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Marine Plastics Need European Action

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Agenda

- 18:00 – 18:10** **Welcome and introduction** by MEP Ricardo Serrão Santos
- 18:10 – 18:20** **Keynote speech**
Karmenu Vella, Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries; European Commission
- 18:20 – 18:35** **Setting the scene - the ocean plastics challenge**
Pierre-Yves Cousteau
- 18:35 – 19:50** **Panel debate: European Action for Marine Plastic Litter**
Moderator: Luc Bas, Director; IUCN European Regional Office
- The international dimension*
Ulf Björnholm, Head, UN Environment Brussels Office
- National perspective*
Portugal – Fausto Brito e Abreu; Director General for Maritime Policy
- Private sector's views*
Karl Foerster, Executive Director; Plastics Europe
- Civil Society's views*
Monika Verbeek, Deputy Director; Seas at Risk
- 19:50 – 20:00** **Concluding remarks**
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