

Event Agenda

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JULY 8 - 9, 2026

MACRO-REGIONAL
& SEA BASIN

STRATEGIES DAYS 2026

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Day 1

12:00 - 13:20

Registration & Lunch

13:30

Official Opening of the Strategies Days 2026

13:45 - 14:15

Welcome remarks by the European Commission

Video message by **Raffaele FITTO** European Executive Vice President for Cohesion and Reforms

Video message by **Cóstas KADÍS** European Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans

Themis Christophidou (TBC), Director-General, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission

Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission

14:15 - 15:00

High level panel

with representatives from the Committee of the Regions, European Economic and Social Committee, representatives from the Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies Presidencies

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee Break

- 15:30 - 17:00 **Parallel Workshops:**
- Biodiversity and conservation
 - Blue Economy (to be confirmed)
 - Social Sustainability: a prerequisite for green and digital transition
 - Thematic Workshop organised by Youth Councils and Forum
 - Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies supporting EU Enlargement

17:00 - 18:30 **Networking Village**

18:30 - 20:30 **Dinner and Music**

Day 2

8:45 - 9:30 **Welcome coffee**

9:30 **Welcome back and scene setter**

9:40 -10:40 **Plenary Session**
Creating further synergies among the Macro-regional and Sea Basin Strategies. (to be confirmed)

10:40 - 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 - 12:15 **High level Panel on the Atlantic Macro-regional Strategy (to be confirmed)**

12:15 -13:00 **High level closing discussion**
with a Member of the European Parliament (TBC)
Hugo Sobral, Acting Director for European Territorial Cooperation, Macro-Regions, Interreg & Programme Implementation, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (REGIO), European Commission

Delilah Al Khudhairy, Director for Maritime Policy and Blue Economy, Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (MARE), European Commission

13:00 - 14:30 **Closing Lunch**

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Side Events and meetings

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July 8

10:30-12:00

Workshop on Embedding and Funding Opportunities

10:30-12:00

Sustainable Tourism, Blue Skills and Youth (upon invitation only)

July 9

14:30 - 18:30

Digital Alps Conference (upon invitation only)

14:30-16:00

Black Sea Operational Network of Funders (upon invitation only)

14:30-16:00

Workshop on the Atlantic Macro-Regional Strategy (to be confirmed)