



**OUR OCEAN**  
GREECE - APRIL 15-17, 2024

**AN OCEAN OF POTENTIAL**

## **SIDE EVENT AGENDA**

### **Navigating Waves: Essential Skills for Youth to Thrive in the Blue Economy**

Monday, April 15, 12.00-12.50, Multifunctional Room 2

**Lead: UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy**

**Co-organizers: ELIAMEP & Department of Ports Management and Shipping, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens**

*With the youth in mind, this panel will present the many new opportunities for employment provided by the innovative and rapidly growing blue economy in the Mediterranean. An overview of the landscape of the blue economy and key up-and-coming industries that go beyond the traditional careers of shipping and tourism will be presented. Moreover, panelists will delve deeper into the topic, discussing pertinent issues such as EU policies on the blue economy, educational pathways, the key hard and soft skills needed by youth, and the best ways to obtain them. Comprised of authoritative voices from the education sector and blue economy businesses, panelists will offer youth unique perspectives and critical insights into different careers that are based on their own firsthand knowledge and experience. The panel is designed to be interactive and give the prime target audience -the youth- an opportunity to ask questions and express their concerns. As a result, it will be supported by ELIAMEP's EU Youth Hub and other university students, who will participate in the panel through a special intervention from the audience.*



## SIDE EVENT AGENDA

**Chairperson/Facilitator of the side event:  
Elena Papadimitriou, Head of Editorial, fyi.news**

<b>Time (from-to)</b> 12.05-12.10	<b><i>The contribution of higher education in blue skills' interdisciplinarity</i></b> Dr George Dikaios, Lecturer, Dept. of Ports Management and Shipping; Senior Research Fellow, UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy & ELIAMEP.
12.10-12.15	<b><i>EU policy, key sectors and career pathways in blue economy</i></b> Cheryl Novak, Research Associate, ELIAMEP
12.15-12.20	<b><i>Title of intervention/presentation</i></b> Konstantinos Giannakopoulos, Operations and Circular Economy Manager, Enaleia
12.20-12.25	<b><i>The importance of thinking with a circular way and how it will improve blue economy</i></b> Stavros Tsompanidis, Founder & Managing Partner, PHEE
12.25-12.30	<b><i>Title of intervention/presentation</i></b> Ourania Papadopoulou, Collaborator, UNESCO Chair on Climate Diplomacy
12.30-12.50	<b>Q&amp;A.</b> Special interventions from representatives of the EU Youth Hub and other university students