



# Digital Ocean Forum 2024

## High-Level Event

*Draft programme*

13 June 2024

10:00 – 16:30 CET

Palace of the Academies

Rue Ducale 1

1000 Brussels

*In-person and online*

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The European Digital Twin Ocean: A leap in ocean knowledge & sustainable action	
10:00 – 10:10	Welcome and Introduction to the Digital Ocean Forum 2024 <a href="#">Katrina Sichel</a> , Master of Ceremony
10:10 – 10:40	High-Level Interventions <b><a href="#">Maroš Šefčovič</a></b> , Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight (TBC) <a href="#">Iliana Ivanova</a> , Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth <a href="#">Jo Brouns</a> , Vlaams minister van Economie, Innovatie, Werk, Sociale Economie en Landbouw (TBC) <b><a href="#">Olivier Poivre d'Arvor</a></b> , French Ambassador for the Poles and the Oceans (TBC) <a href="#">Pascal Lamy</a> , Chair of the Board of the EU Mission restore our Ocean and Waters
10:40 – 10:45	Video: The EU Digital Twin of the Ocean
Exploring the capabilities of the European Digital Twin Ocean	
10:45 – 10:50	Unveiling the European DTO prototype <a href="#">Marc Lemaître</a> , Director-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission (TBC)
10:50 – 11:10	Live demonstrations from EDITO - 3 visual showcases <a href="#">Pierre Bahurel</a> , Director General Mercator Ocean International <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Demo 1</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Demo 2</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Demo 3</a></li></ul>
11:10 – 11:45	Panel “DTO: a game changer for Ocean knowledge and action”. <a href="#">Thomas Klein</a> , Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management <a href="#">Marilaure Grégoire</a> , University of Liège
11:45 – 12:15	Break
A community vision for the European DTO: Weaving a thriving ecosystem of interoperable digital twins in support of the EU Green Deal, Mission Ocean & the UN Agenda 2030	
12:15 – 12:25	Keynote <a href="#">Thomas Skordas</a> , Deputy Director-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission (TBC)

12:25 - 12:40	Current Digital Twins developments pitches 3 TEDx-like pitches from initiatives selected through the call for expression of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Demo 1</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Demo 2</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Demo 3</a></li> </ul>
12:40 - 13:10	<b>Panel “an ecosystem of interoperable twins”</b> Representatives of national & international initiatives
13:10 - 14:30	Lunch break Attendees are invited to see the exhibition/booths
The future of the European DTO: Your Ocean, Your Twin	
14:30 - 14:40	Keynote <a href="#">Timo Pesonen, Director-General for Defense Industry and Space, European Commission</a>
14:40 - 14:50	Short pitches: “If you could, what would you ask the Ocean?”
14:50 - 15:10	Keynote: a vision for the EU DTO <a href="#">Nadia Pinardi, University of Bologna</a>
15:10 - 15:40	<b>Panel “The long-term vision for the European DTO”</b> <a href="#">Wilco Hazeleger, University Utrecht</a>
Closure	
15:40 - 16:00	Conclusion speeches <a href="#">John Bell, Director Healthy Planet, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission</a> <a href="#">Kestutis Sadauskas, Deputy Director-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</a>
Networking Reception	