



PROTECT OUR OCEANS

the challenge of Europe's
global leadership

WED. 16 JUNE 2021, BRUSSELS

*A science-policy conference on
the issues of contaminant dispersal,
biodiversity loss and climate change*

CALL FOR PROPOSALS - VIRTUAL POSTER EXHIBITION – 16 JUNE 2021

Submit your proposal online: <https://form.jotform.com/211044382070039>

Call for proposals contributing to the public exhibition on the occasion of Aix-Marseille University's European Conference (16 June 2021, Brussels) *Protect our Oceans, the challenge of Europe's global leadership: a science-policy conference on the issues of contaminant dispersal and climate change.*



Background:

The European Conference will be hosted online. It will bring together European ocean scientists from different disciplines, EU decision-makers and representatives of civil society at the beginning of the framework programme Horizon Europe and of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. It will be an occasion to:

- Present latest research developments related to the global ocean and mechanisms to make policy decision-making more evidence based;
- Discuss the state of play of intergovernmental negotiations on ocean protection and how the EU could act as a key political player in global negotiations;
- Exchange views on EU programs (Horizon Europe, NDICI, Erasmus+...);
- Build new European research collaborations and partnerships with a view to preparing the first calls of Horizon Europe;
- Work toward aligning national and European research programmes with United Nations' research programmes on ocean science, managed by the IOC-UNESCO.

Purposes and expected outcomes of the virtual poster exhibition:

In addition to participating in the debates of the different sessions, official partners of the EU Conference are kindly invited to present their projects and/or their organisation by proposing one to two virtual posters.



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The poster exhibition will allow promoting projects/partners contributing to the two focuses of the conference:

- Tackling marine ecosystem disturbance caused by climate-change
- The challenge of contaminant dispersal

The expected outcome is to show both the diversity and the variety of projects, organisations and ideas that help tackle the identified challenges and to allow and foster collaborations (by specifying project leaders/leading organisations). Both scientific and non-scientific projects are welcome, provided that they fulfill the below-mentioned selection criteria.

The design and layout of the selected posters will be harmonised by a graphic designer and will include the title, the date and the place of the European Conference.

Posters from social and human sciences are also strongly encouraged.

Assessment of the submitted proposals:

Submitted projects will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Relevance according to the two main focuses of the conference and the objectives of the 2021-2030 United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development
2. Contribution to the two specific focuses/challenges addressed by the conference
3. Diversity (including geographic diversity) and variety of promoted projects and stakeholders

Eligibility: please note that in order to submit a poster, you should be registered for the European Conference.

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Evaluation process:

Deadline for submission: Monday 31 May 2021

The decision of acceptance for a poster lies with the Scientific and Organisation Team of the European Conference, which will review all the submitted proposals. The Team is composed of:

- Richard Sempéré, Director of the Mediterranean Institute of Oceanography (Marseille)
- Mar Benavides, Researcher at the Mediterranean Institute of Oceanography (Marseille)
- Lars-Eric Heimbürger-Boavida, Researcher at the Mediterranean Institute of Oceanography (Marseille)
- Pascale Ricard, Researcher at the Center for International and European Studies and Research (Aix-en-Provence)
- Eve Truilhé, Director of the Center for International and European Studies and Research (Aix-en-Provence)
- Sophie Gambardella, Researcher at the Center for International and European Studies and Research (Aix-en-Provence)
- Karl Stoeckel, Aix-Marseille University EU Office (Brussels)
- Naoufal Aouane, Aix-Marseille University EU Office (Brussels)

Proposers will be informed about the results of the assessment by early June.

The selected projects/organisations will be asked, if relevant, to provide the Conference Team with their logo and pictures to complete their poster.

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Please, complete the [online form](#) to submit your poster.

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