

# EU-OSPAR JOINT WORKSHOP

Implementing measures to reduce marine litter from fishing gear, focusing on end-of-life and waste fishing gear policy, and promoting circularity

Date : 20 & 21 March 2024

Venue: Hôtel Le Plaza Bruxelles, Bld Adolphe Max 118-126, Brussels

## AGENDA DAY 1

Time	Agenda item
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Arrivals and welcome tea and coffee</i>
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Introduction and overview of agenda for the day</b> <i>Delilah Al Khudhairi, Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, DG MARE, EC</i>
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Presentation session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overview of the requirements under the Single Use Plastics Directive regarding fishing and aquaculture gear – <i>Alena Petrikovicova, DG MARE, EC</i></li><li>- The OSPAR Convention and the OSPAR Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter - <i>Jennifer Godwin, OSPAR RAP Coordination Team</i></li><li>- CEN development of standard on circular design of fishing gear - <i>Koen Van Goethem, I-Coats N.V. and chair of TC/466 (CEN Technical Committee on Circularity and Recyclability of Fishing Gear and Aquaculture Equipment)</i></li></ul>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Panel discussion</b> on end-of-life fishing gear policy followed by a Q&A
11:00 – 11:030	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Breakout session</b> Participants are separated into groups to have smaller roundtable discussions on the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Extended Producer Responsibility schemes for fishing gear producers</li><li>- National annual collection targets for fishing gear for recycling</li><li>- Other end-of-life fishing gear policy</li></ul>
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Reporting back from the breakout session and group discussion (Q&amp;A)</b>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 14:30	<b>Case study presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Collaboration between local government and industry, and the challenges relating to end-of-life fishing gear management - <i>Maria Petterson, Industrial Symbiosis Centre in Sotenäs, Sweden</i></li></ul>
14:30 – 15:30	<b>Breakout session</b> Guiding questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What are the challenges and solutions to collecting fishing gear at the end of its usable life?</li><li>- What are the challenges and solutions to processing and recycling fishing gear?</li><li>- How can government at the national and local level engage stakeholders across the supply chain effectively?</li></ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 16:45	<b>Reporting back from the breakout session and group discussion (Q&amp;A)</b>
16:45 – 17:00	<i>Closing of the day</i>

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## AGENDA DAY 2

Time	Agenda item
08:30 - 09:00	<i>Arrivals and tea and coffee</i>
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Introduction and recap of the first day</b>
09:15 – 09:45	<b>Presentation session</b> The international context – development of a new international legally binding instrument on plastic pollution.
09:45 – 10:30	<b>Breakout session</b> Participants are separated into groups to have smaller roundtable discussions on the treaty text that will be negotiated at INC-4 with a focus on fishing gear related measures.
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Reporting back from the breakout session and Q&amp;A</b>
11:30 – 12:30	<b>Panel discussion, followed by questions and reflections from attendees</b> The panel will reflect on existing efforts and consider what further action can the EU and OSPAR take to support national, regional and international efforts.
12:30 – 13:00	<b>Closing remarks</b>