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The oceans are of crucial importance as they are home to a rich biodiversity, act as climate regulators and offer food security. They also contribute to the European economy with [a turnover of €566 billion](#) [2], providing jobs for nearly 3.5 million people.

However, oceans are under increasing pressure from climate change, overfishing, [marine litter](#) [3] and many more challenges.

Oceans need to be managed sustainably in order to conserve our fragile marine ecosystems.

Conference

On 19 March, the Parliament and the European Commission, will host a conference on the future of oceans, with panel discussions covering global ocean governance; sustainable blue economy; and healthy, clean seas and oceans.

The conference will start at 14.00 CET with doors opening at noon.

The event will take place in the European Parliament's hemicycle in Brussels.

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