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**Mission Ocean and Waters: Empowering Local Changemakers –
ports, islands, cities and regions**

**Wednesday, 5 March 2025, 14:00 – 17:00 CET
European Commission Charlemagne building (CHAR) – room: GASP
Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Interpretation will be provided for FR-DE-EN-IT-ES-EL-NL

The event will bring together representatives from key Mission communities such as ports, islands, cities and regions to showcase local initiatives and targeted support from the Mission, and to discuss how to strengthen cooperation to empower actors to implement actions on the ground for restoring the ocean and waters.

Moderator: Karen Coleman

14:00 Introduction and opening

- **John Bell**, Deputy Mission Manager, Director – DG Research & Innovation, European Commission
- **Mätta Ivarsson**, Committee of the Regions, and Skåne Region (Sweden)

14:15 Session 1: Regions

- **Elisabetta Maini**, Emilia-Romagna (Italy)
- **Maxime Bonnaud-Delamare**, Région Sud (France)
- **Pirita Lindholm**, European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN)
- **Filip Reinhag**, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (CPMR)

14:50 Session 2: Islands

- **Marta Ferretti**, Small Islands Organisation (SMILO)
- **Mihkel Urmet**, Ruhnu Island (Estonia)
- **Philippe Le Fur**, Mairie Ile de Houat (France)
- **Giuseppe Siracusano**, Comune di Malfa, Isola di Salina, Isole Eolie (Italy)
- **Marc García-Durán Huet**, Underwater Gardens Blue Innovation Hub (Canary Islands, Spain)

15:30 Session 3: Ports and Cities I

- **Rosemary Aghedo**, Møre og Romsdal County (Norway)
- **[Alessandro Arico or Giancarlo Teresi]**, Regione Siciliana (Italy)
- **Vesna Baltina**, Burgas Municipality (Bulgaria)
- **Alexis Katechakis**, Blue Municipalities Network (Greece)

16:05 Session 4: Ports and Cities II

- **Maria Manuel Cruz**, Porto de Aveiro (Portugal)
- **Clara R. Solé**, Ocean Cities
- **Mario Dogliani**, SDG4MED's Coalition of Mayors (Italy & Spain)

16:30 Ocean Rise and Resilience Coalition

- **Agnès Rampal**, City of Nice (France)

16:35 Conclusion

- **Ivelina Vasileva**, Mission Board Member
- [tbc], DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

16:45 Group Pictures

Celebration of all ports, islands, cities and regions that have adhered to the Mission Charter.

17:00 End