



Sustainable Blue
Economy Partnership

Blue Economy for the North Sea

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Regional Workshop

3rd Mission Arena, BlueMissionBANOS

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

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INVITATION

On behalf of the EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (bluepartnership.eu), I am pleased to invite you to the workshop **“Blue Economy for the North Sea”** on the 27th of November 2024 (9:15-15:30 CET) at Wicked Grounds, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. This event will take place under the framework of the 3rd Mission Arena, BlueMissionBANOS that will be held on the 26 and 27th of November 2024.

The EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership is a key and growing EU initiative promoting innovative solutions and technologies for a digital, green and inclusive transition of the blue economy, considering the present environmental scenario, including climate change and biodiversity crisis. It brings together national governments, research organizations, innovation funds and regional authorities from 29 countries around the Atlantic Ocean, the Black Sea, the Baltic Sea, the Mediterranean Sea and the North Sea, pooling resources together with the European Commission to boost the transformation towards a climate-neutral, sustainable, productive, and competitive blue economy by 2030.

The first Partnership’s co-funded projects selected under a sixfold series of competitive calls have been successfully launched, and the next round of projects selected under the second call will be announced this winter, while several additional activities are starting, including sharing research infrastructures.

As part of its structuring activities, the Partnership organizes this regional workshop to connect at the North Sea basin scale, collect contributions from innovation actors and integrate good practices and stakeholders’ needs into its Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and activities. Through brief presentations, an interactive discussion with the audience and a World Café, this workshop will bring together senior officials and experts of the policy, research and business communities involved in the blue economy of the North Sea.

To identify research and policy that the Partnership can cover to address concrete challenges for a sustainable blue economy in the North Sea basin the workshop is structured under the five intervention areas designed for 2025: Digital Twins of the Ocean, Blue Economy Sectors, Managing Sea Uses, Blue Bioresources, Resilient coastal communities and businesses. Additionally, the workshop aims to situate the context and contribution of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership within the Horizon Europe framework and the current North Sea basin setting.

We are looking forward to your participation!


With my kindest regards,







*Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research
Coordinator of the EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership*

DRAFT AGENDA

08:45	▶ ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION	
09:15	▶ WELCOMING Moderator: Rosanne Metaal, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (tbc)	<i>Setting the scene: The role of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership in complementarity to the EU Mission Ocean and Waters</i> Opening statements and interview: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan Hendrik Dronkers, Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management • Peter Grönwoldt, German Federal Ministry for Education and Research • Elisabetta Balzi, European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation • Frode Dal Fjeldavli, Research Council Norway, EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership
09:35	▶ SESSION 1 Moderator: Ann-Katrien Lescauwaet, Flanders Marine Institute (tbc)	<i>Multi-use for blue economy sectors in the North Sea</i> Introduction to the intervention area Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Olivier Dufourneaud, French Secretary of State for Sea and Biodiversity, Working Track on Multi-use of the Greater North Sea Basin Initiative Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Large North Sea nature programme”</i> Jeroen Vis, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality • <i>“Answering to European energy needs from the sea: The example of the Nature Inclusive Design of the Princess Elisabeth Island”</i> Riet Durinck, ELIA Group • <i>“Marine infrastructure security and geopolitics: Promoting strategic governance of the blue economy”</i>, Karina Barquet, Stockholm Environment Institute • <i>“Sustainable decommissioning: Needs towards the reuse and recycling of offshore wind turbines”</i>, Rebecca Verhaeghe, POM West-Vlaanderen Q&A with the audience
10:30	▶ SESSION 2 Fien de Raedemaeker, Flanders Marine Institute (tbc)	<i>Blue bioresources for circular economies</i> Introduction to the intervention area Pitch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Towards the upscale of blue biotechnologies in the North Sea, the example of FunSea (Functional processing of cultivated seaweed for novel food products, Partnership co-funded project)”</i> SINTEF AS, Norway

		<p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Developing smart specialization for circular aquaculture”</i> David Bassett, European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform • <i>“Research needs for sustainable fishing in offshore wind farms”</i> Dr. Andrew G. Gill, British Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science <p>Q&A with the audience</p>
11:00		<p>COFFEE BREAK TOGETHER WITH THE MISSION ARENA</p> 
11:15	<p>▶ <i>SESSION 3</i></p> <p>Moderator: Matthias Sandra, VLIZ (tbc)</p>	<p><i>Digital twins for sustainable blue economies</i></p> <p>Introduction to the intervention area</p> <p>Pitch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Digital Twins at sub-basin scale in support of ecosystem-based development of offshore activities: the example of animal tracking in the North Sea with DTO-Track (Partnership co-funded project)”</i> Loughs Agency <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Future uses of the EU Digital Twin of the Ocean for the private sector in support of a sustainable blue economy in the North Sea”</i> Zoi Konstantinou, DG MARE • <i>“International ocean science and governance to enhance digital twin capabilities”</i> Katherine Hill, National Oceanographic Centre, UK Office of the Coordination Centre of the G7 Future of the Seas and Ocean Initiative • <i>“Empowering coastal communities through synergies with the digital twin of European coastal marine systems, the case of JERICO-RI”</i> Laurent Delauney, IFREMER <p>Q&A with the audience</p>
12:10	<p>▶ <i>SESSION 4</i></p> <p>Moderator: Carine van der Boog – Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (tbc)</p>	<p><i>Managing sea uses for a thriving North Sea</i></p> <p>Introduction to the intervention area</p> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Science agendas for marine conservation and sustainable use of the North Sea”</i> Lisette Enserink, Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management/Rijkswaterstaat, representing the OSPAR Commission

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Monitoring and evaluation of Maritime Spatial Plans for sustainable development in the North Sea”</i> Ulrich Scheffler, German Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency • <i>Danish Maritime Authority</i> (tbc) • <i>“Enhancing the EU leadership on sustainable dredging for waterborne transport and energy infrastructures”</i> Paris Sansoglou, European Dredging Association
		Q&A with the audience
13:00		LUNCH BREAK TOGETHER WITH THE MISSION ARENA 
14:00	<p> SESSION 5</p> <p>Moderator: Julie Olivier, Jülich Research Center; Facilitators: Blue Cluster / Osman Tikansak and Elin Weyler (FORMAS) (tbc)</p>	<p><i>Enhancing the resilience of coastal communities and businesses</i></p> <p>Introduction to the intervention area</p> <p>Pitches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>“Dune-by-Dike Nature-based solutions”</i>, Dunefront project, Ine Moulart, VLIZ • 3ST Interreg Project <i>“Skills for a sustainable transition of tourism in the North Sea”</i>, Harm Ijben, Impuls Zeeland • <i>“Promoting sustainable tourism in a transboundary natural world heritage”</i>, Sascha Klöpper, Common Wadden Sea Secretariat <p>World café discussing North Sea cases and needs on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resilient coastal infrastructures and nature-based solutions • Resilient coastal tourism and diversification of business • Low-impact, regenerative coastal tourism and businesses <p>Sharing key messages for strategic alignment</p>
15:00	<p> CONCLUSIONS</p>	<p>Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR), Coordinator of the Partnership & Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council Norway (RCN), Chair of the Partnership General Assembly</p>
15:30		END & CLOSING SESSION OF THE MISSION ARENA 

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