

BLUEINVEST DAY 2024

AGENDA

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09:00 – 10:00 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

Coffee and breakfast will be served for BlueInvest Day participants.

INVESTOR BREAKFAST

Invitation only VIP breakfast. Ms. Charlina Vitcheva, Director General of DG MARE at European Commission 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

Charlina VITCHEVA, Director General, DG MARE, European Commission

Keynote address

Roger HAVENITH, Deputy CEO, European Investment Fund

Video message

Virginijus SINKEVIČIUS, European Commissioner for Environment, Oceans & Fisheries

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 BLUEINVEST INVESTOR REPORT 2024

Presentation of updates and new findings.

- Christelle SAPATA, Senior Manager, PwC
- Boris TEILLANT, Project Developer – Sustainable Blue Economy, Atlanpole

10:35 – 11:20 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: Catherine FRIDERES, Director, PwC

Discussants:

- Antonella CALVIA-GOETZ, Principal Economic Advisor Ocean and Space Technologies, European Investment Bank
- Antje BIBER, Head of SDG Office, FERI
- Mateo IVANAC, CEO, Digital Innovation Hub Innovamare
- Dr Steffen KNOTT, 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

11:20 – 12:30 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.



Moderator: Daniela CEDOLA, Partner, PwC

Discussants:

- Adelaide CRACCO, Head of Greentech and Social Impact – Equity Investments, European Investment Fund
- Chris GORELL BARNES, Founding Partner, Ocean 14 | Ocean 14 Capital Fund
- Georg BAUNACH, Managing Partner & Co-founder, HATCH
- Guillaume BAXTER, Principle, Sofinnova Partners | Sofinnova Industrial Biotech Fund
- Jon BERG, Partner, Sarsia Seed Management | Sarsia Seed Fund
- Bor BOER, Principal, Convent Capital | Agri Food Growth Fund
- Jeroen KELDER, Managing Partner, Infinity Recycling | Circular Plastics Fund
- Lissy SMIT, CEO, Aqua-Spark

12:30 – 13:30 NETWORKING LUNCH

13:30 – 14:20 BLUEINVEST AWARDS | PITCH CATEGORY I:

NET ZERO, OCEAN POLLUTION AND WATER MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

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.

Finalists:

- Rik BREUR, Founder, [Finsulate](#)
- Karl Birgir BJÖRNSSON, CEO & Co-Founder, [Hefring Marine](#)
- David STRITTMATTER, CEO & Co-Founder, [Icodos](#)



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- Declan MCADAMS, Chairman & Co-Founder, [Pinovo](#)
 - Nicolas SDEZ, Founder & CEO, [PRONOE](#)

Jury panel:

- Prisca JAUFFRINEAU, Associate, SWEN Capital Partners
- Edward PHILLIPS, Investment Director, Future Planet Capital
- Jérôme GUERET, CEO, GO Capital
- Daniel JAVED, Senior Investment Director, Yotta Capital
- Ingrid MAURSTAD, Impact Director, Katapult Ocean
- Jeroen KELDER, Managing Partner, Infinity Recycling | Circular Plastics Fund

14:20 – 15:10 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).

Finalists:

- Ludger WEß, CSO & Co-Founder, [350 PPM Biotech](#)
- Emilie DUCAT, Business Manager, [Algolesko](#)
- Simon FERNIOT, [OLALA!](#)
- Sònia HURTADO PIÑOL, CEO, [Poseidona](#)
- Carolin ACKERMANN, CEO & Co-Founder, [Seawater Cubes](#)

Jury panel:

- Pavel VELKOV, Managing Partner, Morningside Hill Capital
- Magali ROUSSELOT, Investment Director, Mirova





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- Lissy SMIT, CEO, Aqua-Spark
 - Sylvain TABONI, Investment Director, BNP Paribas
 - Georg BAUNACH, Managing Partner & Co-founder, HATCH
 - Flo SCHEPERS, Investment Analyst, Convent Capital | Agri Food Growth Fund
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15:10 – 16:00 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.

Finalists:

- Dmitri JEKIMOV, CEO, [Deck Marine Systems](#)
- Joost DEN HAAN, CEO & Co-Founder, [PlanBlue](#)
- Konstantinos TOPOUZELIS, Co-Founder, [Scidrones](#)
- David HALVORSEN RØISLAND, Co-Founder, Chief Corporate Development Officer, [SmartOcean](#)
- Marie WEISS, Chief Business Officer, [Subdron](#)

Jury panel:

- Rita SOUSA, Partner, Faber Ocean / Climate Tech
 - Nityen LAL, Founding Partner, Icos Capital
 - Andre DE ALMEIDA SANTOS, Partner, Indico Capital Partners
 - Lian Michelson, Partner, Vala Capital
 - Anne LEBRETON-WOLF, Partner, Good Only Ventures
 - Ruben EIRAS, Secretary-General, Fórum Oceano
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16:00 – 17:00 Networking Break

Matchmaking activity: Investor/Funding Café

17:00 – 17:30 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 – 17:45 CONCLUSION | CLOSING REMARKS

17:45 COCKTAIL RECEPTION | HAPPY HOUR MEET-UPS
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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, track records and innovative technologies from the members, etc.



