Mission Charter - Restore our Ocean and waters

JOIN THE MISSION CHARTER

The Mission Charter calls for joining efforts to achieve the three objectives of the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030 to:

1. Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030;
2. Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters, in line with the EU Action Plan Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil;
3. Make the sustainable blue economy carbon-neutral and circular, in line with the proposed European Climate Law and the holistic vision enshrined in the Sustainable Blue Economy Strategy.

To reach these objectives the Mission is also putting in place two enablers:

- Digital Ocean and Water Knowledge System;
- Public mobilisation and engagement.

We want to establish a simple, inclusive and inspirational framework to enhance cooperation, align intents with other partners, mobilise resources and develop activities to deliver on the Mission objectives. This Charter is non-binding and open to any public or private interested parties.

COMMITMENT/CALL FOR MISSION ACTIONS

The European Commission is calling on a wide range of stakeholders, including public or private organisations, national/regional/local authorities (including cities and ports), philanthropists and investors, enterprises and businesses, civil society, research and academia to adhere to the Mission Charter by submitting actions for achieving the Mission objectives.

Any actions at European, transnational, national, regional/local level, promoted by public or private funds (including crowd funding), contributing to the Mission objectives are welcome!

Actions include Mission Ocean and Waters related policies, programmes, initiatives and projects to support:

1. Research and innovation;
2. Evidence-based knowledge and data and/or access provision to knowledge and data, in line with FAIR principles for the Mission Ocean and Waters Knowledge System;
3. Upscaling, deployment and replication of solutions;
4. Citizen engagement, citizens-science, youth-led initiatives, communities of practice, ocean and water literacy, outreach, awareness raising and participatory approaches;
5. Education and training.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME

By adhering to the Mission Charter, you send a clear signal on the importance to protect our ocean and waters and to take concrete actions. You will be involved in major Mission fora and events. In this way, we are multiplying the opportunities for networking, exchanges of experiences, collaboration and increasing visibility.

You will have access to services and tools the Mission Ocean and Waters will deploy through the European Digital Twin Ocean, the Mission Implementation Platform and other coordination actions at basin level. You will have also access to tools to empower citizens to take action for the restoration of the ocean and waters. The submitted actions will be monitored through the coordination actions.

HOW TO JOIN THE MISSION CHARTER

You adhere to this Charter by submitting relevant actions through this dedicated online platform, which will remain open throughout the duration of this Mission.

Submitted actions will be assessed by the European Commission for their coherence with the Mission objectives and enablers, in 3 waves each year (as of 1st January/May/September). All Mission Ocean and Waters actions will be made publicly available on the EC website.

For more information, please contact the Mission secretariat at EU-MISSION-OCEAN-AND-WATERS@ec.europa.eu

Mission Ocean and waters Charter

The organisation/entity I represent, is committed to contributing to the Mission Ocean and Waters through the action hereby submitted (see next section)

This action will contribute to the Mission “Restore our Ocean and waters by 2030” and create the conditions to achieve the Mission objectives and targets:

- Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity, in line with the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030
  - Protect a minimum of 30% of the EU’s sea area and integrate ecological corridors, as part of a true Trans-European Nature Network.
  - Strictly protect at least 10% of the EU’s sea area.
  - Restore at least 25,000 km of free-flowing rivers.
  - Contribute to relevant upcoming marine nature restoration targets, including degraded seabed habitats and coastal ecosystems.
• Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters, in line with the EU Action Plan Towards Zero Pollution for Air, Water and Soil
  • Reduce by at least 50% plastic litter at sea. Reduce by at least 30% microplastics released into the environment.
  • Reduce by at least 50% nutrient losses, the use and risk of chemical pesticides.

• Make the sustainable blue economy carbon-neutral and circular, in line with the proposed European Climate Law and the holistic vision enshrined in the Sustainable Blue Economy Strategy
  • Eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from maritime economic activities in the EU and sequester those emissions that cannot be avoided (net zero maritime emissions).
  • Develop zero-carbon and low-impact aquaculture, and promote circular, low-carbon multi-purpose use of marine and water space.

In carrying out the action proposed, the organisation/entity I represent, will:

• support the EU Ocean and waters knowledge system and respect of FAIR principles in relation to knowledge and data;
• involve citizens in the decision-making process;
• stimulate investments from public and private sources;
• share knowledge and experience and collaborate with other Mission actors;
• take stock of the collective progress of achieving the Mission objectives and contribute to adjusting its course and steer its actions.

Submission Form

* Name of organisation

* Type of organisation
  ○ Private enterprise
  ○ Trade, business or professional association
  ○ Non-governmental organisation
  ○ Investors, financial institutes
  ○ Donors, philanthropic communities
  ○ City or local authority
  ○ Regional authority
  ○ National authority
  ○ International/EU organisation
  ○ Other

* If "other", please specify:
Do you have any partners for this action?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Please list them below

Are you looking for partners to join forces for this or a future action? If so, please indicate the type of partners you are looking for

Title of the action

60 character(s) maximum

Short description of the action [e.g. objective, expected impact]

3500 character(s) maximum

The action contributes to the following objective or enabler

☐ Protect and restore marine and freshwater ecosystems and biodiversity
☐ Prevent and eliminate pollution of our ocean, seas and waters
☐ Make the sustainable blue economy carbon-neutral and circular
☐ Ocean and waters knowledge system
☐ Public mobilisation and engagement

Type of action proposed

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Basin coverage
- Atlantic/Arctic coast
- Danube River
- Mediterranean Sea
- Baltic/North Sea
- Cross-basin

* Please list the country/countries where the action is taking place (one or more countries)
Afghanistan
Albania
Algeria
Andorra
Angola
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Australia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Barbados
Belarus
Belgium
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cabo Verde
Cambodia
Cameroon
Canada
Central African Republic
Chad
Chile
China
Colombia
Comoros
Congo
Costa Rica
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czechia
Côte D'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Latvia
Lebanon
Lesotho
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Viet Nam
Yemen
Zambia
Zimbabwe

• Is the action taking place in one or more regions?
  ○ Yes
  ○ No

• Please list the region(s) where the action is taking place (one or more regions)
  Please list one region per row with no commas or other punctuation marks in English

• Budget allocated for the action
  If budget not (yet) available: please indicate 0

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• Website link

  

• Email

  

• Start date of the action

  

• End date of the action

  
Upload the logo of your entity

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☐ I agree to the processing of my personal data and their publication for the purposes of the Charter under the Mission Restore our Ocean and Waters.

☐ I agree to be contacted by the European Commission for the follow-up and monitoring of the submission follow-up and monitoring for your submission.