

Dear all,

We hope you all had a good World Oceans Day 2020! As you may have seen, on **8 June 2020** the **EU4Ocean coalition on Ocean Literacy** was announced at the [IOC-UNESCO International Ocean Literacy Summit](#) by Virginijus Sinkevičius, EC Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries. You can watch his [speech](#) the EU4Ocean [video](#) to learn more.

As you know, **we are in the process of establishing the founding membership of the EU4Ocean Platform** – a professional network for exchange, ideation and creation of ocean literacy activities that will connect and engage society. You have all been invited as founding members, to represent key stakeholders across a diverse group of sectors and domains, to bring your existing expertise, activities and interest to build new partnerships and actions in ocean literacy and advocacy.

The **operational launch of the EU4Ocean Platform will be in September 2020** (save-the-dates 24-25 September, details to follow). For this reason, we are not publishing the names of founding members on the [EU4Ocean website](#) at this stage.

We are contacting you now to **invite you to an informal (online) EU4Ocean Platform information exchange on 18 June, 10:30-11:45 CEST**. This will be open to all EU4Ocean Platform founding members, including those still in the process of applying, with a view to closing founding members applications by the end of June 2020.

The purpose of the meeting is to bring you altogether – as key stakeholders - for an initial exchange and interactive discussion on the Platform. Agenda items will include:

- EU4Ocean Platform: Key facts & outputs
- operations and governance of the Platform
- sharing ideas for ongoing activities & how you/our organisation/initiative could contribute – and benefit – from the Platform.
- Invite your input to co-design the launch event in September.

There is no need to confirm registration, just join on the day. We welcome your participation, to allow you to find out more about the Platform, answer your queries and contribute to shaping the EU4Ocean Platform, from the beginning.

A zoom link, with draft agenda and any further information, will follow in the coming days.

Best wishes,

Kate

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