



Copernicus Marine Service: An EU asset for sustainable oceans

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The Copernicus programme is a cornerstone of the European Union’s efforts to monitor the Earth and its many ecosystems. The Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service (CMEMS) is committed to delivering state-of-the-art information about the state of the ocean daily, enabling the development of a wide range of blue applications.

2017 marks a very important political year for Europe and its institutions. Amongst other milestones, the entire Copernicus Programme is undergoing a full review and new ideas will be put forth for the next phase of the programme.

A dedicated morning session is organized at the European Parliament, chosen for its emblematic role: an open forum for discussion, that gives all stakeholders the chance to convey their messages right in the heart of the European Union. This conference will be an occasion to highlight the many ways the Copernicus Marine Environment Monitoring Service supports Public Authorities in the implementation of the EU directive (e.g. MSFD), contributes to blue growth development, supports the private sector in their respective markets and is engaged in ocean literacy. Stakeholders from the public sector, private sector and civil society will highlight today’s achievements, answer questions, as well as open the floor to discuss the challenges of tomorrow.

This session is part of a week-long dedicated [event](#), each day covering different themes, from science to operations, and from R&D to production.



08.00-08.30 A light breakfast will be served in the meeting room

08.30-09.00 **Introductory Session**

- Welcoming from Françoise Grossetête MEP
- Introductory remarks from Ricardo Serrao Santos MEP
- Philippe Brunet, Director “*Space Policy, Copernicus and Defence*”, DG GROW, European Commission
- Pierre Bahurel, CEO Mercator Ocean

09.00-09.55 **Panel 1 - User testimonies**

Moderated by Ricardo Serrao Santos MEP

- Towards joint monitoring and assessment of eutrophication in the North Sea using Copernicus Marine Service's products – EU project JMP EUNOSAT, Lisette Enserink, Netherlands Rijkswaterstaat and Dimitry Van Der Zande, RBINS
- Tracking Essential Fish Habitat: future fisheries management will be dynamic (video) Jean Noel Druon, Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- Thanh-Long Huynh, QuantCube Technology
- Andre Abreu, Tara Expeditions

Exchange and discussion with the audience

09.55-10.55 **Panel 2 - “ CMEMS, an EU asset for our Blue Planet? Prospects and Challenges? ”**

Moderated by Ricardo Serrão Santos MEP

- **EU Policies Representatives and Stakeholders**
 - Damien Perissé, Conference of Peripheral Maritime
 - Stefaan Depypere, Director “*International Ocean Governance and Sustainable Fisheries*”, DG MARE, European Commission
- **BLUE BUSINESS Representatives**
 - Rémi Gruet, Ocean Energy Europe
 - Jeremie Maillet, VP Marine, Alcatel Submarine Networks MARINE
- **OCEAN for Society**
 - Antonella Vassallo, International Ocean Institute
 - Ana Noronha, Ciencia Viva

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10.55-11.00 **Concluding remarks by the Chair**