



## Draft Programme

### 2013 – 2023: 10 years of the Galway Statement. Celebrating a decade of marine research cooperation along and across the Atlantic Ocean – Our Shared Resource

Event co-organised by the European Commission, the Irish Government, the Marine Institute and the University of Galway

**Date:** 4 July 2023 in Dublin, Ireland (by invitation only event), 5-6 July 2023 in Galway, Ireland (hybrid event)

**Location:** Dublin: Iveagh House – Galway: at the University of Galway and Marine Institute

**Format:** ½ day in-person celebration in Dublin (by invitation only), 2 day hybrid event in Galway

#### Outline:

Much has happened since the Galway Statement was signed in May 2013 between Canada, the European Union and the United States of America. More than 1000 research teams have started to map the North Atlantic seabed, discovered new deep-water volcanoes and species, studied the effects of deep-sea mining and the changing climate on the biodiversity, created a network of floating universities, shared research infrastructures in the Atlantic and Arctic regions, and much else. During these years, additional Atlantic Statements and agreements were signed, new countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean joined the Alliance; many new joint initiatives were launched around a series of jointly agreed research priorities. These successes have led to a new ocean-scale cooperation, culminating in the signing of the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Ministerial Declaration in Washington D.C. on 13 July 2022.

To celebrate this decade of achievement and renew our shared commitment to the Atlantic Ocean, the Irish Government and the European Commission, together with the Marine Institute and the University of Galway are organising this event in Ireland, on 4 July by invitation only; 5-6 July 2023 as hybrid event.

Micheál Martin, TD, Tánaiste and **Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence** of Ireland and **EU Commissioner Mairead McGuinness** will welcome high-level guests to Dublin.

Together with European and international Atlantic partners and actors, the event will showcase how a new Atlantic Ocean research and innovation community was formed, how the different initiatives and common work impacted joint research roadmaps and inspired new discoveries and how they brought benefits to coastal communities, citizens and young people.



It will focus on inspirational and intergenerational engagement to consolidate and further build the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance inclusive by design, accessible by default, literate by desire, fully embedded in the new All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Ministerial Declaration signed in Washington D.C.

Last but not least, it will interconnect with new strategic mobilisation initiatives that meanwhile have also been launched in Europe, such as the Mission ‘Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030’ with its Atlantic and Arctic lighthouse.

Finally, this event will also lead the way up towards the 2023 All-Atlantic Forum in South Africa and ensure that all this supports the UN Decade of Ocean Science, and more broadly the UN Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

**Structure of the event:**

- Celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Galway Statement, and showcase tangible and impactful examples and achievements, a legacy to take forward in the coming years to implement the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance Declaration. Continue to work for an All-Atlantic Alliance which is inclusive by design, accessible by default, literate by desire.
- An intergenerational session to engage with Early Career Ocean Professionals, contributing to the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance, and in addition to the UN Decade ECOP programme, and students on science to policy and collaborative science so that young people can profit from the accumulated experience of professionals, get inspired and empowered by identifying and presenting their own solutions to the many challenges the Atlantic Ocean faces.
- Discuss how to join forces across and along the Atlantic Ocean for the deployment of the Mission ‘Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030’ with its Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse on ecosystem protection and restoration (with the 2030 and UN Decade targets and objectives), including inspirational examples of good practice.



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## Wednesday 5 July (University of Galway - Hybrid)

	Indicative time
<p>Welcome by:</p> <p>Máire Geoghegan-Quinn (<i>Former EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, Chair of University of Galway's Údarás na hOllscoile</i>)</p> <p>Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh (<i>President, University of Galway</i>)</p> <p>Michael Gillooly (<i>Chief Executive Officer (Interim), Marine Institute</i>)</p> <p>John Bell (<i>Director Healthy Planet – DG R&amp;I European Commission</i>)</p>	09:30 – 10.00
<p><b>Implementing the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance</b></p> <p>-</p> <p><b>The next 10 years</b></p>	
<p>How the new AAORIA Declaration will shape our cooperation in the next decade: cooperation opportunities in the Atlantic and Polar regions and the way forward of implementing the Declaration, leading up to the 2023 All-Atlantic Forum in South Africa</p> <p>Imraan Patel (<i>AAORIA Chair - South Africa</i>)</p> <p>Roundtable with AAORIA co-chairs</p> <p>John Bell (EU), Steve Thur (US), Arran McPherson (CA), Imraan Patel (ZA), Karina Pombo (AR) <i>tbc</i>, Malik Lopes (CV) <i>tbc</i>, Marcia Barbosa (BR) <i>tbc</i>, Sanaa Zebakh (MOR) <i>tbc</i></p> <p>Moderator: Vinny Pillay (<i>Department of Science and Technology - South Africa</i>)</p> <p><b>SLIDO – Q&amp;A</b></p>	10.00 – 10.45
<p>Joint Initiatives and Actions for the All-Atlantic</p> <p>Seabed Mapping, Marine Microbiome and Ocean Literacy Working Groups</p> <p>David Millar (FUGRO)</p> <p>AANCHOR: presentation of results</p> <p>Sofia Cordeiro (<i>AANCHOR project coordinator</i>)</p> <p>All-Atlantic Joint Pilot Actions coordinators (<i>3' pitch</i>)</p>	10:45 – 11:25
Coffee break	11.25 – 11.45



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## Empower our future Atlantic Ocean leaders - Intergenerational Dialogue

this session will unfold in two Blocks (5-6 July).

**Block One** will be introduced by a round table discussion where leaders and practitioners share their insights and thoughts and outline the challenges and opportunities ahead for the next Decade of our joint All-Atlantic Ocean cooperation. Following this initial introductory plenary discussion, participants will be organized into small groups plus a later career “Discussion Coach.”

Groups will be assigned several questions (illustrated by a case study) to address together broadly around **how** science can contribute to policy making, **how** innovation can enhance the life of coastal communities, **how** university programmes could be better shaped to feature pragmatic approaches to developing the oceans leaders and stewards of the future, **how** government, NGOs, and the private sector can develop leaders in the fields of ocean scientific/technical, management and policy and, last but not least **how** the signing of the Galway Statement has promoted youth engagement and leveraged professional opportunities for young people and continue to do so.

Aided by the Discussion Coach, participants will be invited and challenged to develop two or three concrete proposals for actions and/or strategies to address these questions. The different groups will have the **whole afternoon of 5 July** at their disposal for these tasks.

### SLIDO- Q&A

Moderator: Sigi Gruber (*Active Senior Advisor – European Commission*)

11.45 – 13.00

Networking Lunch

13.00 – 14.00

## The Atlantic Ocean – our shared resource and the Horizon Europe Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters with its Atlantic-Arctic Lighthouse

The international dimension of the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters and its Atlantic/Arctic Lighthouse

John Bell - (*Director Healthy Planet – DG R&I European Commission*)

14:00 - 14:15

**Roundtable discussions** focusing on thematic areas linked to the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters and its Atlantic-Arctic Lighthouse: showcase of best practices and national programmes from EU and international partners. Why is it crucial to work together to reach our sustainability objectives by 2030?



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<p><b>Roundtable 1:</b> Marine Protected Areas and ecosystem protection/restoration in the Atlantic</p> <p>Speakers: Patrizio Mariani (<i>MissionAtlantic project</i>), Paul Snelgrove (<i>Fisheries and Oceans, Canada</i>), Tasman Crowe (<i>University College Dublin</i>), Luz Paramio (<i>FRCT, Portugal tbc</i>), Jose Moutinho (<i>BlueMissionAA project</i>), Lisa Clough (<i>Division of Ocean Sciences, NSF</i>)</p> <p>Moderator: Elisabetta Balzi (<i>Head of Unit for Healthy Ocean and Seas, DG R&amp;I European Commission</i>)</p> <p><b>SLIDO- Q&amp;A</b></p>	14.15 – 15.00
<p><b>Roundtable 2:</b> From Pole to Pole. How changing polar regions impact communities and livelihoods</p> <p>Nicole Biebow (<i>EU PolarNet II</i>), Gabrielle Canonico (<i>NOAA - US</i>), Jean-Baptiste Sallée (<i>SO-CHIC project</i>), Jennifer Hubbard (<i>Polar Canada</i>), Tero Mustonen (<i>Snowchange Cooperative</i>)</p> <p>Moderator: <i>TBC</i></p> <p><b>SLIDO- Q&amp;A</b></p>	15.00 – 15.45
<p>Coffee break</p>	15.00 – 15.20
<p><b>Roundtable 3:</b> Which benefits from a Digital Twin Ocean and ocean observation for our Atlantic coastal communities?</p> <p>Alain Arnaud (<i>Mercator Ocean</i>), Martin Visbeck (<i>GEOMAR</i>), TRIATLAS project representative, Jessica Snowden (<i>NOAA - US</i>), EUROSEA, Marine Institute Ireland, Caroline Bocquel (<i>Ireland's Seafood Development Agency</i>),</p> <p>Moderator: Peter Heffernan (<i>Horizon Europe Mission Ocean Board Member</i>)</p> <p><b>SLIDO- Q&amp;A</b></p>	16.05 – 16.50
<p>Time for networking and informal discussions</p>	16:50 – 18.15
<p><b>AAORIA High-Level Advisory Board meeting (closed session – by invitation only)</b></p>	17.00 – 18.15
<p><i>Parallel work of youth teams for policy proposals</i></p>	14.00 – 18.15
<p>Dinner hosted by the Marine Institute</p>	19:00 - 22:00



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## Thursday 6 July (University of Galway - hybrid)

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<p>Moderator: Szilvia Nemeth (<i>Deputy Head of Unit for Healthy Ocean and Seas, DG R&amp;I - European Commission</i>)</p> <p><b>Wake-up pitches from ongoing projects</b></p> <p>ASTRAL, Bauhaus of the Sea, EmpowerUs, Agora, Blue4All, REMEDIES, AquaVitae, SeaClear 2.0, others</p>	09.00 – 09.50
<p><b>The EU Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership – the Atlantic dimension</b></p> <p>Niall McDonough (<i>Director of Policy, Innovation and Research Services, Marine Institute</i>)</p>	09.50 – 10.00
<p><b>Our new generations of ocean leaders, building the solutions for tomorrow</b> <i>Block Two</i></p> <p>The new generations of ocean leaders will present their proposed solutions, and opportunities of international cooperation. This will take the form of a “mock parliamentary session” at which each group will present their proposals to a “parliamentary committee” drawn from the AAORIA co-chairs and participants at the broader Galway10 gathering. Ideally the proposals will offer intriguing and helpful ideas for the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation community to think about and potentially act upon in future, and inspire the Young people to continue to remain engaged and become part of the solutions. Young People will be invited to become actively engaged in the All-Atlantic Ocean Research and Innovation Alliance, and also become more engaged in the Ocean and Waters Mission.</p> <p>Moderator: Sigi Gruber (<i>Active Senior Advisor – European Commission</i>)</p> <p><b>SLIDO- Q&amp;A</b></p>	10.00 – 11.10
Coffee break	11.10 – 11.30
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Future perspectives from All-Atlantic High Level Board Members – how to interlink ongoing initiatives between All-Atlantic partners <i>All-Atlantic country representatives</i>	
Concluding remarks by John Bell, Irish Marine Institute and representative from the University of Galway	12.00 – 12.15
Networking Lunch and greetings	12.15 – 12.40