

The Way to Green Recovery

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Draft Agenda

13.00- 13.05 Welcome notes

✓ Symeon Tsomokos, President, Delphi Economic Forum

✓ Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director of EPLO

13.05-13.25 Opening Session: Policy Orientations

In light of the new reality set by the corona virus pandemic, the EC 2020 Blue Economy Report highlights that the Blue Economy sectors will “contribute to the recovery and pave way for [the] EU Green Deal”, albeit some of them having taken a hard blow in recent months. How will policy-makers in the EU and its neighbouring regions focus on reigniting such Blue Economy sectors, with a view to implementing the EU Green Deal and achieving the UN Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals?

✓ H.E. Ioannis Plakiotakis

Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of the Hellenic Republic

✓ H.E. Ricardo Serrao Santos

Minister of Maritime Affairs, Portuguese Republic

✓ Virginijus Sinkevičius

EU Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries

✓ Nasser Kamel

Secretary General, Union for the Mediterranean

Moderated by ✓ Spyros Kouvelis, Director, EPLO/ISD

✓ Confirmed Speakers

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13.25-14.05

Session 1: Fisheries and Aquaculture

With the EU Commission and FAO having highlighted the need for more protein as the global population rises, fisheries and aquaculture have been at the forefront of this discussion. From combatting illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and providing sustainable livelihoods for fishers to organic feeds and the wellbeing of fish in aquaculture, sustainability and most SDGs are set to be embedded in these sectors.

Fireside chat(20')

Is Sustainability the key challenge and opportunity for EU Aquaculture in COVID times

✓ [Faazi Adam](#)

Research & Engagement Manager, FAIRR Initiative

Aquaculture Lead, FAIRR, in the light of the publication “Shallow returns? ESG risks and opportunities in aquaculture” speaks with

✓ [Lara Barazi-Yeroulanos](#)

President, Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)/ CEO, Kefalonia Fisheries

Discussion (20')

✓ [Abdellah Srour](#)

Executive Secretary, UN FAO, GFCM

✓ [Christian Lim](#)

Founding Partner, Blue Ocean Partners

[Simon Dent](#)

Head of Blue Investments, Mirova Natural Capital

✓ Moderated by [Philippos Papageorgiou](#), National Fisheries Development Program, Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture of Saudi Arabia

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14.05- 14.5

Session 2: Shipping and Ports

The discussion on mandatory energy efficiency requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from shipping, an increasing polluter even during corona times, has been ongoing and is linked to incorporating sustainability and greening shipping. Added to this is the trend to create “green ports” to further reduce the carbon footprint and pave the way for a sustainable future.

✓ Nico Suys presents the example of the Sustainability program of the Port of Antwerp International (Member of DP World/Dubai Ports) (10’)

And discusses how sustainability shapes the future of shipping and ports with: (20’)

✓ Athanassios Polychronopoulos
Executive Chairman, POLYECO Group

✓ Robert Coustas
CEO, Deepsea

Zenggang Yu
BoD Chairman of Piraeus Port Authority S.A

14.55 - 15.55

Session 3: Marine Renewable Energy: An Ocean of Opportunities

The Blue Economy includes emerging, innovative sectors of Marine renewable energy with great potential, such as offshore wind, tidal, wave energy, floating solar energy and offshore hydrogen generation. The EU, being the world leader in ocean energy technology as it hosts 70% of global ocean energy (wave and tidal) installed capacity in its waters, is set to produce up to 35% of its electricity from offshore sources by 2050.

Ricardo Mourinho Félix
Vice-President of the EIB for Blue Economy

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H.E. Konstantinos Skrekas

Minister of Environment and Energy of the Hellenic Republic

✓ Christos Economou

DD & Head of Unit, DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, EC

Technologies (20')

Andrew Scott

CEO, Orbital Marine Power Ltd: New technologies to harness the unlimited potential of the Oceans

✓ Panagiotis Papastamatiou, CEO, ELETAEN

Investment (20')

Alexandra Sdoukou

SecGen for Energy, Greece

✓ Guy Auger

Chairman & CEO, GreenSolver (UK/FR/GR)

✓ Moderated by Haroula Apalagaki, Secretary General, Hellenic Bank Association

15.55- 16.00 Break

16.00 - 16.40 Session 4: Maritime and Coastal Tourism

Identified with idyllic landscapes, maritime and coastal tourism represents a good part of the Blue Economy, with hotels by the sea accounting for more than half of hotels occupancy and with growth prospects including of the cruise and yacht industries, albeit temporarily halted by the coronavirus

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pandemic, set to increase. Yet, this growth potential should go hand in hand with sustainable and smart growth, policy-makers have been advising.

✓ [H.E. Harry Theoharis](#)

Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic

✓ [Alexandros Angelopoulos](#)

Vice-President, Aldemar Resorts Hotels

Discussion (20')

[Felix Leinemann](#)

Head of Unit for Blue Economy Sectors, Aquaculture and Maritime Spatial Planning, DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, EC

[Ioanna Dretta](#)

CEO, Marketing Greece

[Antonis Stelliatos](#)

President, Hellenic Professional Yacht Owners Association

✓ Moderated by [Dr. Angeliki Kosmopoulou](#), Executive Director of the A.C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation

16.40 -16.45

Closing Remarks

✓ [Spyros Kouvelis](#)

Director, EPLO/ISD

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16.45- 16.50 Wrap-up

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