

Shaping an ambitious EU Oceans Pact together

The SEArica Intergroup Launch Conference (2025-2029)

Hosted by MEP **Christophe Clergeau**, Chair of the SEArica Intergroup

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Healthy seas and oceans are critical to maintaining the environmental and climate cycles that sustain our planet, while also playing a central role in Europe's socio-economic model. Yet today, the growing cumulative impacts of human activities and the vital importance of the EU's oceans in addressing key future challenges for Europe demand a cohesive approach to ensure a balance between sustainable opportunities and environmental preservation and restoration.

The challenges facing our oceans are complex, interconnected, and escalating, requiring an adapted response at EU level. The *European Oceans Pact*, first announced by President Ursula von der Leyen in her political guidelines 2024-2029, could serve as a transformative opportunity to build the next generation of EU policies affecting oceans.

In this context, the SEArica Members of the European Parliament invite you to the inaugural event of the SEArica Intergroup 2024-2029 to lay the groundwork for shaping, together, an ambitious EU Oceans Pact.

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AGENDA

Welcome by:

- **Christophe Clergeau**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the SEArca Intergroup
- **Costas Kadis**, European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans
- **Olivier Poivre d'Arvor**, Special Envoy of the President of the French Republic for the United Nations Ocean Conference, Ambassador for Poles and Oceans

Session I. What should the future EU Oceans Pact be about?

Moderated by **Christophe Clergeau**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the SEArca Intergroup

- **Isabelle Le Callennec**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Thomas Bajada**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Isabella Lövin**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Emma Fourreau**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Karin Karlsbro**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Member

Session II. How to ensure the best conditions for large EU stakeholders' commitment?

Moderated by **Paulo do Nascimento Cabral**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair

- **Filip Reinhag**, Regional Councillor of Region Gotland, President of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
- **Christophe Tytgat**, Secretary General for SEA Europe
- **Gaëlle Haut**, EU Affairs Coordinator for Surfrider Europe
- **Geneviève Pons**, Director General and Vice President for Europe Jacques Delors

⇒ **How should the EU Oceans Pact be designed to unlock cross-sectoral ambitions? *Reaction* by**

- **Nina Carberry**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair
- **Tonino Picula**, Member of the European Parliament, SEArca Vice-Chair

Conclusive remarks by

- **Christophe Clergeau**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the SEArca Intergroup