

# STRATEGIC NAVIGATION FORUM

Date: 11 June 2024

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.

# **AGENDA**

Welcome & registration	08:45-09:15
Opening session Benjamin Kürten, Vice Chair, JPI Oceans Arnaud Vajda, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Belgian Science Policy Office	09:15-09:30
Visions of JPI Oceans Member Countries Representatives of JPI Oceans member countries: Interventions outlining national visions	09:30-11:00
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 (TBC)
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
Claus Böttcher, Federal Agency for Technical Relief, Germany (TBC)

Lunch

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

13:15-14:15

12:15-13:15

Vidar Helgesen, Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, DG MARE, European Commission Niall McDonough, Chair, JPI Oceans

### Expert communities' insights and foresights

14:15-14:30

Overview of the Navigating the Future VI report and its recommendations for marine/maritime 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

#### Interactive sessions

15:00-16:30

Guided by JPI Oceans Management Board Members

#### Closing session

16:30-17:00

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 Mamoa, 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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