

BLUEINVEST DAY 2024

AGENDA

KBR - Royal Library of Belgium,
Brussels

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09:00 – 10:00 INVESTOR BREAKFAST

Invitation only VIP breakfast. Commissioner Sinkevičius and high-level representatives from the EIF and EIB will meet with select investors, fund managers and corporates.

10:00 – 10:25 OPENING SESSION

Format: High-level panel

Introduction and welcome

Keynote address

Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans & Fisheries

Keynote address

Roger HAVENITH, Deputy CEO, European Investment Fund

Opening of the Event and the “Deals Exchange Floor”

A BlueInvest Bell is rung to signify the opening of the “deals exchange” floor. This would set the tone for the day – business impact, pitching and investor-to-project matching.

10:25 – 10:35 INVESTEU UPDATE

Update on the BlueInvest Fund and InvestEU Blue Economy Instrument.

10:35 – 10:45 BLUEINVEST INVESTOR REPORT 2024

Presentation of updates and new findings.

10:45 – 11:30 THE FUTURE OF OCEAN TECH IN EUROPE: HOW TO NURTURE AND SCALE UP BLUE CHAMPIONS





Moderated panel discussion on the future orientation of the sustainable blue economy investment ecosystem, focusing on the scaling up of technologies and projects that are pivotal to digital and green transition.

Moderator: Daniela CEDOLA, Partner, PwC

Discussants:

- Antonella CALVIA-GOETZ, Head of Division, Lead Advisor on Space and Ocean Technologies, European Investment Bank
- Mateo IVANAC, CEO, Digital Innovation Hub Innovamare
- Dr. Steffen KNODT, Founder, Deepblue Earth
- Dr Paul HEGARTY, Head of College, National Maritime College of Ireland
- Gautier LEKENS, VP International Organisations and VP KAM NATO, Thales Group

11:30 – 12:15 THE SUSTAINABLE BLUE ECONOMY: NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR INVESTORS

Moderated panel discussion around the future of sustainable blue technologies: new innovations that promise to transform industries, the evolving investment landscape and reflections on the impact of ESG regulations on sustainable financing and the uptake of new technologies.

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Discussants:

- Adelaide CRACCO, Head of Climate & Environmental Impact Investments, European Investment Fund
- Chris GORELL BARNES, Founding Partner, Ocean 14
- Guillaume BAXTER, Principle, Sofinnova Partners
- Jon BERG, Partner, Sarsia Seed Management
- Lissy SMIT, CEO, Aqua-Spark



12:15 – 13:30 NETWORKING LUNCH

13:30 – 14:10 BLUEINVEST AWARDS | PITCH CATEGORY I:

NET ZERO, OCEAN POLLUTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT

This category covers innovative technologies relevant to decarbonisation for Net Zero goals, solutions for ocean pollution and water management. Decarbonisation technologies will consider green shipping, shipyard and ports, ocean renewable energy and green hydrogen.

4 candidates pitching to a jury panel. Finalists will be announced in February 2024.

Jury panel:

- Mélanie LE GUEN, Principal, SWEN Capital Partners
- Edward PHILLIPS, Investment Director, Future Planet Capital
- Nityen LAL, Founding Partner, Icos Capital
- Daniel JAVED, Senior Investment Director, Yotta Capital

14:10 – 14:50 BLUEINVEST AWARDS | PITCH CATEGORY II:

SUSTAINABLE FOOD AND FEED FROM THE OCEAN

This category covers innovative new food and feed from aquaculture, fisheries, renewable aquatic biological resources (alternative seafood, alternative food & feed, alternative proteins, marine, flora and seaweed).

4 candidates pitching to a jury panel. Finalists will be announced in February 2024.

Jury panel:

- Pavel VELKOV, Managing Partner, Morningside Hill Capital
- Magali ROUSSELOT, Investment Director, Mirova
- Lissy SMIT, CEO, Aqua-Spark



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- Sylvain TABONI, Investment Director, BNP Paribas
 - Georg BAUNACH, Managing Partner & Co-founder, HATCH
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14:50 – 15:30 BLUEINVEST AWARDS | PITCH CATEGORY III:

BLUE DEEP TECH AND OCEAN OBSERVATION

This category covers smart technologies and AI-based solutions aimed at producing knowledge, goods, and services for the ocean including measurement, observation and forecasting of the ocean and human activity on the ocean for all purposes.

4 candidates pitching to a jury panel. Finalists will be announced in February 2024.

Jury panel:

- Rita SOUSA, Partner, Faber Ocean / Climate Tech
- Jérôme GUERET, CEO, GO Capital
- Andre DE ALMEIDA SANTOS, Partner, Indico Capital Partners
- Lian Michelson, Partner, Vala Capital
- Anne LEBRETON-WOLF, Partner, Good Only Ventures

15:30 – 16:30 Networking Break

Matchmaking activity: Investor/Funding Café

16:30 – 17:00 BLUEINVEST AWARDS CEREMONY

The BlueInvest Awards shall be conferred to the 3 top technologies/products of BlueInvest Day, based on the 3 pitch sessions conducted over the course of the day. The audience can also vote for a People's Choice category via an online vote.

17:30 – 17:40 CONCLUSION | CLOSING REMARKS



17:40
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COCKTAIL RECEPTION | HAPPY HOUR MEET-UPS





Parallel activities

09:00 - 17:00

1:1 meetings and targeted business matching

09:00 - 17:00

Blue Impact Journey

Booths and screens will be set up during the day to feature BlueInvest services and its impact, success stories and track records, innovative technologies, etc.



