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Portugal and Luxembourg have held a « Blue Talk » in view of the United Nations Ocean Conference

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On 16th of June, Portugal, as one of the co-organizers of the [United Nations Ocean Conference \(UNOC\)](#) (informally, The Ocean Conference), and Luxembourg, through the Ministry of Economy, its [Maritime Administration](#) and the [Luxembourg Maritime Cluster](#), have held a “Blue Talk”. The event, organised by the Embassy of Portugal in Luxembourg together with the Luxembourg Maritime Cluster, took place at the Centre Culturel Portugais - Camões Luxembourg.

The event had three main purposes:

1. Present the objectives of the Ocean Conference in conformity with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14: “*Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources*”;
2. Enhance awareness for scaling-up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of SDG 14 and engage relevant Luxembourg stakeholders in this process, particularly on the Sustainable Blue Economy Investment Forum.
3. Take stock of Luxembourg initiatives and projects to be developed in this framework.

The discussion focused on Luxembourg’s *Green shipping action plan*, which will be developed as a joint initiative by the Luxembourg Maritime Administration and the Maritime Cluster in the coming months.

Implemented in 2017 for the first time by the United Nations, in order to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, a new edition of the Ocean Conference will take place in Lisbon from 27 June to 1 July 2022. Organized prior to the Ocean Conference, “Blue talks” are held around the world to trigger the debate and draw attention to ocean related issues. Luxembourg’s Minister of the Economy Franz Fayot announced the country’s intention to join the “Blue talks” initiative during the State visit of TT.RR.HH the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess to the Portuguese Republic that took place mid of May 2022.

The Maritime Cluster will represent Luxembourg during the upcoming Ocean Conference and will be present with a stand, with the aim of showing the support for sustainable use of the ocean and resources.

The Luxembourg Maritime Cluster appears as the voice of the European Maritime Clusters since it took the Presidency of the European Network of Maritime Clusters



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on 1 January 2022, and wants to contribute to the awareness of ocean protection at the European level.

For more information about UNOC:

<https://www.un.org/en/conferences/ocean2022>

For more information about Maritime Administration and Maritime Cluster:

<https://www.maritime.lu> / www.cluster-maritime.lu

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