

Fostering knowledge on sustainable ocean: what benefits for the EU?

Introducing The Blue Book 'Copernicus for a Sustainable Ocean'

Tuesday 19 November, 11:45 - 14:30

European Parliament, Rooms: JAN6Q2 (conference), Le Grand Café Antall JAN3Q (lunch)



On the occasion of the launch of Mercator Ocean International's Blue Book, MEPs **Catherine Chabaud** (Renew Europe) and **Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar** (EPP) are honoured to invite you to a conference on the challenges of ocean protection.

Since 2014, Mercator Ocean International has been entrusted by the European Commission to monitor the marine environment of the global ocean and the European regional seas in the frame of the EU flagship space programme, Copernicus. Mercator Ocean International's report, entitled 'Copernicus for a Sustainable Ocean', tells the story of this adventure and reports on the progress made in improving knowledge of the marine environment, which is the basis for the effective and efficient preservation of our oceans, as well as the challenges that lie ahead.

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Programme

11:45 - 12:30	Walking lunch - “Le Grand Café Antall” (JAN3Q)
12:30 - 12:40	Introductory remarks • Catherine Chabaud, Member of the European Parliament • Cláudia Monteiro de Aguiar, Member of the European Parliament
12:40 - 12:45	Presentation of the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service Mauro Facchini, Head of Unit, DDG 3.I.2. Copernicus, DG GROW, European Commission
12:45 - 12:50	The vision of EUMETSAT on the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service • Paul Counet, Head of Strategy, Communication and International Relations, European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT)
12:50 - 12:55	Presentation of the Blue Book Pierre Bahurel, CEO, Mercator Ocean International
12:55 - 14:00	Panel discussion - <i>Moderated by MEP Catherine Chabaud</i> 1. Environment How to sustainably address growing pressures on the ocean? • Sieglinde Gruber, Head of Unit, C.4. Healthy Oceans & Seas, DG RTD, European Commission • Iain Shepherd, Senior Expert, A1. Maritime Innovation, Marine Knowledge and Innovation, DG MARE, European Commission 2. Blue Economy How to help entrepreneurs through ocean knowledge? • Rémi Gruet, CEO, Ocean Energy Europe • Tiago Pitta e Cunha, CEO, Oceano Azul Foundation 3. Citizen Engagement How to engage citizens for a sustainable ocean? <i>A few words by young activist Thomas Lesage, Children for the Oceans</i> • Françoise Gaill, Vice-President and President of the Scientific Committee, Ocean & Climate Platform • Antidia Citores, Campaign Manager, Surfrider Foundation Europe 4. International Development How to support the EU leadership in international ocean governance? • Eudes Riblier, Chair, Institut français de la mer • Stefanie Schmidt, International Relations Officer, B1. Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea, Arctic Policy, DG MARE, European Commission
14:00 - 14:10	Ocean knowledge & policy: The challenges that lie ahead Geneviève Pons, Director, Jacques Delors Institute Brussels
14:10 - 14:25	Questions & Answers
14:25 - 14:30	Concluding remarks

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