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ALL ABOARD! BLUE ECONOMY NETWORKING AND KNOWLEDGE VOYAGE

This exclusive networking event on the deck of a German research vessel aims to foster collaborative action across sectors and beyond borders towards the achievement of a sustainable ocean. With impactful statements by high-level speaking guests, followed by an interactive ocean knowledge challenge, the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and the EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters” will highlight the pivotal role of research and innovation to deliver a strong and coherent European Ocean Pact.

PROGRAMME

13:00 - Getting Onboard: Welcome & Arrivals

13:15 - Aboard the Research Vessel: Towards a Sustainable Ocean

Welcome and address by Peter Grönwoldt, German Federal Ministry for Research and Education, and Manuela Krakau, German Federal Ministry for Environment and Nature.

13:20 - The European Ocean Pact: A Blueprint for Collaborative Action

Charlina Vitcheva, Director General, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission.

13:25 - The EU Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters”: Waves of Change

Elisabetta Balzi, Senior Advisor, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission.

13:30 - The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership: Driving innovation and Competitiveness

Margherita Cappelletto, Partnership Coordinator, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research.

13:35 - The UN Ocean Decade: Transforming Global Ocean Governance

Julian Barbière, Head of Marine Policy and Regional Coordination, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO.

13:40 - The Ocean Quiz Challenge: Dive into Impactful Knowledge!

14:00 - Networking Reception for Blue Solutions: Many Voices, One Ocean

15:00 - End of the Event