

High-level conference

Oceans

the future of the blue planet



Joint conference of the **European Parliament** and the **European Commission**
European Parliament, Brussels – 19 March 2019

Draft Programme

12:00 – 14:00 Registration of participants (Atrium welcome point)

14:00 – 15:00 Opening ceremony (plenary chamber)

- **Antonio Tajani**, President of the European Parliament
- **Ioan Denes**, Romanian Minister for Water and Forests, Romania (TBC)
- **Karmenu Vella**, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Gesine Meissner**, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Affairs
- **Carlos Moedas**, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation
- **Geneviève Pons**, Director of Institut Jacques Delors Brussels office
- **Christian Solinas**, President of Sardinia (TBC)
- **Daniela Fernandez**, CEO Sustainable Ocean Alliance

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15:00 – 16:00 Panel 1: Shaping global ocean governance for the future
(plenary chamber)

Chair: Alain Cadec (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's fisheries committee

Introduction: **Alain Cadec** (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's fisheries committee – **João Aguiar Machado**, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for maritime affairs and fisheries – **Christian Leffler**, Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service

- **José Inácio Faria** (EPP), **Ulrike Rodust** (S&D), **Gabriel Mato** (EPP) (TBC)
- **Steve Trent**, Environmental Justice Foundation
- **Maria Damanaki**, The Nature Conservancy
- **Árni M. Mathiesen**, Assistant Director-General FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture
- **Pasquale Legora De Feo**, CEO CONATECO S.P.A.

Q&A

16:00 – 17:00 Panel 2: Achieving healthy, clean seas and oceans (plenary chamber)

Chair: Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's committee on environment, public health and food safety

Introduction: Adina-Ioana Vălean (EPP), Chair of the Parliament's committee on environment, public health and food safety – Jean-Eric Paquet, Director of the European Commission's directorate general for research and innovation – Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General for Environment at the European Commission

- **Mark Demesmaeker** (ECR), **Ricardo Serrão Santos** (ALDE), **Cláudia Monteiro De Aguiar** (EPP), **Giovanni La Via** (EPP)
- **Vladimir Ryabinin**, Executive Secretary of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission and Assistant Director General of UNESCO
- **Peter Herzig**, Executive Director at GEOMAR Helmholtz Centre for Ocean Research in Kiel
- **John Kornerup Bang**, Head of Sustainability Strategy and Climate, MAERSK CEO
- **Tiago Pitta e Cunha**, CEO Oceano Azul Foundation

Q&A

17:00 – 18:00 Panel 3: A sustainable blue economy, reducing pressures on the oceans (plenary chamber)

Chair: Jerzy Buzek, Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy

Introduction: Jerzy Buzek, Chair of Parliament's committee on industry, research and energy – Emma Navarro, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (TBC) – Pierre Delsaux, Deputy Director-General of the European Commission's directorate general for internal market, industry, entrepreneurship and SMEs

- **Izaskun Bilbao Barandica** (ALDE), **Clara Eugenia Aguilera García** (S&D), **Christian Ehler** (EPP), **Dan Nica** (S&D), **Jakop Dalunde** (Greens/EFA)
- **Vitor Verdelho**, General Manager at the European Algae Biomass Association (EABA)
- **Ester Asin**, Director of the WWF European Policy Office
- **Emanuele Grimaldi**, Co-Managing Director at Grimaldi Group
- **Rémi Gruet**, CEO Ocean Energy Europe

Q&A

18:00 – 18:30 Concluding remarks (plenary chamber)

- **Karmenu Vella**, European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries
- **Gesine Meissner**, Special Envoy of the President of the European Parliament on Maritime Policy