

Competitive Blue Tech for Sustainable High seas Fisheries

A Case Study for the EU Clean Industrial Deal

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EU's Clean Industrial Deal and the Ocean Pact can drive technological and industrial innovation in the fisheries sector, contributing to Europe's food security. With a focus on the use of advanced technologies like satellite data, artificial intelligence, and advanced equipment, the event will highlight the critical role of the fisheries industry in generating data for both scientific and environmental purposes. Industry leaders will share insights on how sustainable fisheries practices, enhanced by Blue Tech, are creating new opportunities for European innovation, job creation, and responsible vessel operations.

Synopsis:

- The bet of the Clean Industrial Deal and the Ocean Pact as a stimulator (and not an inhibitor) of technological and industrial innovation, in the context of a sustainable fisheries sector capable of strongly contributing to Europe's food security
- The fisheries sector is a major consumer of technology and Blue Tech data, produced in Europe by leading companies that export their know-how abroad and generate many qualified local jobs: satellite data; sounders and buoys, artificial intelligence, state-of-the-art equipment and engines. These same companies themselves generate data that is used for scientific purposes, not only for fisheries, but also for environmental and oceanological purposes.

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Introduction by:

- **Isabelle Le Callennec**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArICA Vice-Chair for Maritime Industries and Green Ships

Session I: Satellite data and artificial intelligence at the service of a sustainable and competitive high seas fisheries

Moderated by **Anne-France Mattlet**, Director for Europêche

- **Anna Conchon**, Head of Fisheries Science Team, CLS Group (Collecte Localisation Satellites)
- **Manuel Lopez**, Senior Technology Officer, EU Agency for the Space Programme (EUSPA)
- **Kathryn Gavira**, Head of Sustainability & Science, Satlink/Zunibal/Marine Instruments
- **Maitane Grande**, Researcher, AZTI

Session II. High seas Fisheries as a vector of industrial innovation for efficient and responsible vessels

Moderated by **Vincent Guerre**, Director for Trade & Competitiveness for Sea Europe

- **Patrick Moelo**, Projects Coordination Manager, Thalos
- **Luis Diaz**, Founder, Pontos
- **Sarai Blanc**, Director, Basque Maritime Cluster
- **Ivan Estevez**, APINA

Conclusive remarks by

- **Alexandra Philippe**, EBCD, Support Group Coordinator for NGOs as part of the Energy Transition Partnership
- **Representative of the EU Commission** (*tbc*)