

European Maritime Day, 14 & 15 May Cork

We are entering an exciting new decade, a blue decade that recognises the fundamental role of our seas and oceans and works towards balancing ocean economy and ocean health. Whether it concerns the EU's goal to become carbon neutral by 2050 and achieve a new 'Green Deal' or to deliver a sustainable economy that works for people, EU maritime policy and Europe's dynamic and innovative blue economy have a key role to play.

Since 2008 the EMD is hosted each year by a different port city providing a unique flavour to its proceedings. In 2020 the City of Cork will open its gates and its safe harbour¹ to Europe's maritime stakeholders. European Maritime Day 2020 will be celebrated together with 'Our Ocean Wealth' (OOW), Ireland's flagship annual event for the marine sector.

Apart from the main conference, the EMD also includes a public outreach element, whether it is through locally organised public days activities or the EMD in my country events. Raising ocean awareness among the general public and in particular young people is going to be a strong focus of this year's EMD. In Cork in 2020, it will be held back-to-back with 'SeaFest', Ireland's largest free family-friendly maritime celebration.

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Thursday, 14 May 2020

- 08.00 – 09.00 Registration & Welcome Coffee
- 09.00 – 10.00 **Opening Session “EU Maritime Policy towards 2050”**
- 10.00 – 11.00 Networking Break / Pitch Stage / Blue Expo
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Workshops organised by Stakeholders**
- 12.30 – 13.30 Networking Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.30 **Plenary Session: ‘Empowering Future Ocean Leaders’**
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Workshops organised by Stakeholders**
- 16.00 – 17.00 Networking Break / Pitch Stage / Blue Expo
- 17.00 – 18.30 **Workshops organised by Stakeholders**
- 18.45 – 21.30 Networking Reception

¹ The Latin motto on the Cork coat of arms '*Statio Bene Fida Carinis*' roughly translates into a safe harbour for ships. Indeed, Cork County boasts one of the largest natural harbours in the world.

Friday, 15 May 2020

08.30 – 09.00 Welcome Coffee

09.00 – 10.30 **Workshops organised by Stakeholders**

10.30 – 11.30 Networking Break / Pitch Stage / Blue Expo

11.30 – 13.00 **Policy Sessions**

13.00 – 14.00 Farewell lunch

[Get involved, organise your own workshop](#)