

UNLOCKING OCEAN POTENTIAL: TACKLING THE GHOST FARMS PROBLEM AND IMAGINING A MORE SUSTAINABLE FISH FARMING INDUSTRY

April 15th, 10:00, Multifunctional Room 2

Lead: The Healthy Seas Foundation

Co-organizers: Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands at Athens

This side event aims to delve into the crucial topics of ghost farms and marine litter, providing a platform for insightful discussions and practical solutions. Hosted by the esteemed Healthy Seas Foundation, this event brings together experts and stakeholders to address the pressing challenges facing our oceans.

Drawing from over a decade of experience in combating marine pollution, we will shine a spotlight on the often-overlooked issue of ghost farms—abandoned fish farms that silently contribute to marine pollution. Through engaging discussions and real-world examples, we'll explore the impacts of ghost farms and the innovative approaches being taken in the area of waste management.

Join us as we showcase groundbreaking projects and initiatives aimed at transforming waste management practices within the fish farming industry. From recycling opportunities to scaling challenges, we'll examine the full spectrum of solutions that hold the key to a cleaner, more circular future.

Moreover, the event will provide a platform to discuss the broader implications of international cooperation in supporting circularity and effective cleanup efforts. By fostering dialogue and collaboration, we aim to inspire actionable steps towards minimizing the prevalence of ghost farms and marine litter, while also identifying and sharing best practices for addressing them proactively. Join us in this endeavor to shape a more sustainable future for our oceans.

Be part of this vital conversation and contribute to shaping a brighter future for our oceans.



SIDE EVENT AGENDA

Time (from-to)	<i>Title of intervention/presentation</i> Name, Affiliation
5 min	Intro of moderator – Samara Croci, Communication Manager, The Healthy Seas Foundation.
5 min	HE Susanna Terstal, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Hellenic Republic.
5 min	Ms Veronika Mikos, Director of the Healthy Seas Foundation
5 min	Mr. Ioakim Diamantidis, General Manager of Diopas S.A
5 min	Mr. Ranko Kurtovic, Head of Sustainable Material Procurement, AquafilSLO
20 min	Open conversation with public