

## European Blue Forum Annual Event 2024 “From Position to Practice”

### AGENDA

 [Svendborg Hotel](#), Centrumpladsen 1, DK-5700 Svendborg, Denmark.

 Thursday, 30 May 2024

<b>1330 – 1400</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Welcome Coffee</b>
<b>1400 – 1420</b>	Introduction by the Moderator, Mr Seamus Kearney Opening by Mrs Delilah Al Khudhairy, Director Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, European Commission
<b>1420 – 1445</b>	<u>Session 1 – Achievements and Updates from the European Blue Forum</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Position Paper Presentations – Assistance Mechanism / EBF Secretariat</li> <li>• What’s next?’ - Assistance Mechanism / EBF Secretariat</li> </ul>
<b>1445 – 1550</b>	<u>Session 2 – Thematic discussions</u> Attendants will be formed into groups (including an online group) to work across the following four technical topics that reflect key priority areas from the position papers - as selected beforehand through an online survey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we better understand and assess cumulative impacts of maritime and coastal activities?</li> <li>• How can we effectively address the issue of Land-Sea Interaction? How will this be beneficial for the development of the Sustainable Blue economy?</li> <li>• How can we use knowledge of the ocean to instil a desire to protect it?</li> <li>• How can we accelerate technology transfer from research to innovation to boost European competitiveness and thus make the Blue Economy more sustainable?</li> </ul> The groups will be coordinated by stakeholder facilitators and the European Blue Forum team. The aim is to collectively develop the shared topics through a ‘speed – brainstorming’ process.
<b>1550 – 1615</b>	Coffee break
<b>1615 – 1715</b>	<u>Session 3 – Panel Session Reflection</u> Introduction: Wrap up from the Thematic Discussions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evy Copejans – Managing Director, European Marine Science Educators Association (EMSEA)</li> <li>• Paloma Aba Garrote – Director, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA)</li> <li>• Marta Cavallé – Executive Secretary, Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)</li> <li>• Jesper Bonde – Managing Director, Wårtsilå Denmark</li> </ul> Q&A Session.
<b>1715 – 1730</b>	Meeting Close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap up by the Moderator, Mr Seamus Kearney</li> <li>• Conclusion by Mr Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director General, DG MARE, European Commission</li> </ul>