

Targeted Consultation on International Ocean Governance

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Introduction

B a c k g r o u n d

The International Ocean Governance Agenda ([JOIN\(2016\) 49 final](#)) has contributed to a concerted and targeted approach to improve the governance framework, to protect the oceans, strengthen international ocean science and develop a sustainable blue economy worldwide. Despite good progress by the EU and the global community to improve ocean governance as presented in the progress report on the delivery of the agenda ([JOIN\(2019\) 4](#)), further action is necessary to ensure oceans are healthy, clean, safe, secure and sustainably used.

O b j e c t i v e s

The targeted stakeholder consultation aims to assess the need and how to develop the EU International Ocean Governance Agenda. In particular, the consultation aims to identify opportunities for targeted action in light of today's challenges in international ocean governance to deliver the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in particular the sustainable development goal on the ocean (SDG14) in support of the objectives of the European Green Deal

Concretely, the objectives of the consultation are to:

- i) re-examine the EU's role in international ocean governance;
- ii) re-examine the three priorities of the current Agenda, its goals and the actions thereunder ([JOIN \(2016\) 49 final](#)); and
- iii) identify new policy areas or actions to tackle existing and emerging challenges

Scope

The targeted consultation seeks contributions from relevant stakeholders including Member States, third countries, international organisations, NGOs, financial institutions, academic, scientific, social and economic partners

The consultation consists of 5 sections:

1. Personal information
2. Scope and objectives of the International Ocean Governance Agenda

3. Strengthening the International Ocean Governance framework
4. Reducing pressure on the ocean and seas and creating the conditions for a sustainable blue economy
5. Strengthening international ocean science: research, data and knowledge systems

After the first two sections, you can submit your answers or choose to answer one of the three thematic sections in addition. You can also choose to answer all sections. Each section consists of 5-10 questions.

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English

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* What is your main field of activity/expertise

at most 1 choice(s)

Fishery

Other, please specify

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I give consent that the Commission keeps my data to inform me about future stakeholder consultations on International Ocean Governance related matters including through the [International Ocean Governance Forum](#)

Scope and objectives of the International Ocean Governance Agenda

In your view, is the current objective of the EU's International Governance Agenda “*to ensure safe, secure, clean and sustainably managed oceans through a coherent, cross-sectoral and rules-based international approach*” still relevant and coherent with global sustainability objectives pertaining to the ocean, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and in particular the sustainable development goal on the ocean (SDG14) thereunder?

Yes

No

Keeping in mind the scope of EU competences and the challenges to deliver global sustainability objectives pertaining to the ocean, are the three policy pillars of the International Ocean Governance Agenda (JOIN (2016) 49 final) still relevant and concrete enough?

Pillar 1: Improving the international ocean governance framework

Pillar 2: Reducing pressure on oceans and seas and creating the conditions for a sustainable blue economy

Pillar 3: Strengthening international ocean research and data

Yes

No

Does the EU lead by example in the delivery of global sustainability objectives relevant to the oceans in particular SDG14 through its marine, maritime and fisheries policies?

Yes

- No
- Partially

* Please explain why and describe the policy areas where improvements are particularly needed.

350 character(s) maximum

To lead towards effectively delivering global sustainability, the EU should use not only maritime and fisheries policy, but also development cooperation, trade policies

What actions are necessary for the EU International Ocean Governance Agenda to address more effectively the balance between the need for conservation and the sustainable use of ocean, seas and marine resources?

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The EU should develop ambitious legislation(s) so that the highest environmental and social sustainability standards apply to all products consumed on the EU markets, deriving from ocean exploitation (including imports). The EU should also support developing third countries to commit and achieve the necessary changes for meeting these standards.

Thank you for answering the general questions on the scope and objectives of the International Ocean Governance Agenda.

Please choose the section(s) you would like to continue with:

at most 3 choice(s)

- Improving the international ocean governance framework
- Reducing pressure on the ocean and seas and creating the conditions for a sustainable blue economy
- Strengthening ocean science, research, data and knowledge systems for International Ocean Governance
- None

Improving the international ocean governance framework

Please rate the following goals according to the need for further action by the EU to improve the international ocean governance framework.

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Addressing legal and institutional gaps within and beyond areas of national jurisdiction	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhancing coordination and cooperation between international organisations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting the integration of ocean governance frameworks with other relevant governance frameworks such as for climate and biodiversity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Supporting efforts by relevant bodies such as regional fisheries bodies, regional sea conventions and other multilateral organisations for the conservation and sustainable use of the ocean and marine resources	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthening ocean knowledge systems and interfaces	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthening compliance with /implementation of existing regulations and policies	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promoting policy coherence among relevant instruments	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your choice. Which action(s) would need to be carried out or scaled-up to meet the most important goal(s) and at which level (local, national, regional sea, global or sectoral)?

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For external fisheries:

- need to establish RFMOs where there are unregulated fisheries, like for small pelagics in West Africa - see latest from Comhafat <https://www.comhafat.org/fr/>
- The Kobe process amongst tuna RFMOs need to be revived, for harmonised approaches on issues such as fishing capacity, access allocation rules, transparency
- EU should develop comprehensive coherent strategies per sea basin (IO, Atlantic) so that cumulative impacts of all EU pol.deliver sust. fisheries

How can the EU promote coordination and cooperation among regional and global organisations with complementary mandates to maximise their synergies and facilitate coherent policy application?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Support the development and implementation of cooperation instruments such as memoranda of understanding, collective arrangements and complementary conservation and management measures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Support joint action plans including for data-collection, monitoring and complementary conservation and joint management strategies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Strengthen organisational capacity for implementation, collaboration and coordination	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Support cross-organisational initiatives, platforms and forums for information sharing, dialogue and exchange of good practice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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Other (please specify)

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What further actions could the EU undertake to support an integrated approach for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development considering interactions between SDG14 and other goals and the cross-cutting role of the ocean and marine resources?

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Future legislative proposals to implement the Green Deal (F2F, BDS) should ensure that all ocean products (seafood and others) by EU producers or imported, consumed in the EU, respect environmental standards and human rights.

Which actions support best the establishment of networks of effective marine protected areas and other area-based management tools for the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Implementation of ecosystem-based integrated coastal zone management	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of ecosystem-based maritime spatial planning	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Establishment of strict protection zones	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Design and implementation of robust and adaptive management plans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promotion of cross-sectoral management arrangements	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use of remote monitoring	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Implementation of regular performance reviews	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support of organisational capacity development for identification, design and implementation of MPA networks'	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sustainable funding	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The application of free, prior and informed consent and fair and equitable benefit-sharing should be applied for MPAs. Participation (men/women), human rights should be integral part of MPAs. Co-management should be encouraged.

What should the EU undertake to promote Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements as a tool for international ocean governance?

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SFPA should act as 'building blocks' to develop coherent regional strategies (Indian Ocean/Atlantic). All SFPA funds should be used to develop a conducive environment, in third countries, for transparent sust. fisheries (research, MCS, participation)

Reducing pressure on the ocean and seas and creating the conditions for a sustainable blue economy

Please rate the following goals according to the need for further action by the EU to ensure reducing pressure on the ocean and seas and creating the conditions for a sustainable blue economy

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Addressing cumulative pressures on the marine environment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthening adaptive policy and management approaches	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Addressing pollution from land-based and sea-based sources	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mitigating and adapting to the harmful effects of climate change	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Preventing overfishing and managing ocean food resources sustainably	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conserving and protecting marine ecosystems	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Managing marine space sustainably	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Creating the right socio-economic conditions for a sustainable blue economy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Supporting the effective implementation of international obligations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Eliminating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Ensuring a level-playing field based on decent work and social sustainability in blue economy sectors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Please explain your choice. Which action(s) would need to be carried out or scaled-up to meet the most important goal(s) and at which level (local, national, regional sea, global or sectoral)?

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The EU Blue Economy Development Framework (BEDF) developed by EU should be reviewed, to ensure that the crucial social value of fisheries (job creation, food security, culture, etc) is fully taken into account. The BEDF multi-dimensional diagnostics should be tools to help, in a transparent and participative way, developing coastal states build evidence-based policy reform plans for their coastal and ocean resources.

Which specific action(s) should be done to address pollution from land-based and sea-based sources?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Promote the use of life-cycle approaches and circular economy models	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen the use of integrated coastal zone management and maritime spatial planning	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen land-based pollution prevention by applying integrated river-basin management	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote measures to prevent pollution from ships such as Emission Control Areas, contingency planning and port reception facilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support the development of a global agreement on plastic	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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Participative environmental and social impact assessments should be mandatory for all activities that impact marine ecosystems and communities that live from them (fishing, oil exploitation, etc). Coastal communities views should be integrated

How can the EU promote an ecosystem approach for addressing cumulative pressures to the marine environment regionally and globally?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know

Support regular monitoring of the marine environment status at national and regional levels by relevant authorities in close cooperation with Regional Seas Conventions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support regular integrated assessments of cumulative pressures of economic activities and climate change impacts at national and regional levels (contributing to relevant global assessments)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support measures to ensure clean, healthy and productive seas at local, national and regional levels with the support of international organisations with relevant mandates	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure a stricter implementation of existing EU rules (e.g. MSFD, WFD)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensure cumulative pressures are duly considered in environmental impact assessments	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support compliance mechanisms that take account of cumulative pressures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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Integrate views from men and women from coastal communities

Which groups should be targeted for capacity building for conservation and sustainable use of ocean, seas and marine resources?

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Global organisations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Regional organisations	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National authorities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local authorities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic sectors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private and public investors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academia	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Citizens	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Others -please specify

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Coastal fishery dependant communities Banks
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How could the EU strengthen the effectiveness of capacity building and development cooperation for conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources?

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Promote donor coordination	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote donor-recipient coordination	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Build recipient capacity for the acquisition, management and use of development support	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support the exchange of good practices	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support regional programming	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support organisations competent for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support cross-sector and international coordination and cooperation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Others -please specify

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What actions would contribute to a level playing field among blue economy operators and ensure compliance with international standards on environment, labour law, fisheries, maritime safety and fair taxation?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Address the use of flags from States taking limited action to ensure compliance with existing standards	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen the application and coordination of ex-ante and ex-post					

assessments of blue economy projects and strategies including environmental impact assessments	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote consideration of marine and ocean impacts in ex-ante and ex-post assessments of land-based projects	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote financing conditionalities including donor coordination that give priority to sustainable blue economy opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Ensure ocean health considerations are included in financing conditionalities for land-based projects	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Address justice and equity concerns related to blue economy development building on inclusive processes (associating in particular local coastal communities)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote fair mechanisms for benefit sharing	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support blue economy initiatives with business models accounting for ecosystem protection and social inclusion	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote maritime spatial planning that accounts individual and cumulative pressures on ecosystems	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Others -please specify

250 character(s) maximum

Develop legislation(s) to ensure all ocean products consumed in EU, coming from EU producers or imported, respect sustainability standards and human rights.
Add social impacts to assessments - ensure participation coastal cities in these assessments

Which actions should the EU and its Member States carry out/support to maximise the ocean's, seas' and coastal zone's potential for climate change adaptation and mitigation while ensuring ocean conservation and sustainable use?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Ensure maximum sustainable yield (MSY) of fisheries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen climate change resilience considerations into fisheries management	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Support restoration and maintenance of marine habitats that sequester carbon dioxide	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support the establishment of coherent networks of Marine Protected Areas and other area-based management tools	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support coastal area adaptation to the consequences of sea-level rise	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote offshore wind energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Promote tide and wave energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Promote low-emission fisheries and aquaculture practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop an international ocean climate and forecasting centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Others -please specify

250 character(s) maximum

- Promote a general diminution of fish consumption, choosing sustainably wild caught fish
- Ban aquaculture depending on fishmeal, displacing communities, destroying mangroves, etc
- stop all support for fossil fuel exploration/exploitation

Strengthening international ocean science: research, data and knowledge systems for International Ocean Governance

Please rate the following goal(s) according to the need for further action by the EU to strengthen international ocean science.

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Support ocean research	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen research alliances	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen research alliances in particular with the global south and developing countries	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen and sustain operational ocean observation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support interoperable data frameworks	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve ocean science-society-policy interfaces	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Support operational ocean and climate forecasting services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen governance and human sciences in ocean research	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support the inclusion of traditional and local knowledge in ocean research	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please explain your choice. Which action(s) would need to be carried out or scaled-up to meet the most important goal(s) and at which level (local, national, regional sea, global or sectoral)?

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How could the EU support effective science-society-policy interfaces to ensure that ocean research is translated into actionable knowledge and swiftly taken up by policy developers and decision makers?

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Research must produce benefits to society, and its results must be freely accessible to the public (dissemination/appropriate format) - therefore, an outreach component should be compulsory in science projects

Should the transition from research to operational ocean services, accessible to local and international communities for decision-making, impact assessment and development of best practices be promoted?

- Yes
- No

Please explain what should be done

350 character(s) maximum

Are further efforts needed to ensure the regular assessment of progress in the attainment of global ocean sustainability objectives in particular SDG14, building on regional ocean assessments and other reports on the state of the marine environment and its resources?

- Yes
- No

How could the EU and its Member States strengthen, possibly reshape, research alliances further to support international collaboration for societally relevant ocean research, data and knowledge?

	most important	important	less important	not important	don't know
Support the implementation of the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable					

Development, and in particular the strengthening of its social/human science component	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Develop a “digital twin” ocean that includes open, multidisciplinary and interoperable data, and provides actionable knowledge for decision-making	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Explore the potential of new research alliances e.g. that include the Indian, Pacific, and Southern Oceans	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support the full participation of the Global South in research alliances	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ensuring research alliances work transdisciplinary and are inclusive of all dimension of science (natural, social, humanities), knowledge (including practical and traditional knowledge) and the various dimensions of the ocean (time, space, and human dimensions)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support marine research programs that are transdisciplinary and based on sustainability science	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Support operational oceanography with an international ocean climate and forecasting centre	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Other options -please specify

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