 – ENSURING COHERENCE WITHIN AND BETWEEN REGIONS

Speakers:

- **Darius Campbell**, Executive Secretary, OSPAR Commission
- **Pablo Saavedra**, Director General for the Sustainability of the Coast & Sea, Ministry for Agriculture, Food and the Environment, Spain
- **Mehmet Emin Birpinar**, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Environment and Urbanisation, Turkey
- **Gunnar Noren**, Executive Secretary, Coalition Clean Baltic

Moderator: **Heike Imhoff**, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature

Plenary session: *Feedback from moderators of each parallel session* (12.40-13.15)

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Networking lunch + “speed pitching” session 2 (13.15-14.45)

Day 2.4 – The economics of the marine environment (14.45-15.30)

Speakers:

- **Siv Ericsson**, Head of Secretariat, BalticSTERN
- **Hugues Ravenel**, Director, Plan Bleu
- **Salman Hussain**, Coordinator, The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Coffee Break (15.30-16.00)

Day 2.5 –International perspective: Implementing the Oceans chapter of Rio+20 (16.00-16.45)

Speakers:

- **Jackie Alder**, Coordinator, Freshwater and Marine Ecosystem Branch, UNEP
- **Julian Barbieri**, Programme Specialist, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO
- **Rani Amir**, Director, Marine and Coastal Environment Division, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Israel

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

Day 2.6 – Concluding panel: lessons learnt (16.45-17.15)

Speakers:

- **Lowri Evans**, Director-General, DG MARE
- **Karl Falkenberg**, Director-General, DG Environment

Moderators: **Rick Thompson & Aminda Leigh**

After the Conference:

The **International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)** invites HOPE Conference participants to the launch of its Strategic Plan 4th March, 18:00 at the Norwegian mission to the EU.

RSVP at: info@ices.dk.

Read the new plan at <http://www.ices.dk/explore-us/what-we-do/Pages/Our-strategy.aspx>.