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WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL INVITES PARTICIPATION IN NEW EUROPA BIODIVERSITY OBSERVATION NETWORK (EUROPABON)

WOC Encourages Relevant Stakeholders to Participate in the EuropaBON First Stakeholder Event

20 May 2021

The World Ocean Council (WOC) invites private sector representatives and other relevant stakeholders to become members of the Europa Biodiversity Observation Network (EuropaBON).

EuropaBON is a recently started H2020 project, which will work in the next 3 years to design an EU-wide framework for monitoring biodiversity and will work with stakeholders to identify user and policy needs for biodiversity monitoring.

EuropaBON members can actively contribute to stakeholder workshops organised by the project and will be invited to provide inputs to the network design so that it has a broad ownership across the EU. WOC encourages all parties (individuals or organizations) with an interest in biodiversity to become a EuropaBON member by registering [here](#). You may find out more details about the EuropaBON membership in the [invitation letter](#).

On 26-28 May, the project will also organise its first stakeholder event to which members will be invited as well. This workshop will facilitate knowledge exchange, identifying specific user and policy needs for biodiversity monitoring, with the ultimate goal to increase the use of biodiversity monitoring data for informing, implementing and evaluating EU environmental policies. The workshop will be a fully virtual event open to all who are interested in participating.

The registration is open and can be accessed [here](#). Please note that **the deadline for registration to the workshop is the 21st of May**. You will find further information on the workshop, including its full agenda, on this same [page](#).

UPCOMING WOC EVENT

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

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

18-19 May, Online event

Summit4Oceans – Blue Economy: An Opportunity for Sustainability and Economic Growth
(Partner, Plenary Speaker)

18-21 May, Online event

Ocean Visions Summit (Ocean Visions Partner)

21 May, Online event

European Maritime Days: Special BlueInvest Workshop “Sustainable Blue Finance (Panellist)

25 May, Online event

ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit: “The Blue Economy: An Ocean Full of Energy and Climate Opportunities (Plenary Session Moderator)

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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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