



Wednesday 24 September 2025

12:00- 13:30	Start of registration and welcome lunch
13:30 – 14:10	Official opening of the Strategies Days 2025
	<p>Welcome remarks from the European Commission</p> <p>Video message by Raffaele FITTO Executive Vice-President for Cohesion and Reforms</p> <p>Cósta KADÍS European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans</p>
	<p>Introducing the youth representatives and the exhibitions From “Living without leaving” and Youth4Ocean competitions</p>
14:10 – 15:00	<p>High-level panel with representatives from the Presidencies of four Strategies</p> <p>Moderator: Moray Gilland, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Roth, Senior Policy Adviser, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Austria, co-presidency of Austria and Liechtenstein of the Alpine Macro-regional Strategy • Rory O’Leary, Head of Marine Planning Policy Division in the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications, presidency of the Atlantic Strategy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zuica Zmejkovska, Assistant Head of Sector, NIPAC Office Ministry of European Affairs, Presidency of North Macedonia of the Adriatic-Ionian Macro-regional Strategy • Isabelle Perret, High-level expert, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs, Fisheries and Aquaculture, France, co-presidency of France, Belgium and Netherlands of the Greater North Sea Basin Initiative
15:00 - 16:30	<p>Parallel Workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joining Forces for Water Resilience, Macro-regional Contributions to the EU Resilience Agenda (Breakout room 4) • Increasing energy security and accelerating green energy: the role of the Strategies (Breakout room 2) • Cooperation in action: addressing maritime security challenges through collective efforts (Breakout room 1) • Transnational Interreg programmes: strengthening cooperation in Macro-regions and Sea basins (Plenary room) • Coastal Communities at the forefront: empowering communities in implementing the European Ocean Pact (Breakout room 3)
16:30	Coffee break
16:30 - 18:00	<p>Speed dating with the Commission <i>Get to know your DG, create new links and exchange!</i></p>
18:00 - 20:00	Cocktail and dinner

Thursday 25 September 2025

9:00 - 9:30	Welcome coffee
9:30 - 12:30 <i>(coffee break at 11:00)</i>	<p>Cross Strategy Fertilisation Session <i>This session will have a focus on promoting learning, collaboration, and innovation among the eight strategies and on identifying opportunities for future joint initiatives and projects. Organised by the Assistant Mechanisms to</i></p>

	<i>the Sea Basin Strategies, in cooperation with Interact.</i>
12:30 - 13:30	Networking lunch
13:30 - 14:30	<p>High level panel on Synergies among the Strategies with representatives from the Presidencies of four Strategies</p> <p>Moderator: Matteo Bocci, Public policy research, innovation, evaluation and impact assessment expert, Assistance Mechanisms to the Sea Basin Strategies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andreas Sepp, Diplomat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Estonia Presidency of the Baltic Sea Region Strategy • Midhat Džemić, Head of Department, Directorate for European Integration, Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency of the Danube Strategy • Portugal West-Med Initiative Co-Presidency (TBC) • Olena Marushevska, Researcher and environmental expert, Ukraine National Hub, Ukraine Presidency Black Sea Common Maritime Agenda
14:30 – 15:00	<p>Closing of the Strategies Days 2025</p> <p>Charlina Vitcheva Director-General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission</p> <p>Themis Christophidou Director-General, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission</p>