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OCEANIDS:
**Shaping the Future of Resilient and Inclusive
Coastal Societies through EU Cooperation**
9th June 2026, Brussels, Belgium
**The Permanent Representation of the Republic of
Poland to the European Union**
Avenue de Cortenbergh 16

**10:30 -
11:00**

Registration & Coffee

**11:00 -
11:50**

*Session I : Welcome &
Introduction*

**11:00 -
11:10**

Opening Remarks

*Betty Charalampopoulou
OCEANIDS Coordinator – CEO,
Geosystems Hellas*

*Roya Ayazi
NEREUS Secretary-General*

**11:10 -
11:20**

Opening Remarks

*Wojciech Talko - Head of
Communication and Public
Diplomacy at Permanent
Representation of Poland to the EU*

**11:20 -
11:25**

*Connecting today's
achievements to the EU Mission
on Adaptation to Climate
Change*

*Federico Porra, DG RTD Policy
Officer from Mission Climate
Adaptation*

**11:25 -
11:45**

*Maritime Spatial Planning as an
Enabler for a Sustainable Blue
Economy*

*Felix Leinemann, DG Maritime
Affairs and Fisheries, European
Commission
Hugo Zunker, DG DEFIS, European
Commission*

**11:50 -
12:00**

*OCEANIDS Vision & Progress:
Strategic Objectives and
Current Status*

*Betty Charalampopoulou
OCEANIDS Coordinator – CEO,
Geosystems Hellas*

**12:00 -
12:10**

Coffee Break

**12:10 -
13:10**

*Session II : Panel Discussion I
The OCEANIDS Platform: a
decision-making tool*

*(a discussion between partners
and port authorities)*

*Moderator:
Roya Ayazi
NEREUS
Secretary -
General*

*Mr. Stanisław Lewiński, head of the
Earth Observation Department at
the Space Research Centre, Polish
Academy of Sciences (SRC PAS)*

*Mr. Andreas Slotte, Head of
Sustainability & HSEQ at Port of
Helsinki*

*Mr. Lyrintzakis, Director of
Development and Planning of the
Heraklion Port Authority*

*Mr. Rainer Müller,
Research Associate at the Institute of
Shipping Economics and Logistics*

*Mr. Christos Kontopoulos,
Geosystems Hellas*

Mr. Jacek Kosiec, CreoTech

**13:10 -
14:10**

Networking Lunch Break

**14:10 -
14:20**

*Policy Perspective: EU
initiatives for Blue Economy
Michal Salini, EARSC*

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**14:20 -
15:20**

**Session III : Panel Discussion II
OCEANIDS: Supporting the EU
Blue Economy**

*(a discussion between EU
representatives, and other EU
Maritime alliances/associations)*

**Moderator:
Margarita
Chrysaki, NEREUS
Communication,
Policy & Project
Officer.**

**Afroditi Mathioudaki, CDP
Justine Brossard, Conference
of Peripheral Maritime
Regions (CPMR)
Muriel Lux, Mercator Ocean
Linn Söderpalm, European
Community Shipowners'
Association (ECSA)
Piotr Krasnicki, The European
Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)**

Q&A session

**15:20 -
16:20**

**Session IV: Panel discussion III
Decision Support: From Data to
Service Value Chain for Marine
Spatial Planning**

*(a discussion between European
Data Network coordinators and
industry representatives)*

**Moderator:
Leon Robin
Wiesner
Project Officer
EARSC**

**Conor Delaney, EMODnet
Antoine Mangin, ACRI ST
Anica Huck, European Space
Imaging
Gaetano Volpe, Latitudo40
Sinead McGlynn, Techworks
Marine**

**Closing remarks by
Geosystems Hellas**

**16:35 -
17:30**

Drinks/Networking

17:30

End of OCEANIDS Event

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Objectives of the Workshop

This one-day conference aims to showcase the OCEANIDS platform at the EU level and engage key policy stakeholders, including port authorities and industry representatives, in discussions on advancing and strengthening the EU Blue Economy.

The conference will:

- **Explore at a political and policy level** how Copernicus data and integrated applications, as demonstrated by OCEANIDS, can support **EU citizens, regional and local authorities**, and foster sustainable maritime governance.
- **Raise awareness among ports, industry, and local authorities** about the OCEANIDS tools, results, and their practical applications for the EU Blue Economy.
- **Provide a forum for broader dialogue** on research, innovation, and industrial development within OCEANIDS and the wider maritime sector.
- **Demonstrate the tangible benefits of OCEANIDS** for non-specialist stakeholders, illustrating how EU-level data and applications positively impact everyday life and economic activities related to the Blue Economy.

Logistics

- **Conference language:** English
- **Date:** 9 June 2026
- **Workshop style:** In presence event
- **Duration:** 10.30 am- 17.00 pm (Brussels time)
- **Registration link**

Target Audience

- **Regional representatives** based in Brussels
- **High-level EU representatives** from relevant institutions (**European Commission - DG GROW and DG MARE, the European Parliament-ITRE and REGIO Committee, the Committee of the Regions**)
- **Services responsible for the EU Mission on adaptation to climate change/climate adaptation, DG RTD and DG CLIMA**
- **Sectorial users** (Port Authorities, Port Operators, Local/ Regional Public Administrations of the vicinity of the ports, Coast guards, coastal/nautical tourism associations, Environmental protection Agencies)
- **Research Centres & Academia**
- **Representatives from relevant stakeholder associations** (such as **CPMR, the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions, AER-Association of European Regions**)
- **Representatives from Mercator Ocean, Entrusted Entity for CMEMS**
- **Representatives from other maritime initiatives** (**Marine EO, Atlantic Regional Initiative**)

The project

OCEANIDS stands for creating tools and applications driven by users. These tools focus on Climate-Informed Maritime Spatial Planning and integrated seascape management, all aiming to contribute to a resilient and inclusive Blue Economy. The overall project objective is to develop the tools and applications that enable a more resilient and inclusive society in coastal regions via better-informed and integrated seascape management. The central concept is to collect, harmonize, and curate existing climate data services, making data accessible, reusable, and interoperable for developing local adaptation strategies. Consortium <https://www.oceanids-project.eu/consortium/>