



## European Maritime Day

Svendborg on 30 and 31 May 2024

30 May

Time	Event	Details
08.30-09.15	Welcome coffee - registration	
09.30-10.00	<b>Opening session</b>	<p>Keynote speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginijus Sinkevičius, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries</li> <li>• Charlina Vitcheva, Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</li> <li>• Morten Bødskov, Danish Minister of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs</li> </ul> <p>Welcoming remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bo Hansen, Mayor of Svendborg</li> </ul> <p>Master of ceremony: Stephen Davies</p>
10.00-11.30	<b>High-level panel</b>  <b>Sea Basin Strategies as key enablers for the implementation of the Sustainable Blue Economy</b>	<p>Master of ceremony: Stephen Davies</p> <p>Moderator: Charlina Vitcheva, Director General at DG MARE, European Commission</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andreas Nordseth, Director General, Danish Maritime Authority, Denmark</li> <li>• Eric Banel, General Director for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries, and Aquaculture, France</li> <li>• Lidia Bulcão, Secretary of State of Maritime Affairs, Portugal</li> <li>• Grigore Stratulat, State Secretary, Ministry for Environment, Moldova</li> </ul>
11.45-12.30	<i>Pitch session- pitch stage</i>	<i>How to Reduce Emissions by Upgrading Existing Tonnage</i>
12.00-13.30	lunch break - networking	
13.30-14.45	<b>Special Session on interagency cooperation</b>	<b>EU cooperation on coast guard functions in practice</b>
	Stakeholder workshops	Algae on the move, spotlight on EU algae projects
		Observations to knowledge: Unlocking Ocean Insights
		Synergies by design: Promoting cooperation to accelerate the energy transition in fisheries and aquaculture
	<b>EMD Cities Network</b>	<b>The Mayors' challenges: Our mission: Restore our ocean and waters – Cities to the rescue (Introduction and high level speeches)</b>
14:00-14:45	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Fishers of the future</i>

14.00-17.00	Blue Forum	Parallel event – At Hotel Svendborg <sup>1</sup> [registration link below]
15:00-15:45	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Using Image to bridge the gap between science, education and policy</i>
15:00-16:00	<b>EMD Cities Roundtables</b>	<p><b><i>Roundtable 1: <u>Sustainable life in a sustainable archipelago</u></i></b>  <b><i>Svendborg Municipality</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Roundtable 2: <u>Ocean &amp; society: innovation as a catalyst</u></i></b>  <b><i>Brest Metropole</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Roundtable 3: <u>Strategy for a sustainable and just ecological and energy transition</u></i></b>  <b><i>Ravenna Municipality</i></b></p>
15.00-16.15	<b>Special session on fisheries</b>	<b>EU Advisory Councils: Stakeholder engagement in policy making for healthy and productive fisheries and aquatic ecosystems</b>
	Stakeholder Workshops	Maximising synergies amongst EU "blue" initiatives
		Energy efficiency: A no regret move
		Outermost to outposts: fostering “Seanergies”
16:00-17:00	<b>EMD Cities Roundtables</b>	<p><b><i>Roundtable 4: <u>Climate-neutral and smart cities by 2030</u></i></b>  <b><i>Cork City Council</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Roundtable 5: <u>Maritime education: becoming a blue school municipality</u></i></b>  <b><i>Den Helder Municipality</i></b></p>
16.15-16.45	coffee break – networking	
16.45-17.30	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Supporting the Greening of the Maritime Sector: Project examples from CINEA managed programmes in Denmark</i>
16.45-18.00	Stakeholder Workshops	Towards strategic global alignment for the EU blue economy
		Small Scale Fisheries: From vision to practical implementation
		Green shipping: challenges to the supply chain
		CISE-ALERT: towards CISE’s operationalisation
17:00-18:00	<b>EMD Cities Roundtables</b>	<b><i>EMD Cities Network: the Mayors’ challenges: Our mission: Restore our ocean and waters – Cities to the rescue (Conclusions)</i></b>
19.00-21.00	<b>Networking cocktail reception</b>	

31 May

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08.30-09.15	Welcome coffee	
09.15-10.15	<b>High-level panel</b>  <b>Our Mission: Restore our Ocean and Waters - Cities to the rescue</b>	Master of Ceremony: Stephen Davies Moderator: Charlina Vitcheva, Director General  Speakers: Mayors of EMD Cities

<sup>1</sup> [2nd European Blue Forum Annual Meeting “From position to practice” | The European Maritime Spatial Planning Platform \(europa.eu\)](https://www.europa.eu)

09.15-10.00	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Nurturing the blue bioeconomy innovation ecosystem</i>
10.15-10.45	The leading role of the European shipping industry in decarbonisation: your vision for the future	Simon Bergulf, Group Representative Europe @ Maersk Mare Deputy Director General Kestutis Sadauskas Master of ceremony: Stephen Davies
10:00-10:45	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Maritime Stars- how to boost start-ups Denmark</i>
10.45-11.15	coffee break - networking	
11.15- 12.30	<b>Special session on EMODNet Blue Obs</b>	<b>Diverse data serving EU policies and the Blue Economy for a sustainable future</b>
	Stakeholder Workshops	Beneath the Waves: Confronting unexploded ordnance
		eMSP in a nutshell
		Marketing of alien, invasive and low value species
11.15 – 12.30	<i>Info Session</i>	European coast guard functions - Single information point and exchange opportunities
11:45-12:30	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Advancing Blue careers for a sustainable blue economy: Innovative Approaches Organisers</i>
12.30-13.30	lunch break - networking	
13.30-14.45	<b>Special session on Regional cooperation</b>	<b>Greater North Sea Initiative - GNSBI: Involving Stakeholders - Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management (NL)</b>
	Stakeholders Workshops	Critical Maritime Infrastructure and the Blue Economy
		Circular Smart Recirculating Aquaculture
		Green Shipping in Europe – the way forward
14:00-14:45	<i>Pitch session – pitch stage</i>	<i>Bridging product-market fit in maritime – how to effectively utilise start-ups + corporate collaboration</i>
15.00-16.15	Stakeholders Workshops	Cooperation for secure maritime routes
		Planning & Implementing Equality in Blue Economy
		Bringing wave energy to market, the largest untapped energy source
		How can CSR host & support ocean literacy for all
16.15-16.45	coffee break - networking	
16.45-17.30	<b>Closing session</b>	<i>EU4Ocean award Ceremony</i> Handover Ceremony between Svendborg and Cork