



Improving International Ocean Governance: Two years of progress



International ocean governance: an agenda for the future of our oceans*

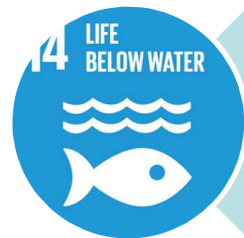
We need to keep our oceans:

- safe
- secure
- clean
- sustainably used

Within a global strategy

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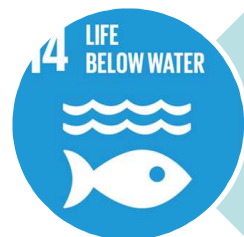
Agenda for the future of our oceans



*Improve the
international ocean
governance framework*



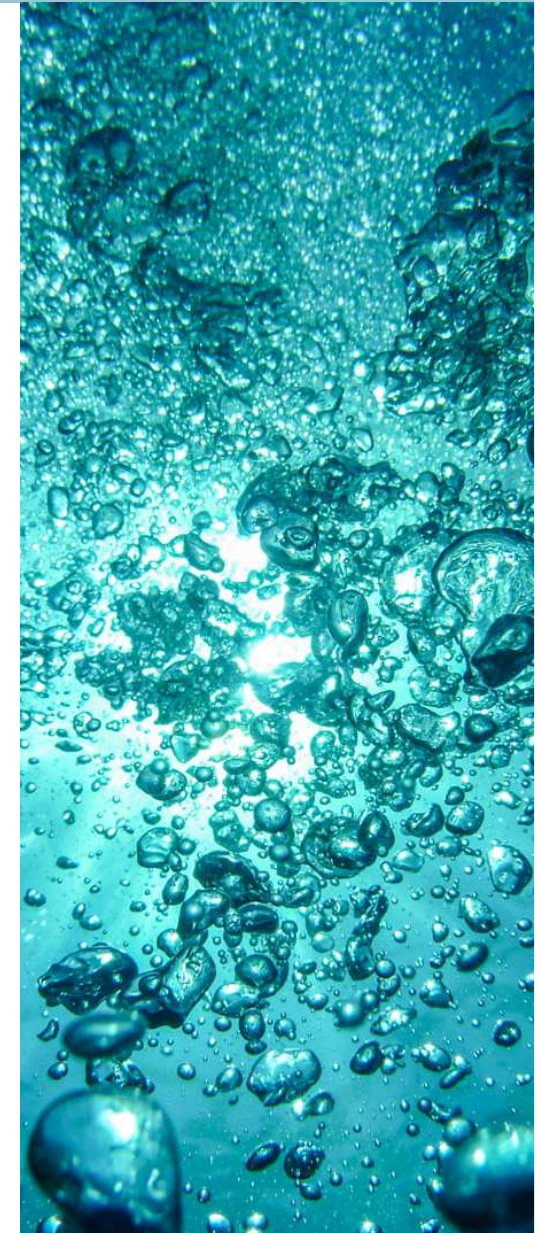
*Manage the maritime
economy sustainably*



*Strengthen
international ocean
research and data*

“The Commission and the High Representative will report on progress on the above actions at regular intervals and for the first time within two years of the adoption of this Communication”

⇒ First reporting period:
December 2016- end of 2018



- Joint report: Improving International Ocean Governance – Two years of progress ([JOIN\(2019\) 4](#))
- Joint staff working document accompanying the joint report; Improving International Ocean Governance - Two years of progress ([SWD\(2019\) 104](#))

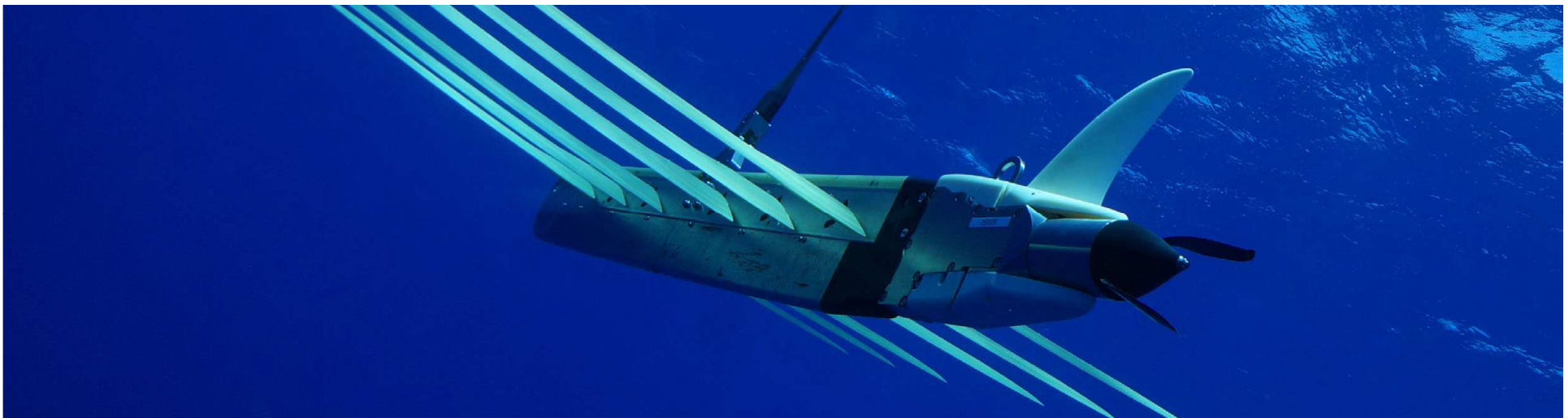




"All 50 actions are successfully being implemented. Some already delivered, while work will continue on a number of actions beyond 2019."

EUR 590 million have been engaged under EU development policy to promote better ocean governance with third partners.

Over EUR 500 million have been spent on marine research under the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme.



Key achievements

- Arctic High Seas Fisheries Agreement
- Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) programme
- Joint Statement with South Korea on efforts to combat IUU fishing
- EU Strategy for Plastics in a Circular Economy
- Transatlantic MPA Network
- Ocean State Report



...and beyond the agenda:

- *Our Ocean 2017 in Malta*
- *Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles*
- *EUR 46 million to Copernicus Marine Service*
- *Dedicated funding proposed under future EMFF & FPI*
- *Mission ocean under "Horizon Europe"*
- *Burgas Declaration "Towards a Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea"*
- *UN World Ocean Assessment & UN Decade of Ocean Science*



The agenda has strengthened the EU's role as:

- a reliable partner in building an international governance framework with UNCLOS at its core
- a top donor to build capacity and spur local, regional and global action;
- a strong supporter and service provider for ocean research, monitoring and surveillance.
- a coherent 'blue' economy business partner with an inclusive and sustainable outlook.



Reactions on the report

- The EU is well recognized as ocean leader and for kick-starting the debate on ocean governance
- A cross-cutting approach to oceans is essential. Great strides have been made in the EU and globally in recent years, but we are not there yet;
- Also within the EP a more integrated approach is needed (Parliament Ocean committee?);
- EU Ocean Agency ?

High Level Conference

oceans

the future of the blue planet

19 March 2019, Plenary Chamber
European Parliament, Brussels



Next steps

*"The EU will stay committed to strengthening
International Ocean Governance"*

- Continue Implementation
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Oceans and the Cryosphere
- EU International Ocean Governance Stakeholder Forum





Thank you!

