



## News Release

# European Space Agency (ESA) Seeks Ocean Industry Input to Developing Space Priorities for Sustainable Maritime Growth

## WOC Invites European Maritime and 'Blue Economy' Stakeholders to Help ESA Shape the Future of Space Systems in Supporting the Sustainable Maritime Sector

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**The European Space Agency (ESA) and the World Ocean Council (WOC) are collaborating to advance the role of the agency in furthering ocean sustainable development**, in support of the “Blue Worlds Task Force” which brings together ESA Member States representatives and ESA experts to focus on the Blue Economy.

**WOC invites the European ocean business and industry participants to complete ESA's [short questionnaire](#) on how space-based systems and data can help develop, safeguard and enable sustainable growth in the maritime sector.** The survey closes on 7 March.

Ocean-related companies, industry clusters and associations and other business stakeholders are encouraged to share their understanding, appreciation and expectations towards space assets, data and technologies with ESA.

The questionnaire explores the potential role of space in the maritime world as we move towards a greener and more sustainable maritime economy, while preserving the economic importance of activities at sea.

For 50 years ESA has been pooling the resources, ingenuity and industrial capability of a growing number of European countries (currently 22 Member States) to enable Europe to benefit from space-based systems and capabilities.

Click here to access the questionnaire before 7 March:

<https://esa-survey.limequery.org/862671?lang=en>

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## UPCOMING WOC EVENT

**Global Blue Finance Summit (BlueFIN '21) – Dates to be determined**

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

8-9 March, Online event

**Middle East Transport and Logistics Summit 2021** (Speaker)

15 March, Online event

**Seafood and Fisheries Emerging Technologies (SAFET) webinar: “ Fishing vessels as platforms of opportunity”** (Keynote Speaker)

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## World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

*The WOC is the international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology and investment.*

*WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US, UK and France.*

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