



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

**AN OCEAN OF POTENTIAL**

## **SIDE EVENT AGENDA**

### **BRIDGING SCIENCE AND POLICYMAKING**

Wednesday 17 April, 09:00 – 09:50, Alternative Stage

**Lead: Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation**

*The ocean's health is of vital importance, as it sustains life on Earth. Marine litter poses a huge threat on ecosystems, as it is not only insufficiently managed, but also increases globally, with severe repercussions on the environment, health and the economy. Therefore, the implementation of efficient policies and the enforcement of existing regulations are crucial to protect the ocean and, subsequently, our selves. What is the state of marine litter in Greece and internationally, and how can scientific data be translated into effective policies? The side event aims to answer these questions, with distinguished speakers from different sectors giving their insights on the matter.*



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**Moderator: Dr Angeliki Kosmopoulou, Executive Director, Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation**

<b>09:00 – 09:05</b>	<b><i>Introduction</i></b> <b>Evi Lazou – Laskaridis, President, Athanasios C. Laskaridis Charitable Foundation</b>
<b>09:05 – 09:45</b>	<b><i>Discussion (roundtable)</i></b> <b>George Papatheodorou, Professor, Geology Department and Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, University of Patras</b> <b>Maria Damanaki, Independent Advisor on Climate-Oceans, EU Commissioner for Maritime &amp; Fisheries (2010-2014), Independent Advisor</b> <b>Cyrill Gutsch, CEO / Founder, Parlay for the Oceans</b> <b>Maxine Burkett, Assistant Director for Climate, Ocean, and Equity at the White House Office of Science &amp; Technology Policy</b>
<b>09:45 – 09:50</b>	<b><i>Q&amp;A</i></b>



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