Kick-off meeting

25 January 2023, 09:00-14:15

Accademia di Belle Arti,
Via di Ripetta 222, Roma, Italy

On-line

Back-to-back with the meeting of the Steering Committee (23 January) and of the General Assembly (24 January)

AGENDA
Concept note

Showcase the ambitious activities to the community and further structuring

The Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership started on 1st September 2022. It is now time to gather all partners together to showcase the ambitious activities to the community and further structuring it. With the launch of the first joint call for proposals approaching in February 2023, the expectations are raising from this new transnational cooperation instrument of the European Union placed to be a game changer towards reaching the critical mass needed for transforming the Blue Economy by 2030.

The kick-off meeting will focus on thematic and structuring activities of the Partnership as a first occasion for engagement, looking in perspective the joint pattern ahead towards delivering impact to meet the EU policy objectives of the Green Deal, the digital transformation and Covid-recovery. Synergies with other Partnerships and the Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters will be addressed as well as the sea-basins (Mediterranean, Black Sea, Baltic and North Sea) and Atlantic Ocean dimension and best practice to mobilize local communities. Alignment with other funding streams and contribution from other disciplines will also be discussed.

Prior to this event, two meetings of the governing bodies will be held:

→ the Steering Committee, to set-up the working methodology and stimulate strategic discussion and alignment among countries and with the European Commission towards co-ownership of the actions.

→ the General Assembly, to discuss internally among partners and agree on key developments of the Project.

This approach will ensure consistency and connectivity of SBEP governance and stakeholders’ layers as well as instant feedback. More than 120 participants are expected to join this first event in Rome. Others from Europe and beyond will be connected.
23 January 2023, 13:30-18:00 - SBEP Steering Committee meeting
(Open to members of the Steering Committee)

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<td>Cecilia Casorati, Director, Accademia di Belle Arti</td>
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<td>Introduction by the Co-Chairs</td>
<td>Raffaele Liberati (MUR) and Elisabetta Balzi (EC)</td>
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<td>High-level presentation of the blue economy landscape, including policy measures, and added value of European cooperation</td>
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<td>14:20</td>
<td>Tour de Table for presenting MS / AC delegations (one voice per country)</td>
<td>Representatives meet for the first time and take the floor to share key info from the national landscape as well as expectations</td>
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<td>Presentation of the Strategy</td>
<td>Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (MUR) Intervention Areas (MUR)</td>
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<td>15:20</td>
<td>EU Strategic Initiatives and interaction with SBEP</td>
<td>Mission Restore Our Ocean and Waters by 2030 (EC) SBEP Interaction with the Mission and other EU Partnerships (EC)</td>
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<td>Open discussion on connectivity</td>
<td>→ Alignment of policies at EU and national level, including best practices</td>
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<td>→ Sea-basins + Atlantic Ocean approach: alignment with regional initiatives and international cooperation roadmap</td>
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<td>17:00</td>
<td>Modus operandi</td>
<td>→ Internal rules, including e.g. organization of meetings, how to take the input forward, invitation of potential external observers (including from other Partnerships) to attend future meetings on a permanent / ad hoc basis</td>
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17:20 ➤ Next steps
   → The first call for proposal
   → The 3-yrs Rolling Work Plan
   → Update of the Intervention Areas
   → Consolidation of the SRIA
   → Towards widening and engagement with third countries
   → Next SC meetings: remote (April 2023) and in person (end of September 2023, Brussels, back-to-back with the symposium)

17:55 ➤ AoB and end of the meeting

18:00 ➤ 30’ visit to ABA exhibition
   ‘Entangled visions - Technofossils’ by Matteo Martignoni

Background material: 0. Partnership preliminary website www.bluepartnership.eu, 1. Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, 2. Annual Work Programme including Intervention Areas, 3. 3-yrs Rolling Work Plan draft structure, 4. Presentation of the 1st call process and timeline, 5. EU Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters European Commission link to the webpage, including Mission Charter
### 24 January 2023, 9:00-12:45 - SBEP General Assembly meeting
(Open to members of the General Assembly)

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<td>Information on outputs from the Steering Committee, by the SC Co-chairs</td>
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<td>Points for decisions</td>
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<td>WP1 ‘Partnership coordination and management’ (15’)</td>
<td>→ Final discussion on the Consortium Agreement for its finalization and signature (MUR)</td>
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<td>→ Survey group set-up and procedure for definition of the Intervention Areas (RCN)</td>
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<td>→ Towards the organization of the workshops to support: mapping of ongoing activities/back casting/foresight exercises linked to SRIA Pillars &amp; Enablers (FZJ)</td>
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<td>WP6 ‘Building the community (Brussels Cellule)’ (20’)</td>
<td>→ Report of the SBEP regional workshops in the framework of the Ecorys service contract with the EC (RCN)</td>
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Points for information

WP5 ‘Communication, outreach and ocean literacy’ (5’)
→ Communication, dissemination and outreach strategy together with website (www.bluepartnership.eu) / social media channels / toolkit (JPI Oceans)
→ Support to the launch of the first call and Citizen Science / Ocean Literacy module input to the calls’ text (JPI Oceans)

WP7 ‘Impact Network’ (5’)
→ Impact Pathways, promotion of Open Science and KPIs indicators (ANR and AEI)

WP8 ‘Additional contributions to the SBEP’ (5’)
→ Analysis on Common provision Regulations and way to use European funds (MCID)

Discussion (5’)

12:20 Points for information (in the framework of firewall measures)

WP3 ‘Implementation of Calls’ (15’)
→ 1st co-funded joint call for proposals (FRCT, ANR)

12:35 Upcoming tasks and closing of the works MUR

12:45 Picture time

14:30 Internal meeting of WP5 ‘Communication, Outreach and Ocean Literacy’ in the back-up room

**Background material:** 1. Grant Agreement; 2. (V1 Draft) Consortium Agreement; 3. Draft structure of the 3-yr Rolling Work Plan (WP2, D2.3); 4. Survey group set-up and procedure for definition of IAs outlined (WP2, MS14); 5. Communication, dissemination and outreach strategy (WP5, D5.1); 6. Website and three social media channels (WP5, D5.2); 7. Outline of the working methodology for contact nodes (WP6, MS58)
24 January 2023, 16:30-22:00 - SBEP community gathering before the kick-off

16:30   ➤ Cultural event

Lost in the City: postcards from Rome.
Cultural visit. 2.5 hours walking tour with the ABA
Students of the Cultural Heritage Communication and
Enhancement Department.
Meeting point: Accademia di Belle Arti, Via di Ripetta
222, Roma

19:30   ➤ Social dinner

Ristorante da Sabatino
Le Cave di S. Ignazio, P.zza S. Ignazio 169, Roma, Maps
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24 January 2023 h 14:30 – 22:00

14:30 – 17:30 Cultural event “Passeggiata tra le fontane di Roma” / Parallel meeting of WP5 in the back-up room

20:00 Social dinner (Location TBC)

9:00-12:30 SBEP General Assembly meeting (for members of the General Assembly)

11:00 Discussion WP5 ‘Communication, outreach and ocean literacy’

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09:00 ➞ Registration and welcome coffee

Moderator: Elisabetta Balzi, EC-DG RTD

09:30 ➞ Welcome
Anna Maria Bernini, Italian Minister of University and Research
Bjørnar Skjæran, Norwegian Minister of Fisheries and Ocean Policy (video-message)
Mariya Gabriel, EU Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth (TBC)

09:50 ➞ Opening
Giuseppe Soriero, President, Accademia di Belle Arti (ABA)

09:55 ➞ Setting the scene
John Bell, Director, European Commission (DG RTD)

Presenting the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

10:15 ➞ Vision, Objectives and Architecture of the Partnership
Margherita Cappelletto, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)

→ From Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda to Intervention Areas, Benjamin Kuerten, Juelich Research Centre (FZJ)

10:30 ➞ Investing in Sustainable Blue Economy: towards the first SBEP co-funded call for proposals

→ SBEP first call for proposals, Carolina Torres and Renato Pires, Regional Fund for Science and Technology of the Azores (FRCT)

→ Guided by the theory of change and the need of monitoring impact, Sylvain Pasquier, French National Research Agency (ANR) and Abraham Trujillo Quintela, Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT)

11:00 ➞ Q&A

Reinforced coffee break & Poster session with the EU Partnerships CETP, DUT, EURAMET, Innovative SMEs, Water4All, ZEWT
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Connecting the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership to deliver impact

**Moderator:** Thorsten Kiefer, Joint Programming Initiative Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans (JPI Oceans)

12:10 Connectivity/1: Leveraging different funding streams and mobilizing research infrastructures for ocean observation and prediction

Viorel Vulturescu, Romanian Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization (MCID) (Chair) in dialogue with Magda De Carli, EU Commission (DG RTD) on alignment with structural funds and Ariane Blum, Coordinator Water4All (W4A) on mobilizing monitoring system.

12:30 Q&A

12:35 Connectivity/2: Synergies with other Partnerships and the Mission Restore our Seas and Waters

Maurice Heral, French National Research Agency (ANR) (Chair) in dialogue with Alexander Grablowitz, Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and Partnership Knowledge Hub Co-President and Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General, EU Commission (DG MARE) and Mission Manager, Mission “Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030”.

The panel will explore operational opportunities for collaborating.

12:55 Statement by the Mission Ocean Lighthouse CSA Coordinators and Q&A

Wendy Bonne, EU Commission (DG RTD) (Chair) in dialogue with Kathrine Angell-Hansen, Research Council of Norway (RCN), and SBEP sea-basins nodes from MT, GR, TR, BU, IE, PT, BE, NL, EE, PL on outcomes of SBEP regional workshops and best practices sharing, targeting the 5-helix approach.

13:05 Connectivity/3: Sea-basins and Atlantic Ocean cooperation from co-design to impact

13:35 Statement by the Mission Ocean Lighthouse CSA Coordinators and Q&A

Willem de Moor, Joint Programming Initiative Oceans (JPIO) (Chair) in dialogue with Gabi Lombardo, European Alliance for Social Science and Humanities (EASHH) and Siri Granum Carson, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

13:45 Connectivity /4: Broadening the perspective by engaging all disciplines

14:05 Final Q&A

14:10 Wrap-up and conclusions

Raffaele Liberali, Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)
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