



## SIDE EVENT AGENDA

### Round Table on Ocean Literacy - Blue Skills - Youth Engagement and Empowerment

Monday 15 April 2024, 11.00-12.50, Book of Towers Room

**Lead:** MIO-ECSDE / UNESCO Chair and Network at the University of Athens

**Co-organizers:** MEDASSET, MIO-ECSDE, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research-HCMR, University of the Aegean, UNESCO IOC, Peace Boat, SOA Youth Leadership Summit, Ocean Youth Working Group, ECOP Programme Canada node, IDEC SA, American College of Greece, Parley for Oceans

*In this Round Table we will have the opportunity to discuss aspects of an Ocean Literate person and what institutions are doing to render us Ocean-Literate (through both formal and non-formal channels). Also, we will exchange views on what Youth Leadership Skills are necessary for blue transition, and what constitutes an enabling environment for a young person to undertake action for the ocean.*

*To better coordinate discussion we have clustered the Speakers' contributions in two rounds A and B.*



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**Facilitator: Prof. Michael Scoullou, Chair of MIO-ECSDE, UNESCO Chair & Network on Sustainable Development Management and Education in the Mediterranean at the University of Athens**

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|                | <i>During the Round Table the Speakers' contributions are clustered in two rounds of Questions A and B, followed by a Round responding to discussions from the audience.</i>  |
| <b>Round A</b> | <i>Q1 Brief presentation of institutions and expectations from the Conference (2 min each)<br/>Q2 Ocean Literacy's role in Ocean Protection (via formal or non-formal channels)   Successes &amp; challenges (3 min each)</i> |
|                | Kostas Thomopoulos, Education Department - MEDASSET   |
|                | Vicky Malotidi, Education for Sustainable Development Officer - MIO-ECSDE / MEDIES  |
|                | Yolanda Koulouri, Senior Researcher - Hellenic Centre for Marine Research-HCMR  |
|                | Dr Drosos Koutsoubas, Prof. of Marine Biology, Head Dpt. of Marine Sciences - University of the Aegean  |
|                | Konstantina Toli, IW:LEARN project Coordinator- UNESCO IOC (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission)   |



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|                    | Laura Guelsen Great Big Blue (TBC)   |
| <b>Round B</b>     | <p><i>Q1 Brief presentation of institutions and expectations from the Conference (2 min each)</i></p> <p><i>Q2 Youth Leadership Skills for the Blue transition   Ways of enabling youth engagement in Ocean Action and in meaningful contribution to Blue Economy (3 min each)</i></p> |
|                    | Karen Hallows, International Coordinator - Peace Boat  |
|                    | Stephanie Torres, Coordinator of Peru Hub of SOA - Sustainable Ocean Alliance  |
|                    | Laura Hernandez Merlano, advocate for youth and the environment - ECOP Programme Canada Node   |
|                    | Eirini Gkotsi, Certified Project Manager in Systemic Dynamics - IDEC SA  |
|                    | Dr. Stella Apostolaki, Ass. Prof. of Environmental Science, Dpt. of Science and Mathematics - the American College of Greece   |
|                    | Antonia Mascarenhas - Parley for Oceans  |
| <b>Final Round</b> | Open discussion with the audience  |