

CONFERENCE

Ocean Microplastics Issue and the bio-based plastics solution

June 27th, 2018
10 am - 4:30 pm

L42 building
42 Rue de la Loi
1040 Brussels



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working language : English

Ocean Microplastics have attracted increasing scientific, political and public concern as this phenomenon **impacts the whole value chain of aquatic products**, interfering with ecosystems processes and contaminating the food and feed chain. This conference, organized in the framework of “**bring EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY to your country**” and supported by DG MARE, will provide an opportunity for policy makers, civil society, scientific academia, food industry representatives to foster a **multi-stakeholder debate** and to highlight **the potential of bio-based plastics** as a sustainable alternative to tackle microplastics pollution.

Programme

MORNING SESSION - CONFERENCE - 10 am

Welcome speech by AQUIMER

Microplastics from different perspectives - 10:20 am

- FAO report on microplastics in fisheries and aquaculture : presentation, conclusion & recommendations
by Tarub Bahri, Fishery Resources Officer, Marine and Inland Fisheries team, FAO Fisheries and Aquaculture Department
- Presentation on plastics and marine litter
by Maris Stulgis, policy officer, DG Mare, European Commission
- Plastic marine litter and the circular economy
by Jean-Pierre Schweitzer, policy analyst, institute for European Environmental Policy
- Presentation from a NGO perspective
*by Justine Maillot, European project manager
Surfrider foundation*

Discussion with participants

Coffee break

Insights into European projects : - 11:45 am
From the oceans...

- MICRO - interreg 2 seas
by Johan Robbins, ILVO
- EPHEMARE - JPI Oceans
by Camilla C. Cateny and Ronny Blust, Anvers University
- PLASTIC - Seine project
guest speakers to be confirmed
- PLASTOX - JPI Oceans
by Andrew Booth, SINTEF Ocean

Discussion with participants

Lunch break - 1:10 pm

AFTERNOON SESSION - WORKSHOP - 2:30 pm

- Participants' pitch presentation
- Workshop on the topic HORIZON 2020 CE BG-06-2019 : Sustainable solutions for bio-based plastics on land and sea

Round table with participants

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