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# Strategic Navigation Forum

11 June 2024

Comic Arts Museum,  
Rue des Sables 20, 1000 Brussels



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**Location:** Comic Arts Museum (Rue des Sables 20, 1000 Brussels)

A landmark event endorsed by the Belgian presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Strategic Navigation Forum is set to convene on 11 June in Brussels. This high-level gathering aims to pioneer discussions on the future of marine and maritime research and innovation, looking beyond 2025.

The forum emerges in response to the evolving needs of marine and maritime R&I priorities, stepping beyond the confines of the current JPI Oceans' Strategy Framework and the European Union's Horizon Europe program. It represents a unique opportunity for stakeholders across the European marine and maritime ecosystem to collaborate, envision, and shape the future trajectory of research and innovation in this vital sector. All involved in science-policy, research funding, academia, industry, and civil society are welcome to contribute their insights and expertise towards a sustainable and prosperous future.

## Objective and Vision

The Strategic Navigation Forum is designed to:

- Foster reflective exchange of national and European marine and maritime priorities post-2025.
- Initiate forward-looking deliberations that transcend the current scope of Horizon Europe.
- Provide a dynamic platform for European stakeholders to engage in strategic exchanges on marine and maritime agendas.

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## Welcome & registration

08:45-09:15

## Opening session

Katrina Sichel, Moderator, Wit and Word Communications SRL

Benjamin Kürten, Vice Chair, JPI Oceans

Arnaud Vajda, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Belgian Science Policy Office

09:15-09:40

## Visions of JPI Oceans Member Countries

09:40-11:00

Representatives of JPI Oceans member countries: Interventions outlining national visions

Niall McDonough, Director of Policy Innovation and Research Support Services, Marine Institute, Ireland

Zage Kaculevski, Head of Department, Federal Ministry of Education and Research

Omar Cutajar, Senior Director, Strategy, Research and Technical Affairs, Malta Council for Science and Technology

Sofia Cordeiro, Deputy Executive Director, Atlantic International Research Centre (tbc)

..... **Coffee break** .....

11:00-11:30

## **JPI Oceans Joint Action Highlights**

11:30-12:15

Assessment Report of the European Knowledge Hub on Sea Level Rise  
Bart van den Hurk, Co-Chair IPCC WG2 - Scientific Director, Deltares  
Official launch of the handbook on cumulative effects of human activities  
Donata Canu, Researcher, National Institute of Oceanography and Applied Geophysics  
Presentation of the information portal on Munition in the Sea  
Munition in the Sea Knowledge Hub member (TBC)

..... **Lunch** .....

12:15-13:15

## **The European and global context: Marine and maritime priorities**

13:15-14:15

Alison Clausen, Deputy Coordinator, UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development  
Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG MARE, European Commission  
Staci Rijal, Director, International Activities Office, NOAA Research  
Niall McDonough, Chair, JPI Oceans

## **Expert communities' insights and foresights**

14:15-14:45

Navigating the Future VI: Research and innovation beyond 2025  
Sheila Heymans, Executive Director, European Marine Board

Envisioning the ocean economy mid-century  
James Jolliffe, Economist, Space and Oceans Unit, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

..... **Coffee break** .....

14:45-15:15

## **Interactive sessions**

15:15-16:45

Guided by JPI Oceans Management Board Members

## **Closing session**

16:45-17:00

Summary of the main outcomes and recommendations from the event  
Angelo Camerlenghi, Vice Chair, JPI Oceans

## **Evening programme**

17:30-21:30

The Forum will be closed with a reception followed by the screening of the critically acclaimed documentary "Deep rising." Narrated by Jason Mamo, and interwoven with awe-inspiring footage of the abyss, "Deep rising" focuses on the potential impact of deep-sea mining on our marine environment. In doing so it shows unreleased footage of the JPI Oceans MiningImpact 2 project which conducted an independent scientific investigation of the environmental impacts of a prototype mining robot. Join us on a journey from the deepest depths of our ocean to the future of green energy, and learn how the two are inextricably linked.





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